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February 1, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners, Raines Jordan, Ken Chapman and Freeman Montgomery attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the County Manager, Carol Ison.

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

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

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting, January 14, 2016 Called Meeting and the January 4th and January 14th Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery informed everyone that Bill Williams, Chief of the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department was retiring his position as chief. Mr. Williams was present and introduced Steve Dugard as the new Chief for the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department.

Linda Johnston was present and requested a fire hydrant be installed on Gardenia Way in Oak Mountain Estates. Ms. Johnston also asked the Board to consider paving the entrance to Mountain Ridge Road.

No decisions were made.

Martha Roland approached the Board to discuss her concerns with the recreation program in Talbot County. She asked the Board to consider donating the land at the Youth Center to the Board of Education so they could apply for grant funds to make improvements to the ball fields.

Attorney Dodgen is going to research the deed and report his findings to the County Manager.

There was a brief discussion with the Constitutional Officers regarding the County Retirement Plan. Attorney Dodgen informed the Board that this would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Chapman received a call and had to leave the meeting.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve the 2016 Georgia Department of Transportation Capital Contract, for the 5311 Transit Program. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The local match is \$4,785.60. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Amendment to the Medical Transportation Management Inc. (MTM), Service Agreement. MTM established a new requirement that all transportation providers will be required to submit a specific policy endorsement naming MTM as additional insured. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to appoint the County Manager, Carol Ison as the Liaison to seek legal assistance for personnel actions from the attorneys who represent ACCG Interlocal Risk Management Agency Insurance Services. There is no cost to the county for the service. The vote passed 3-0-0.

One sealed bid was received for leveling over a culvert on North Poplar Trace. The bid was from Robinson Paving Company for \$19,250.00.

Action was deferred until the March 7, 2016 Board meeting.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve adding the current County Manager, Carol Ison as an authorized signer on the active accounts at Talbot State Bank, and removing the previous County Manager Sandra Higginbotham. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Two bids were received for the Handicap Accessible Repairs at the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Department. The bids were as follows:

1. A.C. Denson SR. Masonry Work: \$3,350.00
2. Josh Mitchell/ Town and Country Contracting: \$1,600.00

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to contract with Josh Mitchell/Town and Country Contracting, for \$1,650.00. Chairmen Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chairman Walker seconded, for the Board to approve amending the 2016 Budget to draw \$33,000.00 from reserve, to pay the balance of the Backhoe lease for the Water Department. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for Carol Ison to attend the Clerk's Conference in Macon, February 7-9, 2016. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner gave the Board an update on the roads that were damaged by the recent flood.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve two purchase order request from the Road Department Superintendent, as follows:

- Two 84"x35' Culverts for Tax Road: \$6,200.00
- Two 96"x60' Culverts for Carlisle Gap Road: \$17,200.00

The vote passed 3-0-0.

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

Attorney Dodgen, Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner and Surveyor David Adams, are going to meet February 16, 2016 to assess the proposed project on Baker Road.

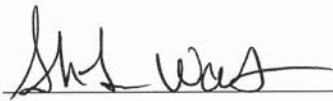
Attorney Dodgen is going to draft a Purchasing and Credit Card Resolution for County Elected Officials, and have it ready to present at the March 2016 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:06 pm. Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:00 pm.

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

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date