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SUPERINTENDENT

April 7, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, April 7, 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 Assistant County Attorney David Beale, County Manager Sandra Higginbotham and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison. Vice Chairman Holmes arrived a few minutes late.

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, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting and March 3, 2014 Executive Session. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Roberta Davidson, Representing the American Red Cross approached the Board with a request to use the Talbot County Gym as a (back-up) shelter in the event a disaster occurs in Talbot County.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the request from the American Red Cross to use the Gym for a Disaster Relief Shelter. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Derek Best, Representing the Baker Creek Community approached the Board with a request to repair Baker Road. He told the Board that the road was in desperate need of being repaved and needed shoulders built on both sides of the road.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner, informed the Board that there were not adequate Rights of Way on the Road to build up the shoulders. In order to correctly repair the road you would need to acquire more Rights of Way and grind up the existing road and start from scratch.

Chairman Montgomery directed Mr. Buckner to ask land owners in the Baker Road area if they would be willing to deed Rights of Way to the county.

The request for repairs to Baker Road was postponed for further research.

Kenneth Jowers approached the Board with a request to fix the water problem on O'Neal Road. He told them that when it rains, water dumps in his yard causing his septic tank to flood and not operate properly.

Chairman Montgomery informed Mr. Jowers that due to the County Attorney's absence the request would be postponed until they had legal representation.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve paying the invoice for non-emergency In-mate Medical Services to Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$1,420.55. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve the Tax Commissioners Errors and Additions and Errors and Releases. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to appoint Dahl Gibson to fill the unexpired term of Cliff Arnett on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board, term ending July 2014. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The decision to appoint Tom Persons to fill the unexpired term of Ken Parker on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board was postponed. Commissioner Walker would like to research and find someone from her district to serve on the Board.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to reappoint Derrick Byrd to serve a three year term on the New Horizons Community Service Board, term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending January 1, 2017. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Sandra Higginbotham and Alicia Neal to attend Drug and Alcohol Training in Macon, May 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the bid from Columbus Communications for \$2,269.00, to purchase radios for the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Funds will be used for the purchase. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner discussed with the Board an issue regarding the cul-de-sac on Spotted Fawn Road. He informed the Board there were fences blocking the area where the cul-de-sac should have been. Further research will be done.

Mr. Buckner presented three bids to the Board to pave eight roads (Irene Brown, Owens Circle, N. Washington St., McDowell, Gamble, Pine Circle, Hodo Drive and N. Park Rd.) in the Flint Hill Area. The bids are as follows:

- 1) Pierce Construction for \$124,854.00
- 2) Wolford Contracting Company for \$131,590.00
- 3) Robinson Paving Company for \$173,559.76

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to accept the bid from Wolford Contracting Company for \$131,590.00. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve the Road Department Superintendent proceeding with replacing a culvert pipe at the Recreation Center, for a cost of \$1,226.40. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Mike Tate, Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department presented three bids to the Board to purchase radios for the Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department. The bids were as follows:

- 1) Columbus Communications (Motorola) - \$3,537.00
- 2) Radio Wholesale (Motorola) - \$3,520.00
- 3) Radio Wholesale (Kenwood) - \$4,250.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve the bid from Columbus Communications for \$3,537.00, to purchase radios for the Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Funds will be used for the purchase. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager added the following two items to the agenda:

- 1) National Donate Life Proclamation
- 2) Quote from Borders Maintenance to repair the heating and air unit at the jail

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the National Donate Life Month Proclamation. Vote passed 5-0-0.

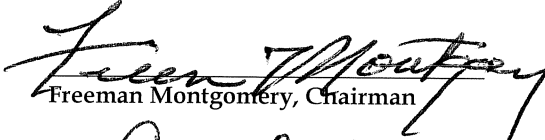
The Board directed the County Manager to get additional quotes for the repair/replacing the heating and air unit at the jail.


Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:00 pm to discuss possible litigation, real estate and personnel matters. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

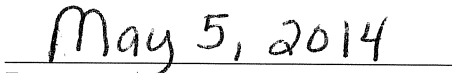
Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 7:55 pm.

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

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/Asst. Manager

  
Date