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ROAD DEPT SUPERINTERINDENT

May 18, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6 PM. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office located at 74 W. Monroe Street. Chairman Freeman Montgomery and Commissioners Ken Chapman, Raines Jordan, and Sher'Londa Walker were in attendance. Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance was County Attorney Andy Dodgen and County Manager Sandra Higginbotham.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

Jeff Ingram representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia Insurance Company approached the Board in reference to the County Group Health Insurance Renewal. He presented five different options for the Board to consider. Following the presentation and discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve Option 1, with an effective date of July 1, 2015, a cost of \$559.59 per person per month, and an increase to \$3500 for the deductible. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Ben Brogdon, the O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department Chief, requested the Board's approval for a purchase order to repair one of their Fire Trucks (Squad 4) that is out of service. Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the request for repairs, and for Middle Georgia Fleet Service, LLC to proceed at a cost of \$1529.90. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Following a discussion with John Pierce/Pierce Construction in reference to the Juniper Trail resurfacing project, the Board was in agreement for the county to purchase the rock, tar, and asphalt needed for project. The Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner was directed to get prices on asphalt from Robinson Paving Company. The final decision was postponed until the June 1, 2015 Board meeting.

Commissioner Jordan informed the Board that he and Sheriff Bobby Gates had visited Sheriff Glen Cooper in Chattahoochee County in reference to their jail facility. Their old jail was gutted and renovated for the new facility. He informed the Board that a plan, for long and short term was needed to determine what type of facility to build for Talbot County.

Commissioner Montgomery recommended closing the jail as previously discussed with a closing date of July 1, 2015. Commissioner Walker made a motion to close the jail as of July 1, 2015. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Further discussion included not closing the jail until holding cells were actually in place, and where the holding cells needed to be placed. At this time, Commissioner Walker withdrew her motion, and Commissioner Chapman withdrew his second until further review could be completed.

LaKeshia Leonard requested the Board approve the use of the Talbotton Youth Center area and facilities for Talbotton Day. The Board verbally approved the request with the agreement that there would be no alcohol sold at the event.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Pierce Construction for paving the drive and parking lot at Woodland Park at a cost of \$20,250.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:05 PM to discuss possible litigation and personnel. The motion and second were withdrawn by Chairman Montgomery and Commissioner Walker.

Vincent Huff approached the Board and informed them that he was not happy with when this Called Meeting was scheduled due to his Father's death, and stated that he was not going away. He would be back in reference to the retirement plan for Constitutional Officers.

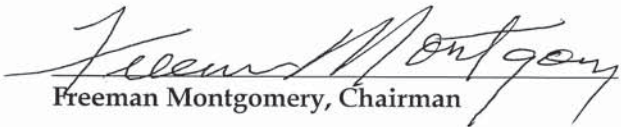
Commissioner Chapman made a motion and Chairman Montgomery seconded for the Board to move into Executive session at 7:37 Pm. The vote was 4-0-0.

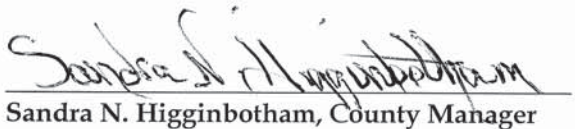
Chairman Montgomery called the regular Board meeting back to order at 8:07 PM.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to authorize Sheriff Bobby Gates to enter into an agreement with Taylor County to house Talbot County in-mates. The vote was 4-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0-0.

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Sandra N. Higginbotham, County Manager

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Date

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