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**February 13, 2017**

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Chairperson Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, and Commissioner 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".

The following three items were added to the agenda:

- 1) Dave Nadler, Representing the National Weather Service and Leigh Ann Erenheim, EMA Director: Presentation of the sign for the Storm Ready Status
- 2) Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard: Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct the City of Talbotton's Municipal Election
- 3) Sheriff's Department: Purchase order request for \$4,405.02.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the agenda, as amended. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, and Executive Session. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Dave Nadler, Representing the National Weather Service presented a sign to Talbot County EMA Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim, for successfully implementing the necessary tools for Talbot County to be noticed as a Storm Ready Community.

A discussion was held with Lance Renfrow, Environmental Planner with the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), regarding the application for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mr. Renfrow informed the Board, that in order to qualify for the 2017 CDBG, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) required One Hundred percent of the funds from the 14 CDBG be exhausted by July 1, 2017.

Mr. Renfrow explained that due to several unforeseen issues, this was not going to be possible. However, it should not have any impact on applying for future CDBG opportunities.

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

MAJ Micah Smith, Battalion XO, 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.

Al Marshall requested an update on the status of his request to repair and/or resurface West Taylor Road and Carter Loop.

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith told Mr. Marshall that he was in the process of getting bids for the road repairs.

A discussion was held with Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard, regarding the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct a Special Municipal Election, for the City of Talbotton.

Following the discussion, Chairperson Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct a Special Municipal Election for the City of Talbotton. The cost will be \$5,810.00. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chairperson Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from the Sheriff's Department, to A-COM Integrated Solutions for \$4,405.02. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairperson Walker informed the other Board members of her and Commissioner Jordan's plan to make improvements at the Youth Center property, located behind the Senior Center.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$251,121.50, for the 2016 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG), Dennis Creek Road Resurfacing Project. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chairperson Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the 2017 ACCG Workers Compensation Fund Renewal, for \$130,224.00. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairperson Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the FY 2018 Contract with RVRC and the Department of Human Services, for Talbot County to provide transportation services which meet the special needs of elderly and disabled persons. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chairperson Walker made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to declare obsolete office equipment and office furniture, surplus and advertise for bids. The surplus equipment/furniture is currently stored at the Extension office. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chairperson Walker seconded, for the Board to approve renewing the Water Purchase Contracts with the Municipalities. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the County Manager proceeding with the process to have Stephenson Court in the Woodland Housing Authority resurfaced. Funds from Commissioner Chapman's SPLOST will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the purchase order request from the Road Department, to Cherokee Culvert for \$3,669.84. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith gave the Board an update on the status of replacing the culvert on Powel Church Road. He explained that a beaver dam caused the problem with the existing culvert.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Road Superintendent to pursue a temporary easement from the property owners on Powell Church Road, in order to remove the beaver dam.

Mr. Smith also informed the Board that he is getting bids to have a fence erected around the parking area across the street from the Road Department.

Following a discussion with Road Superintendent Mike Smith, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase and delivery of a 2017 Vibratory Roller, from Equipment Trader for \$16,305.00. Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Revenue from the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) will be used to fund the purchase. The vote passed 3-0-0.

County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen advised the County Manager to send a letter to Chief Judge Bemon McBride, notifying him of Talbot County's plan to address the Health Hazards at the Talbot County Courthouse.

The County Manager informed the Board that Talbot County received the Georgia Violent Death Reporting System Award, from the Georgia Department of Public Health.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session as 7:02 pm. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Madam Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:41 pm.

Personnel, Possible Litigation and Real Estate were discussed.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager

3-6-17

Date