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May 6, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Freeman Montgomery and Robert Lanier were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequia 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.

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

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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.

Jeff King was present and expressed his concerns on the conditions of Baker Rd.

Mr. King requested a time frame on when the road would be fixed.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan informed the Board that the Road Department would try to start working on the repairs this week.

Chair Walker informed Mr. King the repairs to Baker Road would be done in three phases:

1. Relocating the ditches
2. Patching the bad areas
3. Resurfacing

Mr. King requested that a county representative contact him by the end of the week for the status of the project.

Brent Beasley approached the Board to follow up on the road issues and bridge on Harvey Ingram Road.

Mr. Beasley informed the Board he had been notified by the Georgia Department of Transportation, the bridge on Harvey Ingram Road was denied for replacement under the Low Impact Bridge Program.

He requested a time frame on repairing the bridge.

The County Manager asked the Road Superintendent to contact Clayton Moore at Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers to get a referral for someone to repair the bridge.

Chair Walker informed Mr. Beasley that she or the County Manager would contact him after they speak with Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers.

Doug Matthews, representing Dependable Waste Services, Inc approached the Board to renew the Waste Service Contract. The contract will remain as is and be renewed for another five-year term.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to renew the Waste Services Contract with Dependable Waste Services. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the Proclamation honoring Willie Mae Hardy's 111th Birthday and to have the Proclamation published in the Talbotton New Era. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Marjorie Howard, Election Supervisor presented the Board with a spreadsheet that listed the breakdown of costs to conduct a Special Election on June 18, 2019 for the City of Talbotton, to fill the vacant seat left by the untimely passing of Councilman Dennis Collier.

The cost to conduct the Election is \$5,800.00 which will cover expenses and personnel costs.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct a Municipal Special Election for the City of Talbotton. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to appoint Leigh Ann Erenheim to serve a two-year term on the Region 7 EMS Advisory Council. The term will expire June 30, 2021. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the Resolution calling for the Reimposition of the Special District Transportation Sales Tax (SPLOST). The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Mutual Aid Assistance with U. S Army Garrison, Fort Benning, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanier and the vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Error and Releases for the period ending March 31, 2019. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Betty Jackson, representing Enrichment Services Program, Inc., presented the Board with a quote from All Plumbing & Drain to repair the septic system at the Velton Harmon Building. The cost to repair the septic system is \$15,750.

Ms. Jackson said the Enrichment Services Program, Inc. could contribute \$4,999.00 towards the repairs.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the repairs to the septic system, subject to approval from the State inspector. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

The County Attorney suggested the invoices from CSX Transportation be discussed in Executive Session.

County Manager asked the Board to offer suggestions on the best location to place the playground equipment at the Youth Center.

Commissioner Montgomery stated that he thought that decision should be made by Chair Walker, Commissioner Lanier and County Manager.

Knox Blackmar, Talbotton Volunteer Fire Chief approached the Board with a request to purchase a new fire truck.

Chief Blackmar requested the Board grant the Talbotton Volunteer Fire Department \$35,000.00 of Special Purpose e Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Revenue to fund the purchase of the fire truck.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the request to purchase a fire truck. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the request from the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department to purchase fire equipment for \$4,533.76. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Revenue will be used to fund the purchase. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Woodland Volunteer Fire Chief Mallory was not present.

Ronnie Hendricks, Maintenance Director presented the Board with bids to have the Woodland Volunteer Fire Department Truck Engine 23 refurbished with all the required equipment. The total cost is \$6,867.00. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Revenue will be used to fund the purchase. Two bids were presented to the Board.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the request from the Woodland Volunteer Fire Department. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the Election Systems and Software invoice for \$4,125.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan approached to Board to get approval to proceed with getting the Backhoe repaired. The cost to have the Backhoe repaired is \$17,000.00

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve proceeding with the repairs for \$17,000. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board she is working on the FYE 2020 Budget and would like to schedule a Budget workshop.

The Board agreed to schedule a Workshop for 10:00 a.m. , Thursday, May 16, 2019.

She also informed them; she received the renewal rate from J Smith Lanier for the health insurance premium. We are facing a 39% increase.

The County Manager reminded the Board they need to have a Called meeting to discuss Gary Johnson's water bill. This will be added to the called meeting agenda.

The County Manager informed the Board that Talbot County is eligible for the FY 2020 Off-System Safety Grant funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The grant amount is \$350,000, with no county match. The application has been submitted to GDOT for their review and approval.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m., Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:21 p.m.

Possible litigation and real estate were discussed, no decisions were made.

Commissioner Montgomery left during Executive Session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier 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



Date