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SUPERINTENDENT

June 2, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, June 2, 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 and Commissioner Ken Chapman were in attendance. Also attending was County Attorney Andrew Dodgen, County Manager Sandra Higginbotham and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison. Commissioner Chapman 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".

Robert Mulkey of 165 Rock Falls Lane, Box Springs, Georgia approached the Board with a complaint in reference to the bad road conditions on Rock Falls Lane. He told them that the gravel washes down in his driveway preventing him access to his mailbox. Mr. Mulkey stated "I have been trying to get this road repaired for over six years and I just want to know what the plans are to repair the road". He informed the Board that the Road Department Superintendent and Commissioner Walker were aware of the road conditions.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to get bids on resurfacing the road.

Mr. Mulkey is in a wheelchair. He informed the Board that he visited the Talbot County Jail and he had to be picked up and toted into the jail because it is not handicap accessible.

Commissioner Chapman arrived at the meeting at this time.

Mr. Mulkey informed the Board that his neighbors had junk cars filled with garbage parked on their property that adjoins his and he wanted to know if there were any ordinances to address this issue. Further research will be done.

Marjorie Howard requested an update on the process of the proposed spring restoration project, in Box Springs.

Josh Buckner informed Ms. Howard that he had been in contact with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and they informed him that the State may not grant variance to rebuild the wall around the spring. Josh informed Ms. Howard that he was waiting on correspondence from EPD and he would contact her when he received the information so they could discuss the matter.

Ms. Howard also informed the Board that there is no record that Box Springs Road was ever deeded to Talbot County. During the discussion it was stated that CSX Railroad may have used the spring as their primary source for water.

No decision was made. Further research will be done to try and determine who owns the property.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to reappointment Tom Zwaga to serve a four year term on the Valley Partnership Board. The term begins July 1, 2014 and expires on June 30, 2018. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Linda Johnston of 115 Gardenia Way approached the Board and expressed her concerns on the bad road conditions throughout Oak Mountain Estates Subdivision. She stated "We were promised over ten years ago that Juniper Road would be paved and nothing has been done".

Chairman Montgomery recommended borrowing the money to repair Rock Fall Lanes and Juniper Road and repay the note with Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve paying the invoice for non-emergency In-mate Medical Services to Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$1,520.47 and to pay the invoice for emergency In-mate Medical Services to Warm Springs Medical Center for 1,332.35. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve renewing the 2015 ACCG/GSIWCF Safety Incentive Discount Program. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Cheyenne Pinkston, Talbot County Elections Supervisor was unable to attend the meeting.

Russ Erenheim, Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Chief approached the Board with a purchase order request for Fisher Safety to perform the maintenance and hydrostatic testing on the SCBA Air Pak Cylinders with the cost being \$2,070.00.

Following the discussion Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Purchase Order request to Fisher Safety for \$2,070.00. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Mike Tate, Box Springs Volunteer Fire Chief was not present.

Sheriff Bobby Gates informed the Board of the State Requirements to implement a security plan for the Talbot County Courthouse. He told them that a security system with panic alarms needed to be installed in the Judges Chambers and each office. He also stated that the locks to the vault would need to be changed and all deputies and bailiffs would need extensive training on how to handle a crisis.

The Board directed Sheriff Gates to get quotes on the items that are needed to implement the required security plan and present it to the County Manager for approval.

The Road Department Superintendent updated the Board on the work that was done on Waverly Hall Road.

Fire Coordinator, Leigh Ann Erenheim approached the Board with a request to apply for the Flint Energies County Improvement Grant. The grant is for \$5,000 with no county match required. She informed them that she would like to use the grant funds for a Training Facility for the volunteer fire fighters.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve proceeding with the grant application process. Vote passed 3-0-0.

The County Manger informed the Board that Steven Reynolds inquired about purchasing property. Block 5, Lot 24 in Oak Mountain Estates. The property is currently owned by Talbot County.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to authorize the County Manager to pursue the sale of the property. Vice Chairman seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0-0.

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

The County Manger added the following items to add to the agenda:

- 1) Budget Amendments
- 2) Spending Freeze
- 3) Medicare Rate Increase
- 4) Framing the Courthouse Picture

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Agenda as amended. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Fiscal Year End 2014 Budget Amendments in the amount of \$141,652.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to authorize the County Manger to place a freeze on spending until the new budget is adopted. Vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Medical Transportation Management, Inc., Medicare Rate Increase. Vote Passed 3-0-0.

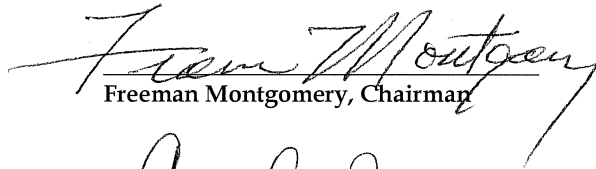
The Board authorized the County Manager to proceed with having the picture of the Courthouse framed.


Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:10 pm. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Voter passed 3-0-0.

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

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

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0-0.

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

7/7/14  
Date