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May 9, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 9, 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".

A request from a taxpayer to refund garbage service fees was added to the agenda.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting and the April 4, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Slade Johnson, representing the Valley Partnership introduced Bill Murphy and Gary Jones and informed everyone that they were present to give an update on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority.

Bill Murphy, Executive Vice President of the Economic Development Authority gave a brief update on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority and the Economic Activities in the region.

Gary Jones, Executive Vice President of Military Affairs with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update on Fort Benning.

There was a conflict with Lance Renfrow's schedule, he will be present at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Derek Best was on the agenda to request the status on the Baker Road Project.

Chairman Walker informed Mr. Best that she has discussed the proposed project with the Road Department Superintendent. The first phase of the project would consist of relocating the ditches. She assured Mr. Best that she would keep him posted on the progress.

Adolphus Ronald Biggs was not present.

Linda Johnston was present and asked the Board the status on repairing Juniper Trail Road. She also asked the Board to consider resurfacing Oak Mountain Parkway and Mountain Ridge.

Ms. Johnson expressed her concerns regarding the time it takes the Talbot County Ambulance Service to respond to emergency calls in her district. She asked if it was possible to dispatch those calls to the Waverly Hall Ambulance Service.

Vice Chairman Holmes directed the County Manager to contact Middle Flint E-911 Authority to determine if the calls could be forwarded to Waverly Hall.

Scott Franklin representing Strong Point Shooting Complex and Paige Swift representing Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust informed the Board that they were planning a large shooting competition that would bring two to three hundred participants to the event. Ms. Paige expressed her concerns regarding the hazardous conditions of the road.

Mr. Franklin asked the Board to consider widening the curves in John Weaver Road and trimming the overhanging tree limbs.

Chairman Walker informed Mr. Franklin and Ms. Swift that the County would have to acquire Right Of Way in order to widen the road. She will do some research and be in contact with them.

Penny Mahone, representing the Constitutional Officers was present to ask the Board to please consider adding them to the new County Retirement Plan.

Commissioner Jordan informed Ms. Mahone of the events that were taking place regarding the changes to the county retirement plan.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Henry (Skip) Woodall to serve a three year term on the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board. The term begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2019. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve advertising for bids for the Box Culvert Wing Wall repair on Shipp Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Three bids were received to replace the AC unit at the County Extension Office. The bids were as follows:

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| 1) Anytime Heating & Air:         | \$5,400.00 |
| 2) HD Heating & Air Conditioning: | \$6887.00  |
| 3) Summit Heating & Air Inc:      | \$3,893.00 |

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Summit Heating & Air Inc. for \$3,893.00. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to adopt the proposed Resolution naming the Chairman as Trustee for the Southern Farm Bureau Retirement Plan. The vote passed 4-1-0. Chairman Walker abstained.

A discussion was held in reference to the Water Department Finances. Commissioner Jordan asked the Board to reconsider and increase the water rate to 50% instead of the 30% increase that was approved at the April 4, 2016 Board Meeting.

He also told the Board that we still had to determine how to repay the debt that is owed to the City of Manchester.

The County Attorney informed the Board that he had some information to share with them regarding the debt that is owed to the City of Manchester. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to approve increasing the water rates from 30% to 50%, effective July 1, 2016. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Montgomery opposed.

Road Department Superintendent Josh Buckner updated the Board on the road conditions throughout the county. He also submitted them a bid list for resurfacing various roads in the county.

Mr. Buckner submitted his resignation letter to the Board and thanked each of them for the opportunity to be a part of the Talbot County workforce and for their leadership. He told them that he would be willing to help them in any way that he could until his replacement could be hired.

The Timber Harvesting Ordinance was tabled.

The Proposed Purchasing and Credit Card Resolution was discussed.

Following the discussion, it was postponed until the June 6, 2016 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to deny the request from Sabrina Mitchell to be reimbursed \$463.20 for garbage service fees. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-1-0. Chairman Walker opposed.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 pm. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Walker called the meeting back to order at 9:10 pm.

Personnel, possible litigation, and real estate were discussed.

Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on the proposed jail construction.

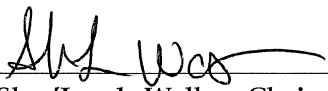
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Walker called the meeting back to order.

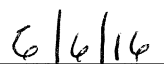
Vice Chairman Holmes left the meeting

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the Board to authorize the County Attorney to obtain a Tax Attorney, Paul Ivey for \$250.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

  
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