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March 7, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, 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 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting and the February 1, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Lance Renfrow, Representing the River Valley Regional Commission, informed the Board that each member of the Board would need to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Form stating that they do not own property, or have relatives that own property on Hardnett Drive, Owens Circle, and North Washington Avenue which is the target area for the proposed 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

Vice Chairman Holmes disclosed that his cousin Sandra Copeland rented a house located on Owens Circle.

Mark Bennett came before the Board to file a complaint regarding the Talbot County Animal Control. He informed them that he had been living in Talbot County for six years and people have allowed their dogs to roam the streets.

Mr. Bennett said he lost a dog valued at \$1,000 after some stray, Ferrell dogs attacked it. He said he was also concerned about the safety of an elderly couple that lives near him.

Mr. Bennett said "something must be done, this has been going on for some time now. Bennet said traps had been placed at his home, but put in the wrong location even after he told Mr. McNair where he felt the dogs would be trapped.

Commissioner Montgomery assured Mr. Bennett that he would have someone at his house the following business day to put out traps.

Chairman Walker directed the County Manager to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public that Talbot County will begin enforcing the county's animal control ordinance.

Stacy Lee was also present to file a complaint regarding animal control. Ms. Lee said she has had several animals killed by her neighbor, Gregory Crow's dogs.

Ms. Lee said she had contacted the county, police department, Sheriff's Office but had received no help with the issue.

Mr. Crow was present and apologized to Ms. Lee and agreed to compensate her for the animals that were killed by his dogs. He assured the Board that he was going to do everything in his power to keep his dogs contained.

Jim Frieberg approached the Board and requested an update on the status of acquiring property from Howard Estate management Group, to widen Baker Road.

The County Attorney informed Mr. Frieberg that he and Josh Buckner met with the surveyor and identified two additional parcels that would need to be acquired in order to proceed with widening Baker Road.

Chairman Walker told Mr. Frieberg that there were a lot of variables to consider and she would be happy to discuss the matter with him.

The Constitutional Officers were present to discuss the county retirement plan.

The County Attorney informed the Board that this was potential litigation and should be discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Ronnie Hendricks to serve a six year term on the Board of Assessors. The term will begin April 1, 2016 and end March 31, 2022. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the contract with G.M.A.S.S Inc. for \$16,400.00. The Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the Resolution authorizing Talbot County to participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process for 2016. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman 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 5-0-0.



Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve paying Justin Johnson \$8,712.50 for accrued compensatory time, holidays, vacation leave, and sick leave. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chairman Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the insurance renewal coverage for Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Departments with VFIS. The annual premium is \$29,698.00, a decrease from last year's premium of \$2,573.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

One sealed bid was received for resurfacing Lake Talbot Road. The bid was from Robinson Paving Company for \$67,700.00.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to contract with Robinson Paving Company for \$67,700.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Property Tax Errors and Releases, for \$42,303.38. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that she met with Doug Westberry, the manager for the City of Manchester to discuss the payment options on the invoice for \$369,788.00, for maintenance that was done on the Joint-Use Facility (water).

She told the Board a workshop needed to be scheduled to discuss the water department finances and the county retirement plan.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the bid from Robinson Paving Company for \$19,250.00, for the leveling of the pavement surface over the culvert on North Poplar Trace. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Department Superintendent, Josh Buckner updated the Board on road conditions throughout the county.

Vice Chairman Holmes said he has noticed a lot of illegal dumping on County rights of way. He directed the County Manager to run an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public that littering and illegal dumping will not be tolerated. Anyone caught dumping illegally or littering will be cited.

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

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

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:57 pm. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:45 pm.

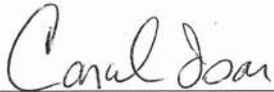
Chairman Walker announced that two votes were taken in Executive Session in accordance with the Open meetings Act.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to schedule a workshop for 6 pm, Tuesday, March 15, 2016, to discuss the retirement plan and the water department finances. The vote passed 5-0-0.

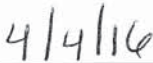
There being no further business, Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board Meeting to adjourn. Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date