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December 4, 2017

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, 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. Commissioner Chapman arrived a few minutes late.

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

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim had two items to add to the agenda:

- 1) Code Red Annual Renewal (\$6,500)
- 2) Volunteer Firefighter Christmas Dinner

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

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2017 Called Meeting, the November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting and the November 6, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

John M. Poole, LTC, AR Commanding Fort Benning, was not able to attend the meeting. Captain Josh Dulaney, Operations Officer of the 31st Armor was present on his behalf, and 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.

Commissioner Chapman arrived at this time.

Pete Berry, representing VSA Security Systems, Inc. gave a synopsis of their services, along with an estimate for security monitoring services.

Following the discussion Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the County Managers recommendation to contract with VSA Security Systems, Inc, subject to the County Attorney's review and approval of the contract. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Board granted Arline Foster, representing the City of Talbotton Parade Committee, permission to use the Courthouse Lawn to host a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Constance Merritt was not present.

On behalf of Ruby Smith, her daughter was present to get an update on the status of paving the dirt portion of Waverly Hall Road, aka Jack King Road.

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith announced that he received an estimate of \$507,440, from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc., to pave that portion of Waverly Hall Road.

Chair Walker expressed her concern on the exorbitant amount of the bid and assured Ms. Smith that she would contact Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers to determine if there was a more feasible alternative to repairing the road.

Carolyn Nicholson was present and expressed her concerns on the conditions of Carter Loop and West Taylor Roads, she also demonstrated her disappointment in the time that it is taking to get any repairs done to the roads.

Chair Walker informed Ms. Nicholson that Carter Loop was included on the approved list of roads for the 2018 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project.

Sheriff Gates request to purchase a license plate recognition system was deferred until the January meeting, to allow the County Attorney time to review the terms of the agreement.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the 2018 Board Meeting Dates, and Paid Holiday schedule. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the work order from Georgia Oilmen's Services Inc., for completion of monitoring well installation and preparation of a Site Investigation Summary (SIS) Addendum II, and the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – Part A. The estimated cost for the work order is \$8,655.00. Approval is subject to the County Attorney's review and approval. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Allstate Construction Group, Inc., was the only firm that submitted a Statement of Qualifications for Construction Management Services, for the Talbot County Jail Retrofit and Courthouse Renovation Project.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve authorizing Clemons Rutherford & Associates (CRA) Architects to negotiate a contract with Allstate Construction Management Services, Inc. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to adopt the FYE 2017 Special Revenue Funds as follows:.

➤ Law Library	\$13,482.00
➤ E-911	\$.00
➤ Grant Funds	\$.00
➤ Jail Fund	\$97,607.00
➤ Date Fund	\$44,197.00
➤ Drug Fund	\$12,380.00
➤ TIA Fund	\$1,259,508.00

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Auditor's Budget Amendments for FYE 2017, for \$25,621.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Alvin Stanford to serve a three year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to appoint Wayne Braddy to serve a three year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Election Systems & Software Annual Maintenance Renewal Agreement, for \$3,660.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Election Systems & Software Site Support for the Municipal Elections, for \$4,125.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the pay request for \$6,331.00 from Robinson Paving Co., for additional patching performed on Dennis Creek Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Quotes were given to the Board for the Georgia Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program that was mandated by State Legislation (HB 146). The quotes were as follows:

- 1) ACCG-IRMA – \$9,504 Three year annual premium rate guarantee
- 2) J. Smith Lanier: VFIS/CHUBB - \$9,180 Annual Premium, or a three year annual premium rate guarantee option of \$10,098

Following the review and discussion, Chair Walker made a motion to accept the proposal from ACCG-IRMA for \$9,504, with a three year guaranteed premium. The vote passed 5-0-0.

EMA Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim informed the Board that it was time to renew the Code Red agreement. The cost of the annual renewal is \$6,500. Funds from Ms. Erenheim's budget have been allocated for the expense.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the Code Red renewal for \$6,500. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to allow Ms. Erenheim to proceed with having a Christmas Dinner for the Volunteer Firefighters of Talbot County. The price for the dinner shouldn't exceed \$550.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith gave the Board an update on work that is being done on roads throughout the county.

Commissioner Montgomery and Mr. Smith met with Adam Beatty, representative with Unimin Corporation, to discuss their proposal to relocate Old Mauk Road.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Unimin Corporation to proceed with the relocation of Old Mauk Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Coroner Clinton Cosby questioned the Board on who was responsible for determining if a deceased individual was indigent.

The County Attorney informed Mr. Cosby that State Statute requires the Coroner to make the determination.

The County Attorney gave the Board an update on the agreement with the Howard Estate Management Group LLC.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to adopt a Resolution supporting Donald Anthony's request for the bridge at the Talbot County/Marion County line on Georgia Highway 41 be named for his late brother David Marshall Anthony, Vietnam War hero. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan informed the Board that he and Water Superintendent Marcus Thomas met with representatives from Columbus Water Works along with the Marion County Manager, regarding Marion County's interest in connecting water lines to Columbus Water Works. Commissioner Jordan pledged the support of Talbot County for the proposed project.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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

Pending Litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

A decision regarding Pending Litigation was made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to authorize the County Manger and Paul Higginbotham to proceed with installing Animal Kennels at the property located at Packing House Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager

1/8/18

Date