

**TALBOT COUNTY  
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SUPERINTENDENT

March 3, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 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, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Robert Lanier, and Sher'Londa Walker were in attendance. Also attending was County Attorney Andrew Dodgen, County Manager Sandra Higginbotham and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison.

Chairman 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 to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting, February 3, 2014 Executive Session and the February 17, 2014 Called Meeting. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Julio Portillo, Representing the River Valley Regional Commission, informed the Board that each member of the Board and the Board of Commissioners Office Staff would need to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Form stating that they do not own property, or have relatives that own property on Welcome Church Loop, which is the target area for the proposed 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

Following the discussion on the need for repairs to the Talbot County Health Department Building, the Chairman asked Paul Higginbotham to make an itemized list of the necessary repairs and associated cost. The County Manager was directed to include the repair cost in the next budget cycle.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Public Safety Insurance Renewal with Selective Insurance, for an annual premium of \$31,047.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve paying the invoice for non-emergency In-mate Medical Services to Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$1,627.44. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Medical Transportation Services Agreement for Medicare with Medical Transportation Management, Inc. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Leigh Ann Erenheim, Talbot County Fire Coordinator, approached the Board and gave a brief summary of the Georgia Forestry Firefighter Property Program.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Georgia Forestry Firefighter Property Program Cooperative Equipment Agreement. Vote Passed 5-0-0.

A brief discussion was held in reference to changing the name of a portion of Old Highway 96, to Goose Road. The decision was tabled until further research could be done.

Josh Buckner, Road Department Superintendent, approached the Board with a purchase request to Nextran for \$2,684.79, to install air valves and air lines to the braking system on the tag trailer.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve the request to Nextran, for \$2,684.79. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the request from the Road Department Superintendent, to stripe the centerlines of various roads in the county for a cost of \$11,970.00. Transportation Investment Act Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Funds will be used to fund the project. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier asked the Road Department Superintendent to get a quote for paving a portion of Mitchell Road and directed him to repair the potholes until something more could be done.

Vice Chairman Holmes left the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Paul Higginbotham to attend the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement Conference(GACE) in St. Simons Island, March 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Marcus Thomas to attend the Georgia Water and Wastewater Institute, Inc. training March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Carrolton. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman informed the Board that he was in the process of getting bids to refurbish the equipment at the park in Woodland.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 6:45 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

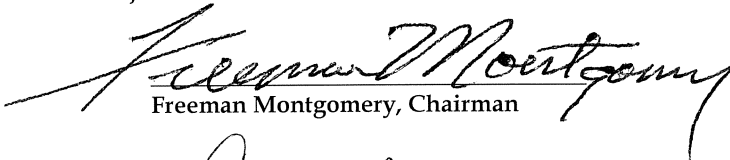
Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 8:07 pm.


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

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve running a 90 day promotion for residents to tap on to Talbot County Water Lines, for a cost of \$800.00. The normal rate to tap on is \$1,000.00, with a \$100.00 deposit. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve giving Jeffrey Black and Patricia Smith a One Dollar per hour pay increase. Vote passed 4-0-0.

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

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

4-7-2014  
Date