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August 7, 2017

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Raines Jordan, and Freeman Montgomery were present. The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, and the County Manager, Carol Ison were also in attendance.

Chair Walker called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss the Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2018 Proposed Budget. The proposed budget amount is \$7,021,042, this is an increase of \$544,731 from last year's budget.

At this time Chair Walker asked if anyone had any comments regarding the FYE 2018 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Chapman asked why there was such a large increase from last year.

Commissioner Jordan explained, the increase is due to funds allocated for the courthouse repairs.

Anna Evans wanted to know why the courthouse needed repairs so soon after the renovation.

Commissioner Jordan explained, the areas that need repairs, were not addressed at the time the courthouse was renovated.

There being no more discussion, Chair Walker closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Walker called the regular 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 4-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes for July 10, 2017, and the Called Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2017. The vote passed 4-0-0.

John M. Poole, LTC, AR Commanding Fort Benning, gave an update on the Community Partnership between Fort Benning and Talbot County, and informed everyone in attendance of the events that are taking place in Talbot County.

Talbot County 4-H Director, Tamara Harris gave a brief overview of the 4-H Summer Program.

A discussion was held regarding the GEBCorp Plan Amendments. The Board wants to amend the plan to allow in-service withdrawals after an employee reaches age fifty-nine and a half (59-1/2).

The GEBCorp Retirement Plan Amendments was tabled until the September meeting.

David Millen and Clayton Moore, representing Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. were present to assist with the bid opening for the 2017 LMIG Project. One bid was received from Robinson Paving Co., for \$566,829.94.

Mr. Millen explained that he would like to have time to review the bid, and asked the Board to defer acceptance of the bid to a later date.

The bid award was deferred until the called meeting, scheduled for August 18, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Spending Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or her designee to continue making expenditures from all funds for the month of August 2017. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Error and Releases for period ending May 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the 2018 ACCG Group Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund Safety Discount Program. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) 2017-2018, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Contract. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Water Superintendent, Marcus Thomas informed the Board that his county pickup truck is out of service and the repair shop is not sure what is wrong with it. The truck has over Two Hundred Thousand miles and is no longer dependable.

Mr. Thomas got two bids for a replacement vehicle and asked the Board for their approval to proceed with the purchase.

The bids are as follows:

- 1) Hardy Fleet Group: 2018 Chevrolet Colorado 2WD Ext Cab - \$23,403.48
- 2) Five Star Chevrolet Cadillac: 2017 Chevrolet Colorado 2WD Ext Cab - \$24,468

Following the discussion, Chair Walker made a motion for the Board to authorize the County Manager and Mr. Thomas to proceed with purchasing a new pickup truck, not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Road Superintendent Mike Smith requested the Boards approval to purchase a new 2017 Caterpillar 12M3 Motor grader.

Lee Benefield, representing Yancey Bros. was present and gave the Board an overview of the Finance Proposal. The total amount that will be financed is \$234,844.000, for sixty (60) months. At the end of the lease the county will have the option to return the machine to Yancey Bros, or purchase the machine for \$148,785.00.

Mr. Benefield is going to inspect the motor grader that the county currently owns, to determine how much trade in value the machine is worth.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve purchasing the 12M3 Motor grader. Revenue from Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) will be used to fund the purchase. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Smith also requested the Boards approval to purchase a Tiger Boom Mower, for \$53,162.52.

The Board directed Mr. Smith to get a quote from a Diamond Dealer.

The County Manager informed the Board that she is still compiling information on the Harris County Inmate Work Detail Program.

Per Chair Walkers request, Commissioner Jordan gave the Board an update on potential projects that the Industrial Development Authority are hoping to bring to Talbot County.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:27 p.m.

Personnel, Possible Litigation, and Real Estate were discussed.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Montgomery left during executive session.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager

10/2/17

Date