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SUPERINTENDENT

April 6, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm, 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. Vice Chairman Holmes was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

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

The County Manager added the following two items:

- 1) Woodland Park fence quotes
- 2) O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department Purchase order request: \$2,596.00

Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting, March 12, 2015 Called Meeting, and March 2, 2015 Executive Session. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Amended Minutes for the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting. The vote passed 3-1-0. Commissioner Jordan abstained due to the fact the meeting was held prior to the commencement of his term.

Tom Martz was not present.

Linda Johnston approached the Board and requested an update on the status of paving the roads in Oak Mountain Estates.

Commissioner Chapman informed Ms. Johnston that the Road Department Superintendent was working on getting prices to pave the roads.

Ms. Johnston also informed the Board that the water lines that were relocated on Juniper Road were put back in the center of the road.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Manager to contact the Water Department Superintendent to determine where the water lines were relocated.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from EMS to purchase a sofa from Farmers Home Furnishings for \$958.00. The vote passed 3-1-0. Commissioner Jordan opposed.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Calibration Controls & Automation for \$1,654.12. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Election Systems & Software for \$5,700.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice for 1,107.49, to ACCG for Defense Service Fees. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from KorKat for \$36,006.99, for playground equipment for the Woodland Park. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds that Commissioner Chapman has designated for recreation will fund the purchase. The vote passed 3-0-1. Commissioner Jordan abstained due to the fact; the project was in progress, prior to him taking office.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Robinson Paving Company for \$246,370.92, for resurfacing Mitchell Road. The project will be funded with revenue from Commissioner Jordan's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) that was designated for roads, his TIA Funds, and \$18,000 from Commissioner Walker's SPLOST Funds. The vote passed 3-0-1. Commissioner Jordan abstained.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Town and Country Contracting for \$3,250.00 for the Commissioners Annex Renovation Project. SPLOST Funds will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Manchester Recreation Department for \$1,500.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner gave the Board an update on the Baker Road Project and informed them that a letter needs to be sent to the Howard Management Group in regards to the amount of property that the county is requesting.

The Board directed the County Attorney to draft the letter and send it to the Howard Management Group LLC.

Mr. Buckner also presented a bid for \$132,560.05 from Flint Equipment Company, to purchase a John Deere 6105M Tractor with an Alamo Side Arm Mower.

Chairman Montgomery recommended postponing the purchase until the Fiscal year End 2016 Budget process.

John Pierce representing Pierce Construction presented a cost estimate to pave or repave County roads with surface treatment at \$.75 per square yard, per surface. The price to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for asphalt patching and leveling is as follows:

- Patching.....\$140.00 per ton
- Leveling.....\$117.00 per ton
- Tack.....\$6.00 per gallon

The hourly rate for equipment is as follows:

- Motor Grader.....@ \$110.00 per hour
- Vibratory Roller.....@ \$85.00 per hour
- D-3 dozer.....@ \$85.00 per hour

Chairman Montgomery directed Josh Buckner, Road Department Superintendent to choose a road in the county that needs the most attention and get Mr. Pierce to submit a bid for the proposed repairs.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to appoint Dan Coffee to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Bussey on the Talbot County Board of Assessors. The term will expire February 28, 2021. The Vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to appoint Ronnie Hendricks to fill the unexpired term of Richard McIntyre on the Talbot County Board of Assessors. The term will expire March 31, 2016. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery ask Lauren Harbin to give the Board an update on how the Tax Assessors Office was doing since the passing of the Chief Tax Appraiser, Thomas Bussey.

Ms. Harbin informed the Board that they were making progress preparing the Tax Digest, although there was still a little more filed work left to do. She also assured them that the tax notices would be mailed in a timely manner.

Commissioner Jordan commended the employees at the Tax Assessor's Office for an outstanding job they are doing.

County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen informed the Board that the Sunday Alcohol Sales for the unincorporated area of Talbot County passed the election and he would be drafting an ordinance to reflect the changes.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department for \$2,596.00. This purchase is for the Georgia Forestry Fire Assistance Grant, with a 50/50 County Match. The vote passed 3-1-0. Commissioner Jordan opposed.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Marjorie Howard and Patricia Allport to attend the Georgia Election Officials Association (GEOA) training in Savannah, May 3-6, 2015. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Leigh Ann Erenheim to attend the Georgia Association Fire Chiefs 2015 Spring Executive Training Session in Savannah, April 26-29, 2015. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for the Tax Commissioners Office staff to attend the annual Georgia Association of Tax Officials (GATO) Convention, May 11-14, 2015, in Athens. The vote passed 4-0-0.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATES:

Commissioner Chapman made mention that there was trash on the sides of roads in his district and asked if there was any community service workers picking up trash.

Sheriff Bobby Gates told Commissioner Chapman that he would find out if there were any community service workers available and let him know.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:20.

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

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice for the Indigent Burial fees for Edward dean Clay, from Smith-Steele-Meadows Funeral Homes, Inc. for \$1,630.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

5-11-15

Date