

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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COUNTY MANAGER
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JOSHUA BUCKNER, ROAD
SUPERINTENDENT**

October 3, 2011

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. All Commissioners, the County Manager, County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager, and the County Attorney were present. Commissioner Walker arrived late.

Chairman Freeman Montgomery called the regular Board Meeting to order, and led everyone in a moment of silence, and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance."

At this time, Chairman Montgomery asked if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda.

The Chairman added the Water Departments Superintendent's request for a Water Line Extension on Evans Lane.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the September 6th Regular Meeting and the September 12th Called Meeting. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Marcus Thomas, the Talbot County Water Department Superintendent discussed with the Board extending the water lines on Evans Lane. He told them that he had three potential customers that were interested in tapping on to the existing water line.

Marcus informed the Board that it would cost approximately \$3,000 to extend the six inch water main, with the Water Department would providing the labor. The fee for the potential customers to tap on to the water line would be \$1,100 each. Marcus told the Board that the tap fee would cover the majority of the project expense.

The Chairman directed the County Manager to research, to see what customers have paid for the tapping fee in the past and to draft a letter to each potential customer stating that they would be responsible for all materials and the tap fee.

No decision was made.

Commissioner Walker arrived (6:10) during the discussion.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the updated Reapportionment Map that is dated September 28, 2011. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve naming the road going into the Industrial Park, Industrial Boulevard. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve naming the Talbot County portion of Waverly Hall Road, at the Harris County line, to Jack King Lane. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Robert Humphrey approached the Board with concerns on the following issues:

1. No Grocery Store in Talbot County
2. The Clock at the Talbot County Courthouse is not working
3. Recreation Activities
4. Illegal Gambling in Local Convenient Stores

The County Manager informed everyone that the clock repair had previously been addressed, and the repairs would be completed in the near future.

Chairman Montgomery told Mr. Humphrey that he would need to contact the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce regarding the grocery store, and that illegal gambling was an issue for the Sheriff's Department.

LTC Roger O'Steen, Representing Fort Benning and 192nd Brigade updated the Board of upcoming events that are going to be held at Fort Benning.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to reappoint Patricia Robinson and Pamela Bulloch to serve a four year term on the Board of Elections, beginning January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2016. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the request from the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to proceed with the purchase of the Demo Road Widener for the cost of \$24,500.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker directed the Road Department Superintendent to contact the company in reference to a warranty and/or maintenance service plan for the Road Widener.

Josh presented two bids from Sledge Automotive to the Board, for the purchase of three pick up trucks. The bids are as follows:

1. 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD Regular Cab 133.0" Work Truck - \$18,506.51
2. 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Regular Cab 133.0" Work Truck - \$26,986.50

The Chairman directed Josh to get two more quotes and have ready to present at the November Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the Road Department Superintendent to implement a preventative maintenance plan to keep the culvert pipes clean of debris.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Agreement between Talbot County and the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) for Administrative Services for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Board directed the County Manager to get an itemized statement from Engineer Scott Copley documenting additional expenses that were incurred on the 2010 off-System Safety Project Change order Request. The request was for additional expenses up to \$1000. The information is to be presented to the Board at the November 7, 2011 Board Meeting.

The County Manager informed the Board that the Superior Court Clerk's request to lock the Public Restrooms, due to the uncleanness of certain patrons. Upon request a key will be issued to anyone that needs to use the facility.

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The County Attorney informed the Board that he would have the Zero Tolerance Substance Abuse Policy and the Agreement from Traylor Services ready to present at the November Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes spoke with Paul Higginbotham on a code violation issue they are currently working on.

Commissioner Walker asked members of the Board for guidance on how to handle a request from a constituent to remove the speed bumps from N. Epps Road.

She also asked the County Attorney to send a letter to Samuel Sizemore notifying him that he continues to be in violation of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Lanier directed the County Manager to research previous minutes to see if the Board voted to close Stinson Road.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board Meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the Board Meeting back to order at 8:25 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve selling 9.4 acres of land at Public Outcry in accordance with law. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date