

**TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

January 5, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 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, Raines Jordan 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.

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 for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting and December 1, 2014 Executive Session. The vote Passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board of Commissioner's Officer's to remain the same for 2015, and to reappoint Sandra Higginbotham as the County Manager, Carol Ison as the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Josh Buckner as Road Department Superintendent, and Andrew Dodgen as the County Attorney. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion took place with Patrick Pugh, a Representative with Robinson Paving Company regarding the proposed road-resurfacing project.

Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to schedule a Called Meeting/Workshop to discuss the scope of work that is necessary to repair the roads.

George Willis was not present.

Derek Best and Jim Freiberg expressed their concerns to the Board on the condition of Baker Road. They pointed out that in a previous Board meeting it was determined additional rights of way were necessary in order to repair Baker Road.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner introduced David Adams a representative with Haralson & Adams Land Surveying & Construction Layout to the Board.

Mr. Adams provided a copy of the land survey that he done on Baker Road. He confirmed that 30 additional feet of right of way is needed to widen Baker Road.

The Board directed the County Attorney to draft a letter to, the land owner, Howard Management Group LLC, requesting them to grant Talbot County 30 feet of right of way from the center line of the road.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution to approve adding Stewart County as a member to the Middle Flint Regional E-911 Center. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Geneva Volunteer Fire Chief, Bill Williams presented a bid to the Board from Breathing Air Systems for the purchase of a 6000 psi, Bauer Vertecon Air System, in the amount of \$28,000.00.

Following the discussion, Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase from Breathing Air Systems, for \$28,000.00. The vote Passed 5-0-0. The source of funds will be as follows:

- \$2,750.00 - Geneva Volunteer Fire Department Budget Line Item 20209
- \$15,250.00 - Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Funds
- \$10,000 00 - Proceeds from Geneva Volunteer Fire Department Fundraisers

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the following purchase order request from the Elections Department:

- 1) Election Systems & Software, for \$5,700.00
- 2) Alboes Computers: Purchase two computers at a cost of \$1,573.00

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Talbotton, the Talbot County Board of Commissioners, and the Talbot County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct Municipal Elections at a cost of \$10,000 (3 installments) for the calendar year 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard informed the Board that she spoke with the City of Woodland Clerk and explained to her that the State Statue requires the Governing Authority to adopt an Ordinance in order for Talbot County to conduct their Municipal Elections. Ms. Howard has not received said Ordinance from the City of Woodland.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the 2014 Special Revenue Accounts Amendment as follows:

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| ➤ Law Library | \$2,318 |
| ➤ E-911 | \$100 |
| ➤ Grant Funds | \$477,017 |
| ➤ TIA Funds | \$514,504 |
| ➤ Jail Funds | \$14,445 |
| ➤ Date Funds | \$6,042 |
| ➤ Drug Fund | \$4,705 |

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Clerks Conference in Athens, February 15, 2015 thru February 17, 2015 and to attend the Georgia Academy for Economic Development February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, and May 5, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Marjorie Howard to attend Election Certification Training in Macon, January 26, 2015 thru January 30, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Paul Higginbotham to attend the Georgia Association of Zoning Administration (GAZA) Winter 2015 Conference in Athens, February 4, 2015 thru February 6, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Paul Higginbotham to attend the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) Spring Conference in Savannah, February 17, 2015 thru February 20, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery commended the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner on the great job he did on maintaining the roads during all of the heavy rain in the last couple of weeks.

Commissioner Jordan told the fellow Board Members that he was looking forward to serving on the Board with them.

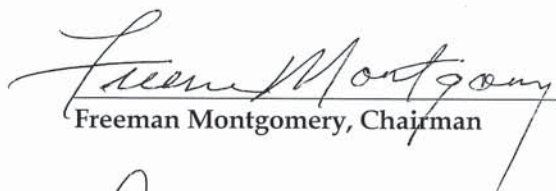
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:03 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the Regular Meeting back to order at 9:50 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve closing the gym temporarily to all events with exception of supervised recreation activities. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The 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. The vote passed 5-0-0.


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

2/4/15
Date