

**TALBOT COUNTY  
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SUPERINTENDENT

AMENDED MINUTES

October 5, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 5, 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, Ken Chapman and Sher'Londa Walker attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the County Manager, Carol Ison. Vice Chairman Holmes arrived late.

Chairman Montgomery called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss the Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2016 Proposed Budget. The proposed budget amount is \$6,425,216.

At this time the Chairman asked if anyone had any comments regarding the FYE 2016 Proposed Budget.

There were a few comments from concerned citizens regarding the Animal Control Budget.

Chairman Montgomery closed the Public Hearing.

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 was added to the agenda:

- 1) Invoice from Robinson Paving for \$245,351.38 for the Hut Road Resurfacing Project (2015 LMIG)
- 2) EMS: Purchase order request for \$1,056.69 to repair and recertify a Heart Monitor

Commissioner Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. Ken Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting, September 10, 2015 Called Meeting, September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 10, 2015 Executive Session Minutes and the amended minutes for September 8, 2014. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Rick Morris representing River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) discussed the Service Delivery Strategy Extension and recommended the Board approve an extension, this would allow time to make any necessary changes to the plan. The plan would need to be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) by October 31, 2017.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Service Delivery Strategy Extension. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Rick Morris also presented a Resolution for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Adoption. He asked the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution contingent upon DCA'S approval of the plan.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, contingent on DCA'S approval. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Jennifer Rainey approached the Board regarding AACR Recycling Center, owned and operated by Sammy Sizemore in Box Springs. She informed them that Mr. Sizemore continued to be in violation of the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance. She asked if he had been issued a citation for the violation.

Paul Higginbotham, Building and Zoning Director informed the Board that a citation was issued to Mr. Sizemore on April 4, 2011. The citation was filed in the clerk's office at the Talbot County Magistrates Office.

Chairman Montgomery asked Mr. Sizemore if he wanted to say anything on his behalf. Mr. Sizemore informed the Board, a discussion was held at a previous County Commission Meeting where the Board agreed to allow him to erect a 5 foot privacy fence along the frontage of Hut Road and Columbus Highway, in the place of a 10 foot fence.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at the meeting at this time.

The County Attorney will contact Judge Terry to see what the status is on the citation and report his findings to the Board.

Martha Roland approached the Board to discuss her concerns with the recreation program in Talbot County. She asked the Board to consider working with the Board of Education to fix up the ball fields at the Youth Center.

Chairman Montgomery recommended Ms. Roland form a committee to discuss her concerns and find a way to pursue fixing up the ball fields at the youth center.

Sally Howard approached the Board and stressed her concerns on the budget cuts in the Recreation Department and the effects that he was going to have on the overall recreation program.

Dawn Wilson also had concerns on the budget cuts in the Recreation Department. She also stressed her concerns on several issues in Talbot County.

Alfred Marshall approached the Board with a request to resurface Carter Loop and Taylor Road. Mr. Marshall said that based on information he was given at a previous meeting, he understood that the above mentioned roads were on a list of roads that were going to be resurfaced.

Commissioner Walker informed Mr. Marshall that Carter Loop and Taylor Road was on the proposed list of roads to be resurfaced. Ms. Walker is interested in borrowing money to pave the roads and repay the loan with funds from her Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Revenue.

The Chairman directed the Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner to make the necessary repairs to the roads, until they can be resurfaced.



EMA Director Leigh Ann Erenheim gave a brief synopsis on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Talbot County Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the agreement with the necessary changes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held on the proposed Budget that was previously given to each Commissioner for their review.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to adopt the Resolution approving the proposed Fiscal Year End 2016 Budget at \$6,425,216, as presented. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Tax Commissioner Jamie Huff made a request to the Board to approve a refund of \$1,996.48, to Ben key Inc., due to a clerical error in acres and Fair Market Value.

The County Attorney informed the Board that based on State Law, a Corporation should submit written application requesting a refund. The statutory limit to claim a refund is 3 years. Based on this information, the County Attorney advised the Board not to approve the request.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to table the request until the County Attorney can do further research in the matter. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held in reference to a request from Wayne Anderson, a Disabled Veteran asking the Board to consider granting him the Disabled Veteran's Exemption for 2015.

*Following the discussion, and against the advice of the County Attorney, Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve granting Mr. Anderson a refund as is he was granted the Disabled Veteran's Exemption for 2015. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.*

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the list of related party transaction paid through SPLOST 11 and SPLOST 111 fund. The total amount of the expenditures was \$13,463.52. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held in reference to a request from CSX Transportation to remove Old Alabama Road, (CR-21), bridge trestle over CSX located near Woodland, GA.

The County Manager was directed to send a letter to CSX Transportation requesting them to repair the bridge so the road can be re-opened.

A discussion was held in reference to a request from the Enrichment Services Program Inc. for the Board to pay \$6,000.00 towards the renovation cost at the Velton Harmon Building. The total cost for the renovations is \$13,100.00.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve paying \$6,000.00 towards the renovation cost at the Velton Harmon Building. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The repairs to the Old Ems Building were tabled.

Commissioner Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed pricing proposal of \$3,633.00, for Talbot County to conduct the City of Geneva's Special Election in November 2016. 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 the Sheriff's Department. Jail Fund Revenue will be used to fund the purchase. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The purchase are as follows:

1. Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. - \$5,6316.00
2. Eagle Advantage Solutions, Inc. - \$13,131.00

Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner gave the Board an update on the Carlisle Gap Road project.

The Timber Harvesting Ordinance was tabled until the November Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Marjorie Howard, Pam Bulloch, Patricia Allport, and Wycene Willis to attend the Combined GEOA/BRAG Conference in Athens, December 13<sup>th</sup> thru December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Robinson Paving for \$245,351.38, for the Hut Road (2015 LMIG) Road Resurfacing Project. 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 EMS for \$1,056.69 to ZOLL Medical Corporation. The vote passed 5-0-0.

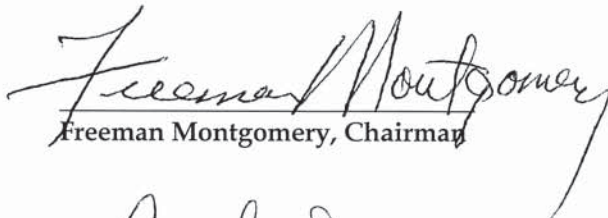
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 pm. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 9:40 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive session, Personnel was discussed.

Vice Chairman Holmes and Commissioner Chapman left during Executive Session.

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

  
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

  
Carol Ison, County Manager

12-7-15  
Date