

**TALBOT COUNTY
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SUPERINTENDENT

August 4, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm, to set the 2015 Millage Rate. The meeting was held 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 the County Clerk/Assistant County Manager, Carol Ison.

The Regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting was held immediately following the Called Meeting.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order.

He presented to the Board the requested amount of revenue for both Talbot County and the Talbot County Board of Education (BOE). The total revenue for Talbot County is, \$3,327,584.00, and the revenue amount for the Board of Education is \$2,891,245.00. The BOE'S request includes Maintenance and Operations.

Talbot County's net mill rate is 16.004, the BOE'S net mill rate is 14.109, and the State Levy is set at 0.05. The total mill rate for 2015 is 30.163.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to set the millage rate at 30.163, with the county's portion remaining the same as it was in 2014 (16.004). Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion to close the meeting, and Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 1) Approval for the County Attorney to attend the City and County Institute on September 10 -11, 2015

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the travel request for County Attorney Andrew Dodgen to attend the City and County Institute on September 10 - 11, 2015. Talbot County will be responsible for half of the training expense. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Water Purchase Contract with the City of Geneva was tabled to allow time for the Board to review the contract.

Belva Dorsey representing Enrichment Services Program Inc. gave the Board an update on the services that they currently provide in Talbot County.

Tom Wright representing Wright & Mitchell Architects PC, presented the Board three sets of plans for the proposed Jail Construction at the Sheriff's Annex.

The Proposed Jail Construction was tabled to allow time for the Board to meet with Sheriff Gates to determine what his needs are.

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed Resolution authorizing the monies currently on deposit in the E-911 Fund be used to pay Talbot County's remaining equity obligation and to further pay for any additional costs due to Middle Flint Regional E-911 Authority for the participation of Talbot County in said E-911 System. Chairman Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve the Agreement to Amend the intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of the Middle Flint Regional E-911 Center, subject to the County Attorney's review and approval. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held in reference to a bid that was received from Chattahoochee Timber Co., for \$5,716.00 to remove the timber at the Sheriff's Annex.

Following the discussion, the Board directed the Assistant County Manger to advertise for bids for the removal of the timber at the Sheriff's Annex.

A discussion was held in reference to an Invoice from Smith-Steele-Meadows Funeral for Indigent Burial Assistance.

It was determined that the deceased died in Muscogee County, and per State Code Section O.C.G.A. 36-12-5, the governing authority of the county wherein the death occurs shall make available from county funds a sum sufficient to provide a decent interment or cremation of the deceased indigent person.

The bid opening for the Juniper Trail Resurfacing Project was July 27, 2015 at 2 pm. A sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving. No other bids were received.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve awarding the contract to resurface Juniper Trail, to Robinson Paving for \$95,919.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving for the 2015 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), Hut Road Resurfacing Project. No other bids were received.

Following the bid opening and discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve awarding the 2015 LMIG Contract, for resurfacing Hut Road, to Robinson paving for \$234,872.00, subject to the County Attorneys' approval. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the invoice from EMC Engineering Services, Inc., for \$9,045.59, Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Walker 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 August 2015. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to authorize Jamie I. Huff Tax Commissioner of Talbot County to have the authority to issue refunds to a taxpayer whenever they are deemed necessary, to correct a tax bill. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department for \$1,200.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Funds from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Revenue will fund the purchase.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve postponing the request from the Road Department Superintendent to purchase a Portacool Fan for \$3,499.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Georgia County Clerks Conference in Athens, September 14th and 15th, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Assistant County Manger asked the Board if they had projects they would like to submit to River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The following is list of proposed projects the Board would like to submit to RVRC, to determine if any of them meet the criteria for the 2016 CDBG:

- 1) Jeff Hendricks Road - Water Infrastructure
- 2) Baker Road
- 3) Sizemore Road
- 4) Hardnett Drive
- 5) Tank Road
- 6) Stinson Drive

The County Attorney is drafting an amended Timber Harvesting Ordinance to reflect the new changes required by State Law, the proposed ordinance will include a \$5,000.00 Bond Requirement. He will have the proposed Ordinance ready to present at the September 1, 2015 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the 2015 Budget Amendments, for \$11,544.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery introduced Jamie Huff, the new Tax Commissioner to the Board.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

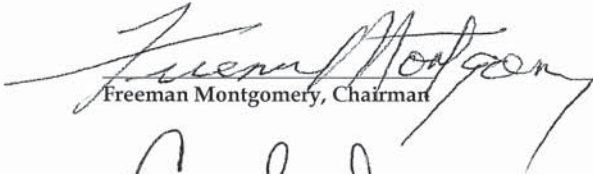
Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 9:03 pm.

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

Chairman Montgomery directed the Assistant County Manger to schedule a Called Meeting/Workshop Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 6 pm, to discuss the FYE 2016 Proposed Budget.

The Chairman also directed the Assistant County Manager to advertise for the job openings in the Road Department.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

9-1-15
Date