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April 1, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019 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 Robert Lanier were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequilia 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."

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, February 4, 2019 Executive Session, March 4, 2019 Cancelled Meeting and March 20, 2019 Called Meeting. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Capt. Joshua Delaney, representing 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.

Josh Buckner approached the Board with a proposal to sell soil to the county. The soil will be mined from his property, that is located adjacent to the county soil pit.

Mr. Buckner told the Board he would consider selling six (6) acres of the property to the county.

Commissioner Montgomery proposed the Board have a Called Meeting to allow them time to assess the proposal.

Chair Walker asked Mr. Buckner to meet with the Board again after they have had time to review the proposal.

Al Works approached the Board to discuss the conditions on Harvey Ingram Road. He explained to the Board that Harvey Ingram and Fike Road are two separate roads. Mr. Works informed the Board there have been some improvements done on the road.

Mr. Works informed the Board that he is concerned about the conditions of the bridge and why the repairs have not been made. He expressed the importance in repairing the bridge to keep it open.

The County Manager and Chair Walker informed Mr. Works that they are in the process of contacting contractors to come out and make the necessary repairs to the bridge.

Brent Beasley approached the Board to follow up on his proposal to implement a Watchgroup. The plan will provide a 1-800 number for citizens to call in and report complaints of corruption and miss usage of county government.

The County Attorney advised Mr. Beasley that there was not a legal requirement for the Board to support a Watchgroup.

Linda Johnston representing the Oak Mountain Estates Homeowners Association, was present to discuss the conditions of Juniper Trail.

Commissioner Montgomery informed Ms. Johnston that he and Commissioner Chapman met with Darrell Robinson, owner of Robinson Paving Company and he has agreed to help fix the road.

Ms. Johnston asked the Board to put up a Dangerous Curve sign and lower the speed limit to 15 miles per hour at the pond located on Wisteria Circle.

No one was present from the Tax Assessors Office.

There was a brief discussion in reference to offering Property Tax Relief for the property owners that were impacted by the Tornado. Due to time restraints, it was recommended to handle the appeals on a case by case basis.

Gary Johnston was present and discussed his concern why he had an increase on his water bill.

Marcus Thomas, Water Superintendent was not present but sent an email explaining the reason he thought there was an increase on Mr. Johnston's water bill.

Chair Walker suggested the item be deferred until the May meeting so Marcus can be present to discuss the issue with the board.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to re-appoint Rubye Hardnett, Annie Durham and Nathaniel Lippitt to serve five-year terms on the Talbot County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The new appointments to replace Alice Johnson and Lizzie Denson on the Talbot County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Board was tabled to the May meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve Pay Application #4, #5 and #6 to Alistate Construction Group, Inc. for \$107,474.83. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the J. Smith Lanier Risk Management Renewal for Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Department with VFIS. The annual premium is \$34,519. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded to approve the BB&T Equipment Leasing Proposal and Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Lease Purchase agreement with ACCG for the purchase of a new Ambulance. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Georgia Oilmen's Services Monitoring Report #2 and GUST Trust Fund Application #6A. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the National Donate Life Month Proclamation. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney suggested the invoices from CSX Transportation be tabled to the May meeting, this will allow time to research the issue.

The agenda item to discuss the Road Department Vacancies was deferred following Executive session.

The County Manager, Carol Ison and Building Maintenance Director/Assistant Building Inspector, Ronnie Hendricks met with the Architect and Construction Manager on the proposed Jail Construction Project.

The total project costs for the revised plans is \$850,000.

Following discussion of the proposed project, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve moving forward with the proposed jail project, with a cost of \$850,000. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Gordon Hicks, Junction City Volunteer Fire Department approached the Board with a request to purchase Turn Out Gear.

The County Manager informed the Board the funds to purchase the Turn Out Gear would be paid with District 5 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) revenue.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the request to purchase the Turn Out Gear from Ten-8 for \$12,261.08. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Leigh Ann Erenheim, EMA Director presented the Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Program to the Board for approval.

Following a discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Program. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan presented the Board with proposals to purchase of a new Backhoe.

The Board directed Mr. Nolan to assess the condition of the current backhoe to determine if it is necessary to purchase a new one.

The Road Superintendent updated the Board on various projects the Road Department has completed.

He also informed the Board the debris from the tornado had been cleaned up and most of it has been burned.

Vice Chairman Holmes asked the Road Superintendent if he had gotten a proposal about the striping on Old Shiloh Road.

The Road Superintendent informed the Board that Two Rivers is going to train two County employees on how to run the striping machine.

The Building Maintenance Director/Assistant Building Inspector, Ronnie Hendricks approached the Board with a proposal from Rid-A-Critter to remove the bats from the bays at the EMS office.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve contracting with Rid-A-Critter for \$5,390.00. The cost includes the bat removal and cleanup. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery thanked the Road Department, Leigh Ann Erenheim and all of the volunteers for their part in the tornado clean up. He informed the Board everyone did an excellent job.

There was a brief discussion about the \$100 security deposit that will be required to use County Facilities.

Chair Walker asked the County Manager if there were any updates on the Youth Center.

The County Manager said the grant has been approved and time to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:08 p.m.

Personnel and real estate were discussed, no decisions were made.

Vice Chairman Holmes left during Executive Session.

Commissioner Montgomery stepped out of the meeting for a brief minute.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve hiring the following individuals for the Road Department vacancies:

- Gregory Adams
- James Cuddington III
- Travis Porter

The starting pay will be \$12.00 per hour. The vote passed 3-0-0.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date