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August 1, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, August 1, 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 Ken Chapman, Raines Jordan and Freeman Montgomery attended the meeting. Also in attendance was the County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the County Manager, Carol Ison.

Attorney's Frank Jenkins, Doug Dillard and Julie Sellers were also present.

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

Chairman Walker informed everyone that the Public Hearing was being held to discuss the Rezoning Request from J.F. Alexander Lumber Company and Hamilton Harrison III, for the operation of a Rock Quarry.

Attorney Dodgen informed everyone that the Superior Court of Talbot County ordered the Board to rezone the subject property to a constitutional zoning classification.

The court has extended the deadline for the county to act on the matter to September 12, 2016.

Commissioners Ken Chapman and Raines Jordan recused themselves in consideration of this matter.

Attorney Doug Dillard, representing J.F. Alexander Lumber Company and Hamilton Harrison III, informed the Board that he has had very limited contact with Mr. Jenkins over the last several weeks. The court order states "As this matter goes through the rezoning, the Court orders the parties to conduct good faith negotiations during the rezoning process to allow the highest and best use of the Property and attempt to agree to any reasonable conditions for a quarry operation".

Mr. Dillard said he does not feel like Talbot County lived up to good faith to impose reasonable conditions.

He has requested an extension for the rezoning, to allow time for all parties involved to work together to achieve favorable zoning conditions.

Perry Donahue, past president of the Georgia mining Association gave a brief synopsis of aggregate mining operations.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the rezoning request and voiced their concerns of possible health risk, noise and property devaluation, etc. regarding the proposed rock quarry.

1. Jim (Mac) Bennet
2. Walter Brown
3. Tony Evans
4. Frank Jordan

Frank Alexander informed the Board that he has lived in Talbot County all of his life. He and his family have always created jobs for the residence of Talbot County. The rock quarry would create approximately 35 high paying jobs, as well as increasing the Tax Base. He told the Board he would appreciate their consideration in the rezoning.

Hamilton (Bud) Harrison III, said that he felt like there was a lot of confusion about quarries in general. He offered to answer any questions that could help with the confusion. He stated "fairness needs to come forward here".

Mr. Dillard said he was ready, willing and able to meet with the Board to discuss conditions that would be favorable to all parties involved.

Mr. Dillard said the burden is now on the Commissioners to zone the property in the course of the court's order and to work with them to develop conditions that are satisfactory to everyone in order for them to use the property as a rock quarry.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Walker called the regular meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Jordan was not present at this time.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting, July 22, 2016 Public Hearing and the July 11<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve rescheduling the September Board Meeting to 6 pm, Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chairman Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to defer the decision for the rezoning request from J. F. Alexander and Hamilton Harrison III to the September 6, 2016 meeting. The vote passed 3-0-0. Commissioners Chapman and Jordan recused themselves from participating in the matter.

Linda Johnston asked the Board for an update on repairing Juniper Trail that was recently resurfaced. She also asked the Board to consider resurfacing Ingram Road, Oak Mountain Parkway and Red Bud Court.

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the culvert pipe on South Mountain Ridge was damaged and asked them if it could be repaired.

The Board directed Road Superintendent Mike Smith to assess the problem and make the necessary repairs.

Commissioner Jordan informed Ms. Johnston that they were working with Robinson Paving Company to resolve the issue regrading Juniper Trail.

Commissioner Montgomery spoke on Darryl Robinsons behalf and informed the other Board Members of Mr. Robinsons request to stockpile asphalt millings on the outside of the fence at the county soil pit, if consistent with environmental concerns.

Following the discussion, the Board authorized the Road Superintendent to work with Mr. Robinson on storing the asphalt millings at the county soil pit.

The Road Superintendent was directed to install a pipe behind the Community Baptist Church in Geneva. Revenue from Commissioner Montgomery's SPLOST funds will be used to fund the project.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to adopt the Resolution approving the proposed Fiscal Year End 2017 Budget at \$6,217,859, as presented. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the 2017 Georgia Department of Transportation Federal Transit Authority 5311 Operating Contract, for \$209,441.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the 2017 New Horizons Mental Health Services Agreement, for \$2,748.00. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The appointment for the Tax Assessor Board was postponed until the September 6, 2016 meeting.

Following a discussion with Chief Appraiser Lauren Harbin, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to deny the request from Kevin Powers to be reimbursed for over-payment of property taxes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery stepped out of the meeting for a brief moment.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Updated Zero Tolerance Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to reappoint Jeff Ingram on the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on the City of Manchester's proposed Water Treatment Facility Improvements. He also discussed the current contract between Talbot County and the City of Manchester and reiterated, the contract needs to be addressed immediately.

The County Attorney is going to review the contract and advise the County Manager how to proceed.

Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard informed the Board that the Board of Elections approved a Resolution to conduct a special election for the Board of Education.

Road Superintendent Mike Smith gave the Board a list of county roads and asked them to prioritize five roads in each district. His goal is to implement a road maintenance plan.

He also updated them on repairs that are needed on two of the trucks.

The Board directed him to work with the County Manager.

The Timber Harvesting Ordinance was postponed until the September 6, 2016 meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the County Attorney Andrew Dodgen to attend the City and County Institute on September 8 - 9, 2016. Talbot County will be responsible for half of the training expense. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

#### UPDATES:

Chairman Walker gave an update on the Baker Road Project. The surveyor should be submitting a digital plat so the County can proceed with the land acquisition.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:22 pm, Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.


Chairman Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:40 pm.

Personnel was discussed. No decisions were made.

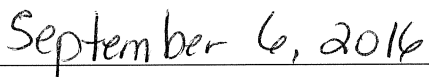
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chairman Walker seconded for the Board to approve paying Mitchell Brock \$7,902.16 for accrued sick days, holiday, comp time and vacation hours.

The vote passed 3-0-0. Commissioners Chapman and Montgomery left during Executive Session.

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

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

  
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August 17, 2016

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairman Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Raines Jordan and Freeman Montgomery attended the meeting. The County Manager, Carol Ison was also in attendance.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and informed everyone that the meeting was being held to set the 2016 Millage Rate.

The Chairman presented the requested amount of revenue for both Talbot County and the Talbot County Board of Education (BOE). The total revenue for Talbot County is, \$3,420,425.00, and for the Board of Education is \$2,973,419.00. The Board of Education's request includes Maintenance and Operations.

Talbot County's net mill rate is 16.004, the BOE's net mill rate is 14.109, and the total mill rate for 2016 is 30.113.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to set the 2016 Millage Rate at 30.113, with the county's portion remaining the same as it was in 2015 (16.004). Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to appointment Jon Hale to fill the unexpired term of Ronnie Hendricks on the Tax Assessor Board. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The term ending March 31, 2022. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

Carol Ison, County Manager

September 6, 2016  
Date