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July 6, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, July 6, 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, Raines Jordan and Sher'Londa Walker attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison.

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 1) Allison Slocum, Representing RVRC: Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2) Jack Catrett, Talbot County School Superintendent
- 3) Ben Brogdon, O'Neal VFD Purchase Request
- 4) County Attorney: Timer Harvesting Ordinance and Bee removal at courthouse

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the agenda add-on's. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting, June 8, June 16, and June 22, 2015 Called Meetings, and June 1, June 8, June 16 and June 22, 2015 Executive Session. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Tom Wright representing Wright & Mitchell Architects PC, presented the Board a set of plans for the proposed renovation of the Sheriff's Annex. The plans are designed to accommodate the day to day operations and detain inmates for booking.

Mr. Wright introduced a representative from New South Construction and told the Board he highly recommend they enter into a contract with New South Construction for the proposed renovation of the Sheriff's Annex.

No decision was made.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Clerk/Assistant Manager to schedule a Called Meeting/Work Shop at 6 pm Monday, July 13, 2015 to discuss the proposed construction.

Harold Dixon approached the Board with a request to remove the annual garbage fee from his property tax bill. He told the Board he stayed at his residence just one day per week and does not accumulate any garbage.

Mr. Dixons request was postponed to allow time for the Board to review the Solid Waste Collection Ordinance.

Carl Smith and Annie Strickland were on the agenda, neither one were present.

Talbot County School Superintendent Doctor Jack Catrett approached the Board with a request to waive the 2.5% collection fee the Board of Education pays the county to collect their taxes.

Chairman Montgomery said he was in favor of decreasing the collection fee to 1.25%.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve decreasing the collection fee to 1.25%. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Allison Slocum, representing River Valley Regional Commission gave the Board an update on the Comprehensive Plan Update and asked them to review the needs and opportunities list to determine if there are any changes.

Ms. Slocum will be present at the August Board Meeting to finalize any changes and/or corrections to the proposed plan.

Ben Brogdon, O'Neal Volunteer Fire Chief approached the Board with a request to purchase a fire truck from Landstar Express for \$4,350.00. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Revenue will be used to fund the purchase.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase request from O'Neal VFD for \$4,350.00. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project was tabled until the July 13, 2015 Called Meeting/Workshop.

Two Bids were received for the Juniper Trail Resurfacing Project. The bids were as follows:

- 1) John D. Pierce DBA/Pierce Construction: \$40,000 (Estimate is not valid if performance/bid bond is required).
- 2) Robinson Paving Company: \$14,335.26

Following the discussion, the Chairman directed the Assistant County Manager to re-advertise the bid.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve proceeding with the bidding process for the Hut Road Resurfacing Project (2015 LMIG). Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the River Valley Area Agency on Aging Contract for 2016. Vice Chairman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve renewing the ACCG-IRMA Property and Liability Policy for an annual premium of \$69,277.00. The effective date of the policy is July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve renewing the 2016 ACCG-GSIWCF Safety Incentive Discount Program. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution supporting the opposition to Sequestrian and rededicate our full support to the men and women involved with the US Defense Department and Fort Benning, Georgia. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Spending Resolution to authorize the Board to continue making expenditures from all funds for the month of July 2015. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the invoice for \$2,951.06 from EMC Engineering Services, Inc. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the invoice for \$1,065.70 from Hatcher-Stubbs Attorneys at Law. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Attorney informed the Board the invoice from Hatcher-Stubbs Attorneys at Law was privileged information and not subject to the Open Records/Open Meeting Law.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the invoice for \$3,621.84 from Harris Local Government. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the invoice for \$2,450.00 from Inotximeters, Inc. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Grant funds from the Sheriff's Department will be used to pay the invoice. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the invoice for Emergency In-mate Services from Upson Regional Medical Center, for \$1,754.45. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve the 2016 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Contract for Transit, based on the County Attorney's review and approval. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Lauren Harbin, Deputy Tax Appraiser informed the Board her Office Update needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Josh Buckner, Road Department Superintendent informed the Board that he is in the process of assessing the roads to determine which road met the criteria for the 2016 LMIG Project.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sunday Alcohol Sales. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Attorney informed the Board he was drafting an amended Timber Harvesting Ordinance to reflect the new changes required by State Law. He will have the proposed Ordinance ready to present at the August 3, 2015 Board Meeting.

He also informed them, the City of Manchester Water Treatment Plant Renovations/Upgrades was to be discussed in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Agreement with Paul Berry to perform all services to remove the current Bee infestation from the Talbot County Courthouse. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The county will be responsible for providing a lift truck so Mr. Berry can retrieve the Bee Hive.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the travel request for Marjorie Howard and Wycene Willis to attend the Voter Registrar's Conference in Savannah, August 2-5, 2015. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery directed the County Clerk/Assistant Manger to add the FYE 2016 Proposed Budget to the July 13, 2015 Called Meeting/Workshop Agenda.

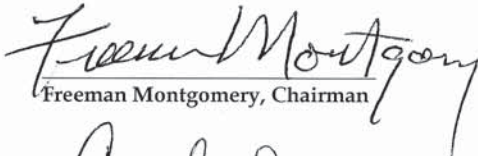
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:45 pm.

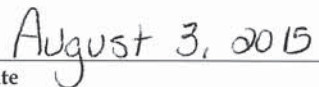
Personnel and Real Estate were discussed, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Walker stepped out of the meeting at this time.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager


Date