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February 2, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 2, 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 Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the public hearing was being held to discuss Talbot County's Comprehensive Plan Update.

Rick Morris representing River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), gave a brief synopsis of the Comprehensive Plan Update and informed the Board that the plan would need to be adopted no later than October 30, 2015.

At this time, Rick Morris opened the hearing for anyone who had questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update.

A concerned citizen asked Mr. Morris if the plan was going to help the schoolchildren.

Mr. Morris informed the citizen that the plan is not targeted toward the schoolchildren; however, the plan is designed to help the community as a whole.

At this time, Chairman Montgomery closed the Public Hearing, and called the regular Board Meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Chairman Montgomery ask if there were any items to add to the agenda.

The County Manager added the following two items:

- 1) Senior Center Purchase order request: Direct Service Corporation for \$3,231.36
- 2) Sheriff's Department Purchase order request: Sheffield's Sport Shop for \$3,255.00 (Grant Expense)

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

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting, January 13, 2015 Called Meeting and January 5th and January 13th, 2015 Executive Session. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chris Brazell representing EMC Engineering Services, Inc. presented the Engineering Services Agreement for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), for the Housing Rehabilitation Program in Welcome Church Loop.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Engineering Services Agreement subject to the County Attorneys recommended changes. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Mike Henderson representing Flint Equipment Company presented the Lease-Purchase Agreement for the 160 GLC Excavator. The purchase was approved at the September 26, 2015 Board Meeting. The agreement includes a maintenance plan of \$28,064.57, with Guaranteed Buy Back. The total amount of the lease agreement is \$177,676.00

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Lease Agreement with Flint Equipment Company for \$177,676.00. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Lee Benefield representing Yancey Brothers presented a contract for a 12M3 Motor Grader. The Sales price is \$237,344.00, less Down Payment of \$7,583.14, the amount to be financed is \$230,260.86. The Motor Grader will have Guaranteed Buy Back based on Governmental Contract in Five Years. The contract includes a Buy Back credit of \$130,000.00, for the current lease on the 2009 12M Motor Grader.

Following review and discussion of the contract, Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the contract with Caterpillar Financial Service Corporation for \$230,260.86. The vote passed 5-0-0.

John Pierce representing Pierce Construction approached the Board to offer his services for Surface Treatment and Asphalt Paving.

Chairman Montgomery told Mr. Pierce to work with the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to determine what roads need Surface Treatment, and present a proposal for the work.

Jim Frieberg approached the Board and requested an update on Baker Road.

The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen informed Mr. Frieberg that he sent a letter to Alvin Howard of Howard Management Group, LLC., requesting that they grant Talbot County Right of Way on the west side of Baker Road.

Mr. Howard expressed that he would entertain the idea when it was clear on the amount of property that is needed.

Josh Buckner informed the Board that he got an estimate of \$2,000.00 from Haralson and Adams Surveying to survey the property, from McIntosh Trail to Highway 208.

Following the discussion Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the survey services from Haralson and Adams Surveying, for \$2000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Property Tax Errors and Releases, for \$67,302.05. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from ACCG for Defensive Service Fees for \$1,392.51. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoices for Emergency Inmate Medical Services. The invoices are as follows:

- 1) Warm Springs Medical Center for \$1,628.24
- 2) Upson Regional Medical Center for \$1,075.77

The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held with the Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard regarding the cost for Talbot County to conduct the City of Woodland's Municipal Election.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to approve Talbot County conducting the City of Woodlands Election for \$7,800.00, subject to the City of Woodland adopting an Ordinance authorizing Talbot County to conduct their Municipal Election. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Ms. Howard also asked the Board to consider offering the Board of Elections a small incentive to take on-line classes in order to get their Election Certification.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to offer the Board of Election Members a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) incentive when they have completed the on-line classes and received their certification. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Sheriff Bobby Gates and Judge John Terry approached the Board and expressed their concerns about the security at the Courthouse. Sheriff Gates indicated that a full-time certified officer is needed, Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

The Board assured Sheriff Gates that they would work with him to be certain that the issue is resolved.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from the Sheriff's Department, to Maneuver Center Supply for \$1,514.60. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner informed the Board that he would like to have a workshop in March to discuss the proposed road-paving project.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase order request from the Sheriff's Department to Sheffield's Sport Shop for \$3,255.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase order request from the Senior Center, to Direct Service Corporation, for \$3,231.36. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATES:

Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on the meeting that he and Chairman Montgomery had with the Board of Education (BOE) regarding the lease at the Gym. He informed them that the BOE is interested in proposing a land swap, the Talbotton Youth Center for the Gym. A committee has been formed to work on the issues. The committee members are Martha Roland, Mr. Smith, Commissioner Jordan and Commissioner Walker.

Commissioner Jordan told the Board that the BOE voted to approve Talbot County leasing the gym on a month-to-month basis until a decision could be reached.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to approve leasing the Gym on a month-to-month basis. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

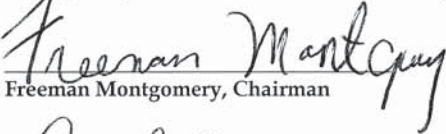
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.


Chairman Montgomery called the Regular Meeting back to order at 9:15.

Personnel and Possible Litigation were discussed, no decisions were made.

The Board verbally agreed to hire Richard McIntyre, III as an Appraisal Assistant, in the Tax Assessors Office. Mr. McIntyre will be compensated \$10.00 per hour, two days per week, six hours a day. He will be working a total of 12 hours per week.

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


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

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Date