

**TALBOT COUNTY  
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SUPERINTENDENT

March 3, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held 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 were County Attorney Andrew Dodgen and County Manager Sandra Higginbotham. County Clerk/Assistant County Manager Carol Ison was unable to attend the meeting. 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".

Omer McCants approached the Board and thanked them and the Road Department Superintendent for the work completed on Mitchell Road.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Agenda as presented. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the February 2, 2015 Minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting and Executive Session. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker arrived at the meeting at this time.

Manchester Water & Sewer Treatment Director James Stephens approached the Board to up-date them on the renovation up-grades to the treatment plant. He informed the Board that the up-grades were necessary due to age and emergency repairs. The current investment is \$894,000, and is being financed with cash they have on hand. A meeting will be held at a later date to discuss the current contract between the City of Manchester and Talbot County, and the wording included for Talbot County's monetary responsibility to up-grades and repairs. City Manager Cathy Storey will work with the County Manager to schedule a date for the meeting.

Attorney Gary Byrd discussed, with the Board, a project he is currently working on to clear titles to lots located in Oak Mountain Estates, owned by developer Mr. James King and his company KG Investments. During Attorney Byrd's research, he has found at least 4 lots, out of 80 that Mr. King is paying taxes on, that the deeds cannot be located. He and Tax Commissioner Huff discussed, and a letter was received from Mr. Huff, requesting the Board to transfer the deeds by Quit Claim to Mr. King's Company, K G Investments. No decision was made until further research could be completed.

Al Marshall approached the Board questioning the road repairs for Taylor and Carter Loop Roads, and damage to roads by timber companies. Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker and Road Department Superintendent agreed to work together and coordinate their efforts to have the loggers redirect the log trucks. County Attorney Andy Dodgen is going to do further research in the Talbot County Road Damage Ordinance.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to adopt the Medicaid/Medicare Medical Transportation Services Agreement between Talbot County (Transit System) and Medical Transportation Management, Inc. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Following a discussion on the Georgia Oilmen's Services Contract in reference to the Corrective Action Plan for soil contamination, that was found at the former gas tank site at the Road Department, the Board postponed making a decision until the County Attorney could do further research.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the renewal of the insurance coverage for Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Departments, as submitted by Chris Walker with Selective Insurance and Risk Management Insurance Company. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, and Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the invoices in the amount of 4,108.83, for the Tax Commissioners Office, from Harris Local Government for printing Personal Property Returns and Assessment Notices. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner discussed with the Board his recommendations on paving and surface treatment on heavily travelled roads in the county. No decisions were made.

Following a discussion with Fire Chief Russ Erenheim, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion and Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request for the Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a Class A Pumper Equipment Package to refurbish Engine # 83, using the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds that Commissioner Chapman has designated for Woodland Volunteer Fire Department.. The cost of the package is \$17,942.66. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to reappoint Leticia A. Cook and Thomas W. Bussey, Jr. to serve on the Board of Assessors, for a term beginning March 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2021. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:26 PM to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

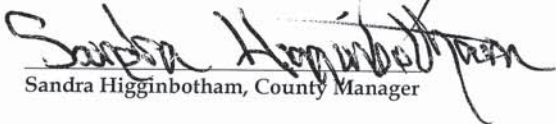
The Chairman called the regular monthly Board Meeting back to order at 8:22 PM.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, and Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Georgia Oilmen's Services Contract in the amount of \$11,835. The Contract is to complete and submit to EPD the required Corrective Action Plan. The vote is contingent upon the County Attorney's recommendation. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to adjourn the meeting. Commission Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Sandra Higginbotham, County Manager

4-6-15  
Date