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June 6, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, June 6, 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 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".

There was one item added to the agenda, Rosie Green and Queen Miller to discuss a land issue.

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

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Called Meetings and the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Slade Johnson and Tom Persons to serve a four year term on the Talbot County Development Authority. The term begins June 2016 and expires May 31, 2020. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Lance Renfrow representing River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) presented to the Board a Resolution for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. Following the presentation, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to adopt the Proposed Resolution. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Harriett Edge was present to discuss the recent change that was made to the weekly payroll. She asked the Board to reconsider changing to a Bi-Monthly payroll cycle. She said this is causing a large hardship on the affected employees. Ms. Edge stated "We have always been paid on a weekly basis, our livelihood and bills are set up on this schedule and a big change as such could disrupt a living pattern for us".

Following the discussion, Chairman Walker told Ms. Edge that they would discuss the issue in Executive Session, but could not make any promises to deviate from their decision to continue with the changes.

Rosie Marshall and Queen Miller approached the Board about an issue regarding debris, bricks and old building materials located on the property that they are leasing from Larry Marshall. They informed the Board that Mr. Marshall would not clean the property up and they asked the Board if there was a County Ordinance that addressed this type of problem.

Building and Zoning Director, Paul Higginbotham told Ms. Marshall and Ms. Miller that he would send Mr. Marshall a letter requesting him to remove the debris from the property.

The County Attorney told them that if he did not respond to the letter that they could hire an attorney and file a case against him.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chairman Walker seconded, for the Board to appoint Jennifer Rainey 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 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chairman Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the RVRC Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract, for an annual fee of \$4,500.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve paying Josh Buckner \$9,668.30, for accrued sick days and vacation hours. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve paying Muriel Marshall \$4,558.00, for accrued sick days and vacation hours. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A discussion was held regarding changes to the Personnel Policy addressing the amount of sick days and vacation hours that the employees are allowed to accrue.

A called meeting/work shop will be scheduled for 6:00 PM, Thursday, June 16, 2016, to continue the discussion.

The use of Talbot County Buildings will also be discussed at the called meeting/work shop.

A sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving for the 2016 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), Dennis Creek Road Resurfacing Project. No other bids were received.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman seconded, for the Board to approve awarding the contract to resurface Dennis Creek Road, to Robinson Paving for \$253,038.40. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving for the Shipp Road Box Culvert Wing Wall Repair. No other bids were received.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve awarding the contract to Robinson Paving to repair the Box Culvert Wing Wall on Shipp Road, for \$87,888.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager was directed to contact Robinson Paving and get the status on the repairs to Juniper Road in Oak Mountain Estates.

Margaret Mitchell addressed the Board about the 50% Water Rate Increase.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the ACCG Property & Liability Renewal for \$70,223.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The debt owed to the City of Manchester for the Water Treatment Plant Renovation and Upgrades was discussed in Executive Session.

The GebCorp Pension Plan Documents were deferred until the Called Meeting/Work Shop scheduled for June 16, 2016.

The Timber Harvesting Ordinance was postponed until the July 11, 2016 meeting.

The Purchasing and Credit Card Resolution for County Elected Officials will also be discussed at the June 16, 2016 Called Meeting.

#### UPDATES:

Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on the purchase of the MaxWay Building. He informed them that the roof was leaking and there are signs of mold. Yoder Brothers Roofing gave a quote of approximately \$45,000 to repair the roof.

Commissioner Jordan explained that the contract expired June 12<sup>th</sup>, he is going to request a 60 day extension.

Commissioner Jordan also informed the Board that he, the County Manager, and Marcus Thomas, Water Department Superintendent met with representatives from Columbus Water Works and the City of Manchester to discuss proposed modifications to the existing water system presently serving Talbot County and the City of Manchester. A study has been requested by Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc. regarding the matter.

Chairman Walker directed the County Manager to contact McNair's Mowing to see if the rights of way on Callier, Powell and Baker Roads have been mowed.

Freeman Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:08 pm, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

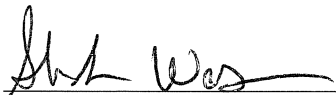
Chairman Walker called the meeting back to order at 9:17 pm.

Personnel, Possible litigation and real-estate were discussed. No decisions were made.

Vice Chairman Holmes left the meeting at this time.

The Commissioners asked the County Manager to schedule a meeting with the Department Heads to discuss the weekly payroll changes.

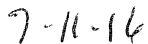
There being no further business, Commissioner Jordan made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date