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April 2, 2018

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018 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 and Raines Jordan were present. The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequlia Willis were also in attendance.

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 item was added to the agenda:

- Approval of invoices for Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the March 5, 2018 regular Board Meeting, March 21st called meeting, and Executive Session Minutes for March 5, and March 21, 2018. The vote passed 3-0-0.

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 with City of Geneva Attorney, Alphonzo Whitaker and the City Clerk, Johnnie Owens, regarding their extremely absorbent water bills, which resulted from a leak.

Mr. Whitaker asked the Board, to grant the City of Geneva some relief, and adjust the water bills.

Ms. Owens, gave an overview of the events that took place leading up to the discovery of the leak. She also asked the Board to grant the City some relief on the bill.

Commissioner Jordan explained that a usage analysis was conducted with Water Superintendent, Marcus Thomas, and Water Clerk, Alicia Neal. It was determined that the City of Geneva is being charged less than Talbot County's cost to purchase water.

The County Manager was directed to draft a letter to Columbus Water Works requesting an adjustment to the County's water bill, to help offset the amount that was billed to the City of Geneva.

City of Geneva Attorney, Mr. Whitaker is also going to draft a letter to Talbot County, requesting same.

Commissioner Jordan suggested, the City of Geneva continue to pay as much as they can until a resolution is reached.

Al Marshall was present and asked for an update on the Carter Loop and West Taylor Road Resurfacing Project.

Chair Walker told Mr. Marshall that representatives with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers were present to discuss sealed bids that were received for the Carter Loop Road Resurfacing Project.

The engineers will assess the conditions of West Taylor Road at the time the Carter Loop Project is under construction.

One sealed bid was received from Robinson Paving Company for the 2018 LMIG; Carter Loop/Tax Road Project, as follows:

- 1) Carter Loop : \$235,870
- 2) Tax Road: \$130,217.50

Following the bid opening, Chair Walker made a motion to award to the contract to Robinson Paving Company, in the amount of \$366,087.50 subject to the review and approval of Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve payment for four invoices from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, totaling \$88,196.00. The vote passed 3-0-0.

One sealed bid in the amount of \$1,500.00, was received from Horace Senior, for the property located on North Washington Avenue, Parcel number TALB17B10.

Following the bid opening, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to award to the bid to Horace Senior for \$1,500.00. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the travel request for the Tax Commissioner and office staff to attend the annual GATO Conference in Athens, May 7th – 10th, 2018. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the National Donate Life Month Proclamation. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Board of Tax Assessors and the Tax Commissioner to correct obvious clerical errors in the tax digest. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion for the Board to approve the Zoning Map Amendments to reflect the Re-zoning for J.F. Alexander and H. H. Harrison III, finalized June 8, 2016. Commissioner Ken Chapman and Commissioner Raines Jordan recused themselves from any matter related to the rezoning. The vote failed due to lack of quorum.

Approval of the Zoning Map Amendments was tabled until the next board meeting.

Water Clerk, Alicia Neal was present to discuss the request that she has received for water bill adjustments.

Commissioner Jordan stressed the importance of having a policy to address such request.

Ms. Neal was directed to contact surrounding counties to see if they have any policies that address adjustments to water bills.

No decision was made; tabled until the next board meeting.

County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen gave the Board an update on the Animal Control Case involving Sherry and Chad Whiteman.

Commissioner Jordan gave an update on the conceptual drawings that CRA prepared for the proposed Community Building Project.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

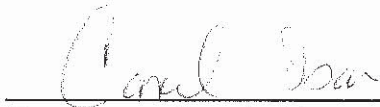
Personnel and possible litigation were discussed in executive session.

No decisions were made.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager

5-7-18

Date