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February 3, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Robert Lanier, and Sher'Londa Walker were in attendance. Also attending was County Attorney Andrew Dodgen and County Manager Sandra Higginbotham. Vice Chairman Holmes and the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager Carol Ison were not present due to attending training.

Chairman Montgomery called the Public Hearing to order, and informed everyone that SOWW, LLC was requesting a conditional use, to open a Shooting Range at 959 John Weaver Road, in Waverly Hall.

Matthew Nichol's and Glenn Hill of SOWW, LLC, gave a brief synopsis of their plans and operating procedures for the proposed shooting range.

The Building/Zoning Director informed the Board that due to the recent inclement weather in Talbot County, Mr. Nichol's and Mr. Hill were not able to attend the Talbot County Planning Commission Public Hearing that was held Monday, January 27, 2014, to discuss the proposed shooting range.

Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery recommended the Board approve deferring the County's Public Hearing and to re-open it at a later date. He explained that this would allow time for the Planning and Zoning Board to review the plans for the proposed shooting range. When asked by the Chairman, no one wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, the request.

At this time, Marjorie Howard voiced her interests in future activities at this location. She also had a few questions for Mr. Nichol's and Mr. Hill.

There being no further business, Chairman Montgomery closed the Public Hearing and called the regular Board Meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Action was deferred on the Conditional Use Request submitted by SOWW, LLC, to operate a shooting range at 959 John Weaver Road, in Waverly Hall

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting and January 6, 2014 Executive Session. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve paying the invoices for In-mate Medical Services. The non-emergency invoices were for a total of \$2,550.48 and the emergency invoices totaled \$3,1813.25. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve authorizing the Resolution to Proceed with the Grant Application with the Georgia Department of transportation, for a Grant for Public Transportation Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Laws. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Paul Higginbotham to attend the Georgia Association of Zoning Administration (G.A.Z.A.) Conference, in Athens, February 5 - 7, 2014. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request from the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department to proceed with the Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application for \$10,000.00, with a county match of \$5,000.00. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker commended the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department on the great job they are doing.

County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen updated the Board on the upcoming Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Chairman Montgomery introduced Stacy Jackson to everyone in attendance, and gave him an opportunity to speak. Mr. Jackson is running for the Republican Seat for State Representative in District 137.

Commissioner Walker thanked Chairman Montgomery for his support at the Town Hall Meeting that was held in Box Springs this past weekend.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Cheyenne Pinkston to attend the Georgia Election Officials Association/Voters Registrars Association of Georgia (GEOA/VRAG) Conference in Augusta, March 30 - April 2, 2014. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

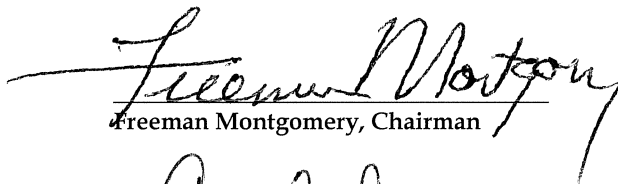
Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:00 pm. to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

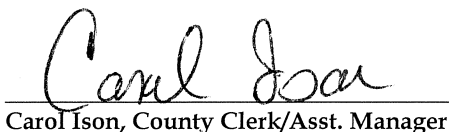
Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:30 pm.

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

Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to approve giving Paul Higginbotham a One Hundred Dollar per month pay increase, and to increase Carol Ison's annual salary to \$38,000.00. Vote passed 3-1-0. Commissioner Lanier opposed.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

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Date