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December 3, 2018

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6 p.m. The meetings were held at the County Commissioner's Office located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners Ken Chapman and Freeman Montgomery were present. The County Attorney, Andrew Dodgen, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequilia Willis were also in attendance.

Chair Walker called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone the Hearing was being held in reference to a rezoning request from Highpoint Resources LLC, and Heathland Enterprises LLC to move 3 parcels from Agriculture to Industrial.

Attorney Gary Byrd gave a presentation in favor of the rezoning request.

No one spoke in opposition of the rezoning request.

There being no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed by Chair Walker.

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

There was one item added to the agenda: Highpoint Resources LLC, and Heathland Enterprises, LLC: Rezoning Request from A-1 (Agriculture) to I-1 (Industrial) for three parcels.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as amended. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2018 regular Board Meeting, and the November 5, 2018 Executive Session. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the rezoning request from Highpoint Resources LLC, and Heathland Enterprises LLC to move three parcels from Agriculture to Industrial. The vote passed 3-0-0.

LTC Palisca was not present. The County Manager informed everyone in attendance of events that are taking place in Talbot County.

William Friese representing W. A. Friese and Sons Timber & Land Co. Inc. approached the Board requesting a zoning variance on two (2) acres and a house located on Highway 80.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to grant the variance, Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 2-1-0. Chair Walker opposed.

Neil Brown, representing Ely Concrete Construction (Brown Brothers Sand) approached the Board requesting a partial abandonment of Old Mauk Road. Commissioner Montgomery and the County Attorney informed Mr. Brown in order to proceed with the request every resident on that road must sign an affidavit in favor of the closure.

Brent Beasley was present to follow up from the last meeting with concerns on how open record requests are being handled.

Mr. Beasley asked Chair Walker when the meeting with the residents of Harvey Ingram Road would be rescheduled.

The County Manager informed the Board that gravel will be put on Harvey Ingram Road but could not give a date when it would be completed.

Greg Dewberry with the Recreation Department was tabled until Executive Session.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to appoint Portia Holmes to serve a six -year term on the Talbot County Board of Health. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve payment for two invoices from Robinson Paving Company for \$17,893.36. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve change order #3 for Welcome Church Loop (14 CDBG Project). TSPLOST revenue from District 5 will be used to fund the change. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the 2019 Board meeting Schedule. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the 2019 Worker's Compensation Renewal with ACCG, for \$120,170.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the invoice from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers for \$3150.00. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the Resolution Enabling the Talbot County Commissioner to Undertake Judicial in Rem Tax Foreclosures. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the proposal from South Tel for \$3,210.00, to upgrade the phone system in the Commissioner's office. The voted passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Fiscal Year End 2018 Special Revenue Funds. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the agreement with RVRC to administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the Fiscal Year End 2018 Budget Amendments. The vote passed 3-0-0.

The County Attorney informed the Board that a settlement had been reached in the Reynolds case.

The County Manager informed the Board that there will be a Public Hearing on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update at 6:00 PM, December 13, 2018.

Chairman Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m., Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The voted passed 3-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m.

Personnel and possible litigation were discussed.

No decisions were made.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, to authorize the County Manager to send GebCorp a letter allowing Joretha Ryles to make an early withdrawal from her retirement fund. The normal age to make a one-time withdrawal is 59-1/2, Ms. Ryles will be 59-1/2 on January 15, 2019. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to authorize Chair Walker and the County Manager to hire a part-time Recreation Coordinator. The vote passed 3-0-0.

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

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

  
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