

**TALBOT COUNTY  
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SUPERINTENDENT

May 11, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 11, 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, and County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison. County Manager Sandra Higginbotham 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".

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting, April 13, 2015 Called Meeting, and April 6 and April 13, 2015 Executive Session. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Allison Slocum representing River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) informed the Board that Talbot County, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland are in the process of updating their Comprehensive Plans. As part of the progress, the RVRC held creative work sessions on March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> with students in Coach Clayton Teat's Government Class at Central High School.

Coach Teat approached the Board and introduced Arnika Dennis to the Board; she is one of several students that worked on the redevelopment plan for Talbot County.

The information provided by the students will be incorporated into the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan.

Jeff Ingram, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia informed the Board that it was time to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Group Health Insurance Policy. He presented five plans to the Board for their review and approval.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager to schedule a Called Meeting/Workshop at 6 pm, Monday May 18, 2015, to discuss the options.

Patricia Pittman was not present.

A discussion was held in reference to the repairs and upgrades that were done to the City of Manchester Water Treatment Plant.

In a previous meeting Manchester City Manager, Kathy Storey requested the Board's assistance in funding the repairs. Following a review from the City of Manchester's Attorney, Auditor's Abbott, Jordan and Koon and Engineers Hofstadter & Associates, the majority consensus is that Talbot County is responsible for 30.5% of \$1,053,816.54, for the repairs and upgrades, which computes to \$321,414.05.

Action was postponed until the next meeting to allow the County Attorney time to review the contract.

Superior Court Clerk Penny Mahone informed the Board that her request would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the contract between Talbot County and MW Consulting & Associates LLC for the purpose of providing certain services in connection with assisting the County in performing the duties of the position of Chief Appraiser. The contract will be in effect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, for \$6,000, based on a two month contract term. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan told the Board that he spoke with Board of Assessors Chairman, Ronnie Hendricks and he is in favor of contracting out the duties of the Chief Appraiser in lieu of filling the position.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Pleasant Valley Services for \$4,390, for services provided at 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 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from ACS Primary Care Physicians for \$1,164.77, for Emergency Inmate Medical Services. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner informed the Board that due to the closing Potters Creek Road, several of the adjacent roads are being affected by the increased traffic flow.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve Josh Buckner proceeding with removing the bridge on Carlisle Gap Road and installing two culvert pipes. The cost of the project is \$10,000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes informed Mr. Buckner that Milner Road has a bad dip where the pavement ends and directed him to repair the road and make it passable.

Commissioner Walker expressed her concerns on the condition of Hut Road due to timber harvesting.

Josh Buckner informed Commissioner Walker that Hut Road was on the 2015 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) list to be resurfaced.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he is working on the Amended Alcohol Beverage Ordinance and will have it ready to present at the June Board Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATES:

Commissioner Walker told the Board that they needed to meet with the Board Of Education to discuss options for a Joint Use Facility for recreation activities.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery took ill and left during Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes called the Regular Meeting back to order at 9:02 pm.

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

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

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

6-1-2015  
Date