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SUPERINTENDENT

May 5, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 5, 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. Vice Chairman Holmes and Commissioner Lanier arrived late.

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

At this time the Chairman asked if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda.

The County Manager added the following two items:

- 1) Jeff Ingram: Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal
- 2) Water Department:
 - Adapt to Solve - Up Date Financial Software (\$1,280)
 - Chris Clark Paving - Cold Mix Purchase (\$2,400)

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting and April 7, 2014 Executive Session. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at the meeting at this time.

Omar McCants approached the Board with a request to pave Mitchell Road. He informed them that the road was in desperate need of repair. He requested that Mitchell Road be top priority on the list of roads that need to be paved.

Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Lanier informed Mr. McCants that they would research the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Funds (SPLOST) to see if there are enough funds available to do the Mitchell Road repairs.

Slade Johnson made a request to the Board to appoint Tom Persons to fill the unexpired term of Ken Parker on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board, term ending July 2016. He also requested the Board to reappoint Raines Jordan, Dahl Gibson, Arthur Denson, Reggie Myers, and King Murray to serve a four year term on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board, term beginning July 2014, and ending June 2018.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to approve the request to appoint Tom Persons to fill the unexpired term of Ken Parker by serving on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board, with the term ending July 2016. Also for the Board to approve amending the agenda to reflect the request for reappointments for Raines Jordan, Dahl Gibson, Arthur Denson, Reggie Meyers and King Murray to serve four year terms on the Talbot County Industrial Development Authority Board beginning July 2014, and ending June 2018. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier arrived at the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Montgomery updated Commissioner Lanier on the request from Omar McCants to pave Mitchell Road.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve renaming the county portion of Old Highway 96, Goose Road. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes 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 \$1,542.05. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Jeff Ingram, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia informed the Board that it was time to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Health Insurance Policy. He presented three plans to the Board for their review and approval.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded for the Board to approve the Blue Open Access POS 20AP5 2K/100 B Benefit Summary with a cost of \$584.65 per employee per month. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner updated the Board on work that is being done on various roads through out the county.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Tax Commissioner and staff to attend the annual Georgia Association of Tax Officials (GATO) Convention in Athens, May 12-15, 2014. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve the request from the Water Department to up-date their Adapt to Solve Financial Software, for \$1,280.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that cold mix has always been purchased and paid for out of the Road Department Budget, but has been used by both the Road Department and the Water Department. The Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner and the Water Department Superintendent Marcus Thomas have discussed and agreed that the current invoice from Chris Clark Paving in the amount of \$2,400.00 will be paid by the Water Department. In the future, all expenses for the purchase of cold mix will be shared equally (50/50) by both departments.

Following a discussion on Chairman Montgomery's inquiries for a grant to add a building at the Geneva Box Springs Park, the Board authorized him to pursue the grant/loan with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Chairman also informed the Board that Jeffrey Black, Transit Department Employee, was doing an excellent job as a volunteer at the Talbot County Recreation Department, and that he was at all games.

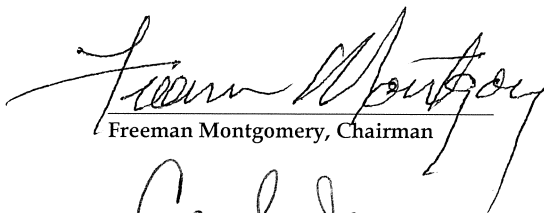
The County Attorney informed the Board that House Bill 60 was amended by adding a new Subsection that allows a licensed gun holder to carry a weapon into a "government building" (different from a Courthouse) if ingress is not screened by Security Personnel. If you screen entry, you can bar them and the weapon. If they have a weapon permit, they can enter.

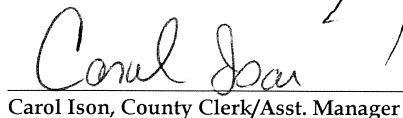
Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:03 pm to discuss possible litigation, real estate and personnel matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular meeting back to order at 8:45 pm.

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

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


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

6-2-14
Date