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January 13, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting/Workshop on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Freeman Montgomery, Commissioners Raines Jordan and Sher'Londa Walker attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Manager Sandra Higginbotham and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order.

The first item up for discussion was the proposed Road Resurfacing Project.

Patrick Pugh representing Robinson Paving Company advised the Board to prioritize the roads by districts to determine the potential cost and options for repairing the roads.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Board what the anticipated cost would be to repair the roads, and how the proposed project was going to be funded.

Chairman Montgomery communicated that in a prior meeting a discussion was held in reference to borrowing the funds for the proposed road repairs. Revenue from the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) would be used to repay the loan.

Commissioner Jordan recommended that the Board consider banking the TSPLOST funds that are received each month and pave the proposed roads as the funds become available.

Chairman Montgomery directed the Road Department Superintendent to prioritize the proposed list of roads and have ready to advertise for bid sometime in February 2015.

Bids to replace the heat pump at the Tax Office were discussed. The bids are as follows:

- 1) Anytime Heating and Air - \$3,144.98
- 2) Summit Heating and Air, Inc. - \$3,212.00
- 3) Precision Air - \$4,100.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the bid for \$3212.00; from Summit Heating and Air, Inc. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

A discussion was held regarding renewing the lease on the Gym.

There were several concerned citizens attending the meeting to voice their concerns on the Recreation Department as well as requesting an update on the much-needed repairs on the roads in their area.

Commissioner Jordan stated that he was in favor of renewing the lease with the Board of Education, subject to the Board's commitment to restrict the use for recreation activities only. Commissioner Jordan also said he would like to see the Board establish a set of rules outlining the use of the gym.

Commissioner Walker said she would like to see the hours of operation and recreation activities posted at the gym.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve renewing the lease with the Board of Education, for Fifteen Years. The vote passed 3-0-0.


Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the request from the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department to proceed with the Georgia Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application for \$10,000.00, with a county match of \$5,000.00. The vote passed 3-0-0.


Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss personnel. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

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

Personnel was discussed in Executive Session, no decisions were made.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

2/4/15  
Date