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October 1, 2018

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., 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, Freeman Montgomery and Raines Jordan were present. The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequilia Willis were also in attendance. Commissioner 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."

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 1) Estimates from Dean's Commercial Two-Way to locate communication equipment to the Diverse Tower site
- 2) Advertisement for closure of Fox Run Road

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2018 regular Board Meeting, and the September 4, 2018 Executive Session. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at this time.

Jenna Hazelet, representing ServLine presented the Board with an Underground Utilities Coverage Insurance proposal to defer increased water bills. Following the presentation, Chairman Walker requested another meeting with Ms. Hazelet before the Board precedes with a decision.

Tracy Belt, representing Enrichment Services Program, Inc. was present to request a Proclamation Commemorating the month of October as National Head Start Awareness Month.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the Proclamation. The vote passed 5-0-0.

LTC Palisca, 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.

Ruby Smith was absent.

Brent Beasley requested the Board to give a time frame as to when repairs would be done on Harvey Ingram Road. Mr. Beasley also wanted to know if or when repairs would be made on the bridge.

Chair Walker informed Mr. Beasley a meeting would be scheduled at a later date to discuss ways to resolve his concerns.

Chief Appraiser, Lauren Harbin presented the Personal Property Audit Proposal to the Board.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to proceed with the audit. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. Commissioner Chapman and Commissioner Jordan opposed. The vote passed 3-2-0.

Mike Smith, Road Superintendent suggested the Board submit George Smith Road as the 2019 LMIG Project. After talking briefly, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve George Smith Road as the 2019 LMIG Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmes and the vote passed 5-0-0.

Tax Commissioner, Jamie Huff was present to discuss the Error and Additions and Error and Releases for the period ending June 30, 2018. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the Error and Additions and Error and Releases, Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

County Manager, Carol Ison informed the Board that the Harris County Board of Commissioners agreed to aid with the Inmate Work Detail Program. She also provided estimates to repair and equip the van to transport the inmates. Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded to proceed with the Inmate Work Detail Program. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, Commissioner Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the proposal from Allstate Construction, Inc. for the Courthouse repairs. The total cost of the repairs is \$216,131.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Inmate Medical Services invoice, for \$3,648.41. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded, for the Board to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Contract, with Utility Service Co., Inc. for the tank located at 20 Teal Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Water Tank Maintenance Contract, with Utility Service Co., Inc. for the tank located on Parks Road. Commissioner Jordan seconded and the vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded for the Board to appoint David Ison to serve a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. The term will begin on January 1, 2019 and end December 31, 2021. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the VFIS Volunteer Fire Fighters Accident and Sickness Renewal Policy, for \$2,502.00. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

EMA Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim discussed the benefits of having a badging system for the volunteer firefighters and employees. She presented quotes from two vendors to the Board. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the purchase of the badging equipment. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to remove the dumpster at the soil pit after a brief discussion. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0-0.

County Manager, Carol Ison recommended a sign be placed at the site stating, "no dumping".

Road Superintendent, Mike Smith presented the Board with quotes and answered questions on the need to purchase new trucks.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Jordan seconded to approve the request and purchase three pickup trucks. The total price for all three trucks is \$70,606.00. TSPLOST revenue will be used to fund the purchase. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Holmes to proceed with moving communication equipment to the Diverse Tower Site. The total cost is \$49,320.00. The vote 5-0-0.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to proceed with the advertisement to close Fox Run Road. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.


The County Manager informed the Board the van that will be used for the Inmate Work Detail program needs a new engine. The cost for the new engine and to install a cage is \$10,000.00. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded to approve the repairs to the van. TSPLOST revenue will fund the cost of the repairs. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m., Vice Chairman Holmes seconded. The voted passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m. Possible litigation and personnel issues were discussed.

A decision was made regarding direction of pending ligation to the county attorney.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date