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December 7, 2015

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, December 7, 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 Ken Chapman attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the 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 item was added to the agenda:

- 1) Invoice from ACCG for the 2016 Workers Compensation Renewal

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

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting, November 2, 2015 Executive Session Minutes and the October 5, 2015 Amended Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

City of Talbotton, Councilman Knox Blackmar approached the Board with a request for a disbursement of \$23,917.00 from the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Departments Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) account. The disbursement is to be used to equip a new fire truck.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve the request from Councilman Knox Blackmar for a disbursement of \$23,917.00, from the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Departments SPLOST account. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Derek Best asked the Board for an update on the status of acquiring property from Howard Estate Management Group, to widen Baker Road.

The County Attorney informed the Board this was a discussion to be held in Executive Session. The County Manager was directed to send Mr. Best a letter notifying him of the Boards decision.

Dan Coffee was not present.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to appoint Henry (Skip) Woodall to fill the unexpired term of Sandra Higginbotham on the Regional Library Board, the term will expire June 30, 2016. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the 2016 Board Meeting Dates and Paid Holidays, as presented. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes for the Board to approve the invoice from Warm Springs Medical Center for emergency inmate services, for \$1,208.08.

The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Fuller Fire & Safety, for \$1,865.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the State of Georgia Seal as the official logo for Talbot County. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Updated Amendment and Restatement of the Southern Farm Bureau Retirement Plan. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Election Systems and Software Maintenance Agreement, for \$4,469.15. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the CodeRED Weather Warning extension for 12/21/2015 thru 12/20/2016, for \$5,250.00, and \$1,250.00 for IPAWS system set-up and training. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A conversation was held in reference to the proposed Jail Construction Project. Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on correspondence that has transpired since the last Board meeting. He has been in contact with Engineer Tom Wright regarding the plans and the amount of funds that the County has allocated for the project.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve allocating One Million Dollars of SPLOST and Jail Funds to build a new jail. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan and the County Manger will pursue financing for the proposed project and report back to the Board at the January 2016 Board Meeting.

Two Bids were received for the repairs at the old EMS Building. The bids were as follows:

- 1) Mark Webb Construction - \$7,421.00
- 2) Josh Mitchell/Town and Country Contracting - \$5,600.00

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Josh Mitchell/Town and Country Contracting, for \$5,600.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Two Bids were received for the roof repairs at the Library. The bids were as follows:

- 1) MJR Solutions - \$20,316.00
- 2) Josh Mitchell/Town and Country Contracting - \$10,800.00

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Josh Mitchell/Town and Country Contracting, for \$10,800.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Courthouse repairs were postponed until the January 2016 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Jordan informed the Board that the Water Department requires more oversight from the Commissioners. The department is currently operating in a deficit. Commissioner Jordan and the County Manager will continue working together to come up with a solution.

A discussion was held regarding the Zoning Citation that was issued to Mr. Samuel Sizemore, owner of AACR Recycling, located in Box Springs, Georgia. County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen stated "the Board made a zoning decision at a meeting held on April 4, 2011. It is now the responsibility of the Judicial Branch to proceed with acting on the citation".

Election Supervisor Marjorie Howard discussed relocating the Talbotton Polling Place to the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Station. She has been in contact with the City of Talbotton and has been asked to attend their Council Meeting at 7 pm December 9, 2015. Ms. Howard asked the Board if she should attend the meeting and pursue relocating the Polling Place. Chairman Montgomery and Commissioner Jordan has agreed to attend the meeting with Ms. Howard.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from EMS to Zoll Medical, for \$1,136.43. Funds from the Trauma Grant will be used for the purchase. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase request from the Tax Assessor's Office to Data Cloud Solutions, LLC, for \$6,650.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve patching, leveling, and resurfacing 2 miles of Dennis Creek Road for the 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project. An application will be submitted to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the proposed project. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager was directed to contact Commissioner Sher'Londa Walker to see if she would consider using funds from her SPLOST and TSPLOST accounts to complete the project.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Road Department Superintendent advertising for bids to replace a box culvert, patching and leveling on North Poplar Trace. SPLOST Funds will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase request from the Road Department Superintendent to Nextran, for \$2,500.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve a purchase request from the Road Department Superintendent to Ferguson Water Works, for \$2,234.40. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Timber Harvesting Ordinance was postponed until the January 2016 Board Meeting.

No action was taken on the proposed Resolution Regarding delegating authority to correct errors on the Tax Digest.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Planning and Zoning Board amending the Zoning Ordinance to correct a clerical error. Section 17 is in error, and should have reflected that the procedures to be applied are as reflected in Section 18 of said Ordinance. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Jennifer Rainey was present to follow up on the status of the citation that was issued to AACR Recycling Center, for noncompliance of the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Rainey said she was pleased that the Board was going to follow through and make sure that Mr. Sizemore is in compliance with the zoning conditions.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chairman Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the ACCG 2016 Workers Compensation Renewal, for \$118,969.00. There was a 30% increase from the previous year, due to an increase in claims. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Penny Mahone, Judge John Terry, and Jamie Huff approached the Board in reference to adding the Constitutional Officers to the Talbot County Retirement Plan. Ms. Mahone informed the Board that they never received a definitive answer in regards to adding them to the retirement plan.

Chairman Montgomery informed Ms. Mahone that based on State Statute, the Board's position remains, the Constitutional Officers are not considered employees of the county and cannot be added to the Southern Farm Bureau Retirement Plan.

Ms. Mahone asked the Board to consider giving them a 6% salary supplement, retroactive to 2012.

The County Attorney asked the Board to grant him permission to talk with the Constitutional Officers in private, in reference to the retirement plan.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting back to order at 8:15 pm.

No decisions were made in Executive session, possible litigation, personnel and real estate were discussed.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to authorize Chairman Montgomery to contract with George Cable, to install tile flooring at Junction City and Geneva/Box Springs Park, not to exceed \$5,000. SPLOST Revenue will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

Freeman Montgomery
Freeman Montgomery, Chairman

Carol Ison
Carol Ison, County Manager

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Date