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March 5, 2018

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 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, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequlia Willis were also in attendance. Vice Chairman Holmes arrived a few minutes late.

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

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2018 regular Board Meeting, February 5, 2018 Executive Session minutes, and minutes from the Called Meeting held February 19, 2018. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Capt. Josh Dulaney, representing 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.

A discussion was held regarding an adjustment, authorized by Commissioner Montgomery to lower the City of Geneva's Water Bill, in the amount of \$10,536.75.

Commissioner Jordan expressed his concerns and suggested forming a committee to provide oversight, as well as set policies regarding adjustments.

An adjustment was also authorized for Oak Mountain Estates Home Owners Association in the amount of \$567.41.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at the meeting at this time.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to authorize the County Manager to send a letter to the City of Geneva and the Oak Mountain Estates Home Owners Association, notifying them that Commissioner Montgomery was not authorized to approve the adjustments. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve revising the water bills to reflect the county's actual cost. The Water Department will be responsible for calculating the bills at the county's actual cost, and sending them a revised bill. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the KS State Bank Government Obligation Contract. This is for the purchase of the License Plate Recognition System. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Two sealed bids were received for the 2017 Off-System Safety LMIG; Powell Church Road Project. The bids were as follows:

Mid State Construction & Stripeing, Inc.
Peek Pavement Marking, LLC
\$25,612.75
\$24,650.53

Following the bid opening, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to award to the contract to the lowest bidder, Peek Pavement Markers, LLC, in the amount of \$24,650.53, subject to the review and approval of Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the J. Smith Lanier Risk Management Property and Liability Renewal coverage for Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Departments with VFIS. The annual premium is \$34,246. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Meriwether Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Warm Springs Medical Center; Services Agreement Renewal. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Sher'Londa Walker to serve a Three year term on the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Region 6 Advisory Council Board. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for members of the Talbot County Board of Elections and Registrations to attend the GEOA/VRAG Conference in Athens, March 25th through March 28th. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Ruby Smith, was present and asked the Board to reconsider her request to pave the dirt portion of Waverly Hall Road, aka Jack King Road. She reiterated, the large gravel on the road caused damage to her tires. She also complained of the amount of dust on the road.

The County Manager reported that she and the Road Superintendent assessed the conditions on Waverly Hall Road, and the Talbot County side is in satisfactory condition. The large gravel is located on the Harris County side of Waverly Hall Road.

Chair Walker assured Ms. Smith that she would research to determine if there were any alternative resolutions to her request.

No action was taken.

Water Superintendent, Marcus Thomas gave the Board an update on the TTHM Violation that was issued by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

Mr. Thomas explained the steps he took to get the TTHM levels in compliance with EPD.

The County Attorney mentioned, he received notification indicating an error on the proposed zoning map. He is going to conduct further research regarding the matter.

The County Manager briefed the Board on a meeting that she, Commissioner Jordan, and Road Superintendent, Mike Smith attended at City Hall regarding Gorman Road Bridge.

She reported; representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and CSX Transportation were there to give an update on the proposed bridge replacement. Following is a list of talking points that were discussed:

- Federal funds (estimated 1.2 million) will be available July 2018 (GDOT)
- Begin design project (\$500,000)
- GDOT will pay \$125, 000 of the Right of Way (ROW) acquisition cost, the projected ROW cost is \$250,000
- The City of Talbotton is committed to pay half of the ROW cost
- CSX wants a taller, wider bridge. GDOT asked if they would consider contributing to the cost. It will be discussed among CSX representatives.
- Projected date to begin construction is 2021, it will take approximately 9 to 18 months to complete

Commissioner Jordan implied the County should consider paying a portion of the ROW cost with revenue from TSPLOST proceeds.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m.

Personnel and possible litigation were discussed in executive session.

No decisions were made.

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

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March 21, 2018

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 5:00 pm, at the Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia.

Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Freeman Montgomery, and Raines Jordan were in attendance. The County Manager, Carol Ison and Deputy County Clerk, Schequlia Willis were also in attendance.

Chair Walker called the meeting to order.

Will Sumner with Allstate Construction, Inc., presented the estimate and bid tabulations from the four firms that submitted bid proposals for the Bat Exclusion and cleanup at the Talbot County Courthouse.

The total cost of the estimate is \$41,955, to include labor, material, subcontractor, construction manager fees, and an allowance of \$2,500, to install a photocell light in the attic or clock tower.

Based on price, references, and warranty, Mr. Sumner recommends contracting with Rid A Critter, for the Bat Exclusion and cleanup.

Mr. Sumner indicated that the Bat Exclusion and cleanup would take around forty five days. The contractor should be able to begin the exclusion in less than two weeks.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the A133 Exhibit A Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract for \$41,955. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:25pm. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 5:43pm.

Personnel issues were discussed, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the salary increase for EMT's and Paramedics as presented, and to amend the Fiscal Year End 2018 EMS Budget, to reflect the increases. The salary increases will be effective immediately. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The salaries will be increased as follows:

- Full and part-time Paramedics \$14.66 per hour
- Full and part-time EMT's \$12.75 per hour

There being no further business, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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