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SUPERINTENDENT

December 1, 2014

AMENDED MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2014

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm, 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 attended the meeting. Also in attendance 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".

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the November 3, 2014 Regular Meeting and November 3, 2014 Executive Session. Vote Passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker arrived at the meeting at this time.

The Chairman asked if there were any other items to add to the agenda.

The County Manger added the following items:

- 1) Purchase order request from the Tax Assessors Office to Designsoft.com, Inc., for \$1,596.51
- 2) A Resolution supporting the display of the National Motto "In God We Trust"

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Joe Dan Thompson, Representing the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) presented the 2015 ACCG Workers Compensation Renewal and Dividend Distribution. He informed the Board that there was a 14% decrease from the 2014 premium.

Following a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the 2015 ACCG Workers Compensation Renewal with an annual premium of \$110,772.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Stewart County Chairman, Joe Williams was present requesting the Boards support for Stewart County joining the Middle Flint Regional E-911 Authority.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to support Stewart County joining the Middle Flint Regional E-911 Authority. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Patrick Pugh with Robinson Paving was unable to attend the meeting. The Proposed 2014 Road Resurfacing Project was postponed until the January 5, 2015 meeting.

No one was present from the City of Manchester regarding the Water Plant Rehabilitation Program.

The County Manager informed the Board that due to the proposed Water Plant Rehabilitation Project there would most likely be an increase in the water rates.

Reverend Richard Brown was not able to attend the meeting. A gentleman from the church and Martha Whitters approached the Board requesting an update on the status of their request to pave County Line Church Road.

Taylor County Commissioner, Russell Pounds was present. He informed the Board that Taylor County did not have the funds to pave the Taylor County portion of County Line Church Road.

He also informed them that he had a surveyor research the property lines and based on the maps that were approved through the General Assembly in 1908, the property line is in the center of County Line Church Road.

Mr. Pounds told the Board that Taylor County did not have any funds allocated to pave the road at this time.

Chairman Montgomery suggested that Reverend Brown and Ms. Whitters go to the next meeting of the Taylor County Commissioners and get a commitment from them stating that they will pave the Taylor County portion of the road, then Talbot County will consider paving the Talbot County portion.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to contact Taylor County's Road Superintendent to get bids on the cost to pave County Line Church Road.

Josh Buckner informed the Board that County Line Church Road was one of the better dirt roads in Talbot County.

Gregory Dewberry was not present.

Omer McCants approached the Board and wanted an update on the status of paving Mitchell Road.

Chairman Montgomery informed Mr. McCants that Mitchell Road was a priority and it is included on the proposed list of roads to be paved.

The Board held a discussion with the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner in reference to acquiring bids to resurface Mitchell Road.

Following the discussion, the Board directed the Road Department Superintendent to obtain bids to resurface Mitchell Road.

The project will be funded with revenue from Commissioner Lanier's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), that was designated for roads, his TIA Funds, and \$18,000 from Commissioner Walker's SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Board Meeting Dates and Paid Holidays for 2015, as presented. Vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held in reference to completing the renovation of the Commissioners Annex.

The decision was postponed until the next Board Meeting in January.

Bids for Bat Exclusion at the Courthouse and Gym were discussed.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the County Clerk/Assistant County Manger to check the references that was submitted by Rid-A-Critter.

Commissioner Lanier a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Department of Transportation Federal Transit Authority 5311 Capital Improvement Assistance Contract. The local match is \$8,806.80. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Sheriff Gates ask the Board for an update on the proposed Jail Construction Project. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds will be used to fund the project.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to contact Patti Cullen with the River Valley Regional Commission to see if they could administer assistance for the Proposed Jail Construction Project.

Sheriff Gates also asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new patrol car.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve Sheriff Gates purchasing a new patrol car.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier amended his motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes amended his second, for the Board to approve Sheriff Gates purchasing a new patrol car, not to exceed \$25,000. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Josh Buckner, Road Department Superintendent, informed the Board that he was going to request to patch, level and resurface Hut Road on the 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) through the Department of Transportation. He told them that any remaining funds would be allocated to complete the work on Dennis Creek Road.

Marjorie Howard, Election Supervisor, informed the Board that the City of Talbotton and the City of Woodland was requesting Talbot County's assistance with their election for 2015.

Following a brief discussion, Chairman Montgomery directed Ms. Howard to work out all of the details with the County Manager and Assistant County Manger to proceed with the election in March.

The County Attorney is drafting a Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreements for the Municipal Elections and will have them ready for the Boards approval at the January 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Lanier fell and was escorted out of the meeting at this time.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the Special Revenue Budget for 2015.

Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Vote passed 4-0-0.

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Commissioner Lanier was present during Executive Session.

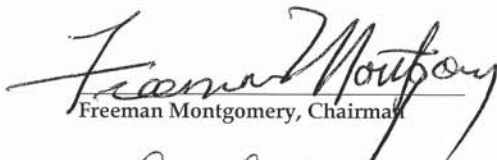
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No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve giving the Constitutional Officers a 6% salary supplement, in lieu of adding them to the County Retirement Plan. The salary supplement would go into effect January 1, 2015. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Commissioner Walker abstained. Chairman Montgomery and Commissioner Chapman opposed. Motion failed for lack of majority.

Commissioner Lanier told the members of the Board that he has enjoyed serving on the Board with them.

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


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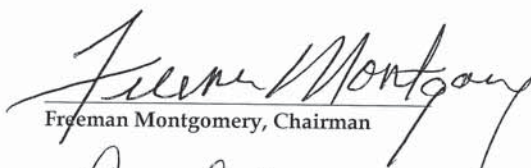
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