

**TALBOT COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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COUNTY MANAGER  
CAROL ISON, CLERK/ASST. MANAGER  
JOSHUA BUCKNER, ROAD  
SUPERINTENDENT

August 4, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, August 4 2014 at 6:00 pm. 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 the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, County Manager Sandra Higginbotham and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison. Commissioner Walker 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".

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting, July 21, 2014 Called Meeting and July 7, 2014 Executive Session. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker arrived at the meeting at this time.

Earnestine Carter residing at 325 Terry Circle in Shiloh, told the Board that as a result of the work that was done on the Street and Drainage project in the Flint Hill District, she is experiencing a lot of water run off on her property. She asked the Board to assess the situation to see if there was anything that could be done to correct the problem.

Chairman Montgomery informed Ms. Carter that he would go out and assess the property to see if anything could be done to correct the problem.

Josh Buckner, Road Department Superintendent informed the Board that Robinson Paving was in the process of preparing a bid package for resurfacing Thirty Five roads through out the county.

He informed them that the bid request for the resurfacing projects would need to be advertised for four consecutive weeks.

Linda Johnston of 115 Gardenia Way requested an update on her request to have the existing water lines on Juniper Trail relocated.

The County Manager informed the Board that the Water Department Superintendent, Marcus Thomas was in the process of doing research to determine if there are adequate rights of way to relocate the existing water lines and what cost would be associated with the proposed project.

A discussion was held in re to scraping the road beside Vicki's Café in Geneva to allow the property owners access to their property.

The County Attorney informed the Board that there was not sufficient evidence to prove the road was ever dedicated a County Road.

Following the discussion, the Road Department Superintendent was directed to scrape the road beside Vicki's Café in Geneva.

The County Manager informed the Board that she was in the process of trying to locate an Architect for the proposed building construction at the Geneva/Box Springs Park.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Spending Resolution to authorize the Board to continue making expenditures from all funds for the month of August 2014. Vote passed 5-0-0.

The proposed On-Site Sewage Management System Ordinance was postponed for further research.

The request by Gerald Carter for a Beer and Wine License was postponed.

The County Clerk/Assistant County Manager was directed to contact Sheriff Gates and get his approval to proceed with the application process. She was also directed to contact Mr. Carter and request his presence at the next Board meeting. Mr. Carter will need to present the required documentation in order to be approved the issuance of a Beer and Wine License.

A sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving for \$354,115.43, for the, 2014 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), Dennis Creek Road, Resurfacing Project. No other bids were received.

Following the bid opening and discussion, the Board directed the Road Department Superintendent to contact the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to determine if a portion of Dennis Creek Road could be resurfaced, instead of resurfacing the entire length of the road.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Supplemental Programmatic Assessment Resolution for Fort Benning. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve Josh Buckner proceeding with the installation of two signs in the Quito Community on Old Shiloh Road. The signs will read "Quito Community Established in 1830's and will be placed on Shiloh Road at the Harris County line and at Highway 85. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department to purchase Turn-Out Gear with a cost of \$2,970.00. Special Purchase Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds will be used for the purchase. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Clerks Conference in Athens, September 7, 2014 thru September 9, 2014. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery scheduled a Called Meeting/Workshop for 6 PM, Monday,



August 11, 2014 to discuss the Fiscal Year End 2015 Budget and the Dennis Creek Road resurfacing project.

The County Attorney informed the Board that the Rights of Way Certification for Pobiddy Road had been completed and sent to GDOT.

He informed the Board that the Retirement Plan for the Constitutional Officer's would be discussed in Executive Session.

A discussion was held with Constitutional officers regarding the counties retirement plan.

Tax Commissioner William Huff stated "Jeff Ingram came to my office some twenty years ago and said that Constitutional Officers were not allowed to participate in the county's retirement plan".

Commissioner Walker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Voter passed 5-0-0.

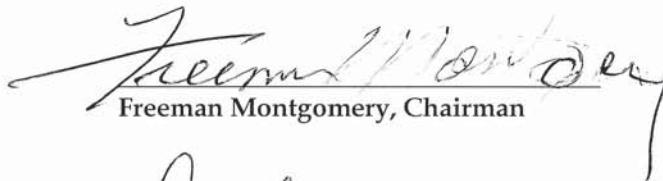
Chairman Montgomery called the Regular Meeting back to order.


No decisions were made in Executive Session.


Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to appoint Marjorie Howard to fill the unexpired term of Cheyenne Pinkston on the Talbot County Board of Elections and Registration, term expiring December 31, 2017 and also to appoint Ms. Howard as the Election Chairperson. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve rescinding their previous motion that was made March 4, 2013 to add the Constitutional Officers to the Retirement Plan. Vote passed 5-0-0.

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

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

  
Date

**CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD**

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF TALBOT**

**AFFIDAVIT OF TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**FREEMAN MONTGOMERY**, Chairman, **FRANKLIN HOLMES**, Vice-Chairman, **ROBERT LANIER, KEN CHAPMAN AND SHER'LONDA WALKER**, Commissioners being duly sworn, state, under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.

1.

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on **AUGUST 4, 2014**.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or Potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings; or other judicial Actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved in provided in O.C.G.A. } 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. } 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential)

Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. } 50-14-3(3)

Discussion of deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, Disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or Employee as provided in O.C.G.A. } 50-14-3(6);

Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law):  
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As provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) \_\_\_\_\_

This 4<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014.

Talbot County Board of Commissioners

Freeman Montgomery  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Franklin Holmes  
Franklin Holmes, Vice-Chairman

Ken Chapman  
Ken Chapman, Commissioner

Robert Lanier  
Robert Lanier, Commissioner

Sher'Londa Walker  
Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of August, 2014.

Carol Ison  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 15, 2014

