

**TALBOT COUNTY
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SUPERINTENDENT

November 5, 2012

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Those in attendance were Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioner's Robert Lanier, Ken Chapman, and Sher'Londa Walker, the County Attorney, County Manager and the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager.

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

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes from the October 1st Regular Meeting, October 18th Called Meeting and the October 1st and 18th Executive Session Minutes. Vote passed 5-0-0.

LTC Christopher Bresko, representing Fort Benning and the 192nd Brigade informed the Board of upcoming events that are going to be held at Fort Benning.

Darryl Robinson and Patrick Pugh, representing Robinson Paving Company approached the Board and informed them of engineering services that they offer to local government entities. They informed the Board that they would prepare bid packets for the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Projects, Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects, as well as any other future paving projects that the county may have, at no additional cost to the county.

Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to provide the necessary documents to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Pugh in order for them to prepare the bid packet for the 2013 LMIG Project.

Leigh Ann Erenheim presented two bids to the Board for an Emergency Alert System. She informed them that the county was awarded a grant to fund the project. The bids are as follows:

- 1) Code Red - \$5,250.00 Annually for 3 Years
- 2) Delta Alert - \$9,200 Annually For 3 Years

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve the bid from Code Red for \$15,750.00 to be paid in three annual installments of \$5,250.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Marjorie Howard advocate for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness approached the Board and gave a brief synopsis of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness and ask the Board to support the cancer awareness by proclaiming November 2012 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to proclaim November 2012, as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Belva Dorsey, representing the Enrichment Services Program updated the Board of the services that the Enrichment Services Program provides to the citizens of Talbot County.

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Ruby Smith and Francina Williams, residents of Waverly Hall Road approached the Board and informed them of the poor road conditions on Waverly Hall Road. They stated "that the road needed to be paved it was long overdue".

Commissioner Walker informed Ms. Smith and Ms. Williams that the county should start receiving revenue around March of 2013 from the Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) and that she would certainly try to get the Boards approval to use some of the funds to pave a portion Waverly Hall Road.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to maintain the road to the best of his ability until the road could be paved.

The Chairman also directed the County Manager to contact Sheriff Gates to discuss reducing the speed limit on Waverly Hall Road.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve selling the 2006 E450 ambulance at public out-cry rather than trade it in to Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. for \$1,000.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Wells Fargo Master Equipment Lease for the ambulance remount. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Lease Addendum by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) pursuant to the Master Equipment Lease. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the 2013 ACCG Membership. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Alcohol License pouring fees were postponed until the December 3, 2012 Board Meeting in order to allow time for further research.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner approached the Board and discussed the possibility of using TSPLOST funds to purchase equipment for the road department.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for William, Huff, Tax Commissioner, and one staff member to attend the Fall Conference for Constitutional Officer's Association in Savannah, November 12-15, 2012. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Deputy Coroner, Mike Smith to attend Georgia Certified Coroners Training in Forsyth, December 3-7, 2012. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he was still researching the Roadside Damage Ordinance.

Commissioner Walker directed the Road Department Superintendent to cut the bushes off of the right of way on Powell Church Road.

Vice Chairman Holmes also directed the Road Department Superintendent to check the water problem on Bill Searcy Road to see what can be done to prevent the road from washing away.

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Vice Chairman Holmes suggested implementing a preventative maintenance plan to keep bushes cut back at the intersections to try and prevent accidents.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:30 pm. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery adjourned Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 8:40 pm.

Personnel and possible litigation was discussed. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded for the Board to authorize the County Manager and the Chairman to approve the repairs, to replace missing bricks at the jail. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve hiring two temporary/part-time employees, Tomeka Powell in the Commissioners Office and Sasha West (retroactive to September 14, 2012) in the Elections Office, three days per week at minimum wage through December 31st. Vote passed 3-1-1. Vice Chairman Holmes abstained. Commissioner Walker opposed.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to schedule a workshop to discuss purchasing equipment with TSPLOST funds and the Road damage Ordinance.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison, County Clerk

Date