

**TALBOT COUNTY
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ROAD DEPT SUPERINTERINDENT

AMENDED MINUTES

September 8, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly Board Meeting Monday, September 8, 2014. The meeting was held at the Commission Office located at 74 W. Monroe Street, Talbotton. Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, and Commissioners Ken Chapman, Robert Lanier and Sher'Londa Walker were in attendance. County Attorney Andy Dodgen and County Manager Sandra Higginbotham were also in attendance.

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

Underground storage tanks and the EMS Agreement with Trinity EMS Academy LLC, for Students to Ride the Ambulance, were added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting, August 4, 2014, two Called Meetings held on August, 11 and 26, 2014, and Executive Session for August 4 and 11, 2014. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker came in at this time.

Tamara (Tammy) Harris introduced herself to the Board and attending citizens. She is the new Extension Associate/Resource Manager in Talbot County. Ms. Harris is holding 4-H meetings and getting to know everyone in the community.

Jeff Harris, the West Central Traffic Coordinator, representing the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, approached the Board and informed them that the Sheriff's Department had been awarded a Grant in the amount of \$20,000. There is no cost to the county, but when orders are placed the county will pay the invoice(s), and then request a reimbursement from the State for the amount of the invoice. There will be a 15-25 day turn-around period from the state. Deputy Benjamin Strange worked with Mr. Harris to obtain the grant.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion to accept the Grant, and Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the Beer and Wine License that was requested by Gerald Carter to ***sell and serve*** beer and wine at the J & G Barbecue that is located at 7265 Columbus Highway, Box Springs, Georgia. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Earnestie Carter, a citizen on Terry Circle in the Shiloh area of Talbot County, approached the Board with complaints about water run-off and the one-way road. She also informed the Board they could **buy her out** for \$32,000. Ms. Carter stated she was getting signatures, on a petition, from a majority of the people on Terry Circle to change the road back to a two-way road. When questions were asked about her water bill, Vice Chairman Holmes directed her to Alicia Neal at the Water Department. No decision was made.

The millage rate will be set at a Called Meeting this month.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve Anytime Heating and Air Conditioning Service to replace three (3) leaking coils on air conditioning units at the Pine Mountain Regional Library. The cost will be \$2,958.73. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion to appoint Leigh Ann Erenheim to serve a two (2) year term, beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, on the West Central Georgia Region 7 Emergency Medical Services Council. This appointment is a replacement for Chuck Kelley. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman brought up, and discussed with the Board, the complaints in reference to the condition of the gymnasium that is located in Talbotton. The County Manager was directed to contact Hinson's Pest Control and ask them to do an inspection and spray for bugs and rodents, for the County Manager to inspect the building, and for her to send a memo to the Recreation Department Director, Andrew Hall advising him of the complaints.

Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner approached the Board and discussed equipment that he wished to purchase. Yancey Brothers submitted a quote for a Caterpillar, Inc. Model: 308E2 Hydraulic Excavator. The sell price is \$121,116, the equipment will be paid with TIA Funds that have been set aside for Commissioner Lanier's District..

Mr. Buckner informed the Board that a demonstration would be held at a later date.

He also informed the Board of the quote he received from Patrick Pugh, a representative of Robinson Paving for the Dennis Creek Road Resurfacing Project (2014 LMIG). They will patch, level and pave the road from the dirt portion to Horton Road.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the request from the Flint Hill Fire Department Chief, Russ Erenheim, to up-grade and purchase through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund ten (10) radios at \$245 each for a total of \$2,450. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The request from Leigh Ann Erenheim for the Board to approve the Talbot County Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures was postponed until the next Board Meeting.

At this time Raines Jordan introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner in District 1.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the request from Leigh Ann Erenheim to attend the Georgia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Conference that is being held in Savannah, October 17 through 21, 2014. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Agreement between Talbot County and Trinity EMS allowing a student to ride the ambulance. The approval is based on the Attorney's Agreement.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve awarding the contract for the 2014 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project to Robinson Paving.. The cost is \$266,355.97. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, at 8:08 PM, for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Upon returning to Open Session at 9:45 PM, Chairman Montgomery called the regular monthly Board Meeting back to order.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve the Contract, in reference to underground storage tanks that have been removed, with Georgia Oilmen's Services to install a temporary monitoring well at the Road Department Shop, with soil samples being taken and tested. The cost is \$4,430. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0-0.


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

10-5-15
Date