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August 12, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting/Workshop on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6 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 Clerk/Assistant County Manager Carol Ison.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order.

Sheriff Gates was present to discuss the proposed jail construction and he expressed his concern on the amount of time that it was taking to get the project underway.

He asked the Board for their assistance in coming up with a workable plan to move the employees and all of the equipment from the Jail, to the Sheriff's Annex.

The Chairman recommended that Sheriff Gates contact the Georgia Crime Investigation Center (GCIC) to determine if there are any special circumstances to consider prior to moving the equipment.

The Board assured Sheriff Gates they would assist him in anyway to make the move as smooth as possible.

Superior Court Clerk Penny Mahone approached the Board with a request to amend her proposed budget and include \$3,900.00 for the purchase of a TV and a digital audiovisual equipment cart.

Ms. Mahone also informed the Board of Legislation that was passed July 1, 2015, designating the Clerk of Superior Court as the "appeal administrator" for County Board of Equalization and requiring the clerk to provide administrative and clerical services necessary for taxpayers to appeal decisions of the Board of Tax Assessors (BOA) affecting taxation of real and personal property.

The operations of the Appeal Administrator, for budgeting purposes, shall be a distinct budget unit within the County budget separate from the operations of the Clerk of Superior Court.

Ms. Mahone requested a \$3,808.83 supplement for the additional duties and informed the Board that she was preparing a separate Budget for the Appeal Administrator operations.

Copies of the proposed FYE 2016 Budget were given to each commissioner for their review.

Commissioner Jordan went over a list of recommendations that he compiled on ways to reduce the proposed budget.

The Board directed the Assistant County Manager to make the recommended changes to the FYE 2016 Proposed Budget and send it to each commissioner for their review.

The FYE 2016 Proposed Budget will be discussed at the September 1, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

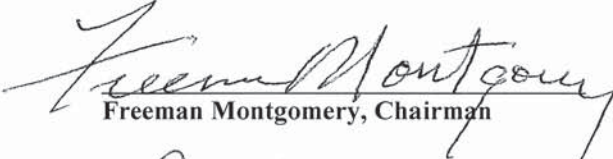
Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session at 8:24 pm, to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 9:15pm.

Personnel was discussed, no decisions were made.

The Assistant County Manger was directed to advertise the County Mangers Position in the local news paper.

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


Freeman Montgomery, Chairman


Carol Ison, County Clerk/Asst. Manager

9-1-15
Date