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SUPERINTENDENT

March 12, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Freeman Montgomery, 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.

The first item up for discussion was the City of Manchester Water Treatment Plant Renovations and Upgrades.

Representatives from the City of Manchester were present to discuss the repairs and upgrades that were necessary to keep the Water Treatment Plant operating efficiently and to request the Boards assistance in funding the repairs. The cost of the repairs and upgrades is \$1,070,815.79.

James Stephens, the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor informed the Board that the existing equipment had exceeded its life span and had to be replaced, in order to keep the plant in operation.

The County Attorney Andrew Dodgen and the City of Manchester's Clerk recommended that the auditors, Abbot, Jordan & Koon (AJ&K) conduct a mid-year audit to determine what portion of the expenditures Talbot County will be responsible for, based on the terms of the Water Sales Agreement for operation and maintenance, between Talbot County and the City of Manchester.

Following the discussion, the Board agreed that in was in their best interest to have AJ&K conduct the mid- year audit on the Water Treatment Plant records to determine if all of the associated cost is considered part of operation and maintenance.

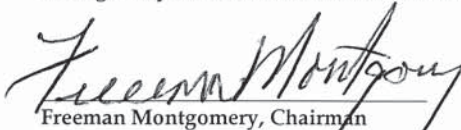
The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen gave a brief synopsis of the Ban the Box Executive Order by Governor Nathan Deal. The "Ban the Box" is a policy intended to improve public safety, enhance workforce development, and provide increased state employment opportunities for applicants with criminal conviction records. He informed the Board that the order did not apply to local governments.


The proposed road-resurfacing project was discussed. Commissioner Walker stated that it would be helpful for the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to know what roads the Commissioner's want to resurface in their districts and the amount of funds that will be allocated for the proposed project.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Board Members if they would support him in working with Josh to come up with a plan to determine what roads need to be resurfaced and what the anticipated cost will be.

The Board gave Commissioner Jordan their blessings to proceed with working with Josh on the proposed project.

There being no further business, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

4-6-15  
Date