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May 1, 2017

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia. Board Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, and 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.

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

Vice Chairman Holmes 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, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, and Executive Session, and the April 3, 2017 Cancelled Meeting. The vote passed 5-0-0.

John M. Poole, LTC, AR Commanding Fort Benning, 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.

Michele Stanford, CEO and Founder of I Am Somebody Counseling Center Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization, requested to utilize the property located behind the Water Department, to host a charity event October 7, 2017.

The Board informed Ms. Stanford that the property in question belonged to the Talbot County Development Authority and she would need to get their approval.

Following a discussion regarding closing the courthouse and relocating the court offices, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve leasing the following office spaces:

- Strauss Levert for \$100.00 a day as needed for court
- Buckner Building for \$350.00 per month
- Peoples Bank Building for \$500.00 per month

The goal is to have the offices relocated by June 1, 2017. The County Attorney will proceed with drafting the rental leases. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A brief discussion was held regarding acquiring bids to erect a fence around the Youth Center.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Architectural Services Agreement with Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc. (CRA); subject to the following changes:

- CRA will be responsible for Civil Engineering cost
- Fee amount should not be specified, the fees will be 6.5% of the total project cost.

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to award the bids for the Oak Mountain Estate Lots to the highest bidder. The bid award is as follows:

- OAKM02 TC0 Steven Reynolds - \$302.00
- OAKMO5 24 Steven Reynolds - \$828.00
- OAKMO25 07 Steven Reynolds - \$281.00
- OAKMO25 08 Steven Reynolds - \$281.00
- OAKMO26 06 Lammorris & Shontel Stanford - \$627.00
- OAKMO41 09 Steven Reynolds - \$377.00
- OAKMO41 11 Steven Reynolds - \$352.00
- OAKMO41 12 Steven Reynolds - \$352.00
- OAKMO78 02 William Ragland - \$260.00
- OAKMO18 09 Steven Reynolds - \$311.00

The vote passed 5-0-0.

One bid was received for the Old Depot Building. It was tabled until the June meeting, in order for the County Manager to contact the bidder to get some clarity on his plans to clean up any debris that is left from the demolition of the building.

Road Superintendent Mike Smith, gave the Board an update on the cleanup from the storms that moved through the area.

Marjorie Howard, Election Supervisor presented a cost proposal to conduct the City of Geneva's Municipal Election on November 7, 2107. The proposed cost to conduct the election is \$5,339.00.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the cost proposal of \$5,339.00, to conduct the City of Geneva's Municipal Election on November 7, 2017. The vote passed 5-0-0.

EMA Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim gave the Board an update on the damage from the storm that moved through the county.

David Millen and Clay Moore, representing Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. was present to answer questions regarding the Proposal for Estimate Preparation, Bid Package Preparation and Construction Inspection Services for the four roads approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the 2017 LMIG Project.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the proposal from Vaugh and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc., for \$39,440.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:23 pm. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:26 pm.

Personnel and Possible Litigation 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. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

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