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January 9, 2017

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Madam Chair 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.

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

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting, December 13, 2016 Called Meeting, and the December 5, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board of Commissioner's Officer's to remain the same for 2017. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to reappoint Carol Ison as the County Manager, Mike Smith as Road Superintendent, and Andrew Dodgen as the County Attorney. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve the request from Doctor William Harper to extend the water lines to his property located at 959 John Weaver Road. Mr. Harper will be responsible for the cost of the materials, equipment, tap fee, and service deposit, totaling \$4,643.75. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A discussion was held with Lance Renfrow, Environmental Planner with the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) regarding the bid from J.B.C. Contactor, LLC, for the installation of three septic systems, for the 14 CDBG Welcome Church Loop Project.

Mr. Renfrow informed the Board that the contractor has agreed to deduct \$2,600 from his original bid of \$42,166.56. Talbot County will provide the dirt, loader, and labor to load the dirt.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve proceeding with the installation of the three septic systems with a total cost of \$39,566.56. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Attorney Dodgen gave the Board an update on the status of condemnation of right of way for the Welcome Church Loop Project.

LTC John M. Poole, Commander 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment 199th Infantry Brigade gave the Board an update on the Community Partnership between Fort Benning and Talbot County, and the events that are taking place in Talbot County.

Madam Chair Walker is going to schedule a Planning/Work Session to discuss amending the Personnel Policy, Public Building Use Policy, and other items of importance.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$100,738.00, for the Shipp Road Box Culvert Wing Wall Repair. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve the bid from Bunkley Construction for \$10,300.00, for remodeling the City of Woodland's Recreation Facility. Revenue from Commissioner Chapman's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) account will fund the project. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Water Department to submit payment of \$21,812.00, to the City of Manchester. This is for 29% of the Operation and Maintenance of the Joint Use Facility for Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2016. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to approve amending the Coroner's FYE 2017 Budget \$7,000.00, for the purchase of a 2007 Mercury Grand Marquis. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Proclamation Commemorating January 22-28, 2017, Talbot County School Choice Week. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Madam Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request to pay Justin Myers \$8,569.24, for accrued holidays, comp time, sick days and vacation hours. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Madam Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request to pay Andrew Hall \$7,344.00, for accrued sick time. The vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Jordan opposed.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to reappoint Thomas Zwaga to serve a six year term on the Talbot County Board of Health, term beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2022. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Election Systems & Software Renewal Agreement, and to reappoint Patricia Robinson and Pamela Bulloch to serve a four year term on the Talbot County Board of Elections, terms beginning January 1, 2017, and ending December 31, 2022. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith gave the Board an update on various road conditions throughout county.

Attorney Dodgen informed the Board that the surveys for the Baker Road Project have been filed and recorded. The next step will be to finalize the right of way purchase and prepare the deed.

The County Manager updated the Board on upcoming events.


Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session as 6:46 pm. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Madam Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:07 pm.

Personnel and Real Estate were discussed.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

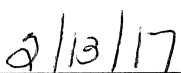
There being no further business, Madam Chair Walker made a motion to for the meeting to adjourn. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date