

**TALBOT COUNTY
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SUPERINTENDENT**

November 7, 2011

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, November 7, 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 Attorney, County Manager, and the County Clerk/ Assistant County Manager were in attendance. Commissioner's Walker and Lanier 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 County Manager added a Bid Proposal from Ronnie Hendricks Electrical, for the installation of a time clock and photo cell to control the lights at the Courthouse.

Vice chairman Holmes added the resurfacing of Copeland Road.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the October 3rd Regular Meeting and the October 21st Called Meeting. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Walker arrived (6:05 p.m.) at this time.

Sheriff Bobby Gates approached the Board and informed them that Commissioner Chapman had contacted him with a complaint from one of the residents on Po Biddy Road regarding weight limit restrictions. He informed them that there was not a No Thru Trucks sign on the Talbot County side of Po Biddy Road.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve erecting a No Thru Trucks sign on Po Biddy Road.

The County Attorney recommended that the Board postpone making a decision on erecting the signs, pending further research on the weight limit restrictions.

Following the County Attorney's recommendation, Commissioner Chapman withdrew his motion, and Chairman Montgomery withdrew his second.

Commissioner Lanier arrived during the discussion.

Sheriff Gates also informed the Board that the previous Sheriff had loaned Taylor County a 2006 Ford Explorer, he told them that the transmission was bad, and asked if they wanted to give the car to Taylor County, or declare the vehicle surplus and sell at Public Outcry.

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Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery directed the Sheriff to get the 2006 Ford Explorer back into the County, and determine if it would be feasible to repair the vehicle, or sell it at a County Auction.

Sheriff Gates informed the Board that the water pipes at the Talbot County Jail had burst, and had been repaired, the age and condition of the pipes was discussed.

Due to the age of the pipes, the Board directed Sheriff Gates to get three bids for the repairs and or replacement of the pipes and submit them to the County Manager.

The Sheriff told the Board that he would like to get an additional security camera at the jail. The Board directed him to get bids and submit them to the County Manager for approval.

He also informed the Board that several employees of the Talbot County Sheriff's Department had made a request to be paid on a semi-weekly basis, instead of monthly.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager and Sheriff Gates to discuss the details, and if they could work out an agreement it would be fine to proceed with the changes.

The Building and Zoning Director informed the Board that the County Attorney had sent Sammy Sizemore a letter notifying him that he continued to be in violation of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance. He informed them that Mr. Sizemore should begin erecting the fence and planting shrubs this week.

Marcus Thomas, the Talbot County Water Department Superintendent gave the Board a progress update on the Box Springs Booster Pump Station project.

Two bids were presented for the roof repair at the Talbot County Library. The bids are as follows:

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| 1.) Unique Construction | \$9,935.00 |
| 2.) LDS Services | \$11,280.00 |

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve contracting with the lowest bidder, Unique Construction, for \$9,935.00 subject to receiving a new bid with a valid date. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Three bids were presented for the addition of a "single slope" building to the existing structure at the Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The bids are as follows:

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| 1.) Contemporary Design and Construction | \$56,195 |
| 2.) Gulf States Manufacturers | \$45,240 |
| 3.) Rodgers Metal Craft, Inc. | \$37,000 |

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the bid from Rodgers Metal Craft, Inc., and for the total cost not to exceed \$37,000.00.

After reviewing the bid, and being uncertain if the price included erection, Commissioner Walker withdrew her motion, and Commissioner Lanier withdrew his second. Commissioner Walker will contact Rodgers Metal Craft, Inc. to inquire about the bid.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the proposed change order request from Engineer Scott Copley for the 2010 Off-System Safety Project, and for the total amount not to exceed \$1,000. Vote passed 5-0-0.

No decision was made on the proposed Professional Services Agreement from Engineer Scott Copley, for ADA Up-Grades and Improvements, at the Talbot County Jail.

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Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to reappoint Commissioner Lanier to serve a three year term on the Middle Flint Regional E911 Authority Board, beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to reappoint Nathaniel Lippitt to serve a new term on the Talbot County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board, ending June 30, 2016. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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

The County Manager informed the Board that the Talbot County Road Department Superintendent and the Sheriff would need to get together to see if they have any items they would like to sell at a Public Auction.

She also informed them that she would be sending a list of roads to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), to add to a new Off System Road Safety Project.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution to Increase the Monthly Fee on Wireless Communications Devices and Imposing a 9-1-1 Charge on Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Connections. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manger was directed to research a Service Directory Plan that was previously put in place to implement the distribution of E911 address signs throughout the County, and to contact each Municipality to schedule a workshop to discuss the plan.

The County Attorney informed the Board that the Reapportionment Map would be reviewed at the upcoming Legislation.

The County Attorney updated the Board on the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the City of Talbotton and the Election Board. He stated that he never received any documentation from the Board of Elections Chairperson.

Commissioner Walker stepped out of the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the request, from Flint Electric EMC, for a two foot easement at O'Neal Road and Highway 315 to relocate a guide wire on the County Right of Way. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Business Personal Property Verification Program Agreement between Traylor Business Services and the Talbot County Board of Assessors. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker came back into the meeting during the discussion.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the Agreement between Logisticare Solutions, LLC and Talbot County for Medicare and Medicaid assistance for Transit, subject to the County Attorney making the necessary changes. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney did not recommend drafting a Standard Easement Form previously requested by the Road Department Superintendent.

The Chairman directed the County Manager to send the County Attorney a copy of the deed for the Oak Mountain Property that Robert J. Corbett wants to donate to Talbot County.

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Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the travel request for Tax Assessor Thomas Bussey and Muriel Marshall to attend the annual Georgia Certification Workshop at the University of Georgia in Athens on November 13-18, 2011. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Bid Proposal for \$650.00 from Ronnie Hendricks Electrical to furnish the labor and materials for the installation of a time clock and photo cell to control outside lights at the courthouse. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Updates

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the County Manager to contact Jay Epps to discuss the resurfacing job that was previously done on Copeland Road and request that he come back and fix the road.

Commissioner Chapman commended the Road Department Superintendent for cleaning up the trash on the Talbot County Roads.

Chairman Montgomery informed the Board that he gave the Road Department Superintendent the approval to have three trees cut down in Oak Mountain Estates, bordering the Talbot County Right of Way, at a cost of \$425.00 each.

The County Attorney informed the Board that the documentation requesting the closure of the Prattsburg Voting Precinct had been submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm to discuss personnel, possible litigation, and real estate. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:00 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to allow employees to donate a portion of their accrued sick time to fellow employees that have exhausted all of their time, due to an accident or a long term illness, subject to a written request from the donor. Vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Lanier abstained.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Rodgers Metal Craft, Inc., not to exceed \$37,000.00. Available SPLOST funds will be used to pay a portion of the project and the balance will be paid with Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser funds. Vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

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