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June 3, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, June 3, 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 Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Freeman Montgomery and Robert Lanier were present. Also, in attendance was the County Manager, Carol Ison and the County Deputy Clerk, Schequlia Willis.

Chair Walker called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held in reference to a conditional use request submitted by H. Buddy Robinson, Jr to erect a 400-foot guyed cell tower at 4975 Matthews Road Talbotton, Georgia.

Clay Brogdon, representing Southern Linc and Joey Barrett, representing Georgia Power spoke in favor of the proposed cell tower. Mr. Brogdon gave a brief summary of the coverage expansion for Talbot County.

No one spoke in opposition to the Conditional Use Request.

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

The regular monthly Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Walker.

She led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 1) Invoice from Vaughn and Melton Consulting Engineers for \$13,299.00. (2019 LMIG/George Smith Road Project)
- 2) ACCG-IRMA Property and Liability Renewal: \$95,829.00.

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

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session, and the May 16, 2019 Called Meeting. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the conditional use request submitted by H. Buddy Robinson, Jr to erect a 400-foot guyed cell tower at 4975 Matthews Road Talbotton, Georgia. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Representatives from Fort Benning were not in attendance.

Jim Livingston, the new Executive Director of the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC), approached the Board to give a brief synopsis of the organization's services. He informed the Board of the projects of importance that he will be working on. The two main projects are the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) and the 2020 Census.

Sterling Williams, representing Box Springs Church of Christ, approached the Board with a petition to repair Sizemore Road and South Howard Road. Mr. Williams along with another member from the church presented the Board with pictures of the damaged roads. They asked the Board to consider adding a weight restriction on the road.

Chair Walker informed them that the Road Superintendent and his crew would go out and evaluate the road.

Jeff King approached the Board to give an update on Baker Road. He thanked Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan and his crew for the excellent progress on the road with adding the ditches.

Mr. King asked the Board to give a time frame on when the road would be paved.

Chair Walker informed Mr. King the Board could not give a time frame on when the road would be paved.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the invoice from Robinson Paving Company for \$509,157.74 (George Smith Road, 2019 LMIG Project). The invoice is \$25,741.64 lower than the initial bid and the remaining will be paid from District 5 Splost funds. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy Amendments, required by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to reappoint Betty Lippitt, Henry "Skip" Woodall and Carol Ison to serve another three-year term on the Talbot County Library Board of Trustees. The term will begin on July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2022. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker nominated Nigel Couch to serve on the Talbot County DFCS Board.

Vice Chairman Holmes left the meeting for a moment.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the invoice from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers for \$13,299.00 (2019 LMIG/George Smith Road Project). The vote passed 3-0-1-0. Commissioner Lanier opposed.

Vice Chairman Holmes came back to the meeting at this time. He nominated Catherine Trice to serve on the Talbot County DFCS Board.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to appoint Catherine Trice and Nigel Couch to serve on the Talbot County DFCS Board. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Renewal for \$95,829.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan requested that the TIA road project be tabled to the next Called Meeting.

He informed the Board the transmission to repair the backhoe had been ordered.

He also updated the Board on the work that is being done on various roads throughout the county.

EMA Director, Leigh Ann Erenheim approached the Board to get approval to proceed with the Pre-App for grant funds to purchase emergency sirens.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded to proceed with Pre-App for the sirens and to draft a Resolution to be given to Representative Debbie Buckner. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager informed the Board that she had received a quote from J Smith Lanier for the group health insurance renewal. She would like to have a Called Meeting to discuss the health insurance renewal and the FYE 2020 Budget.

Vice Chairman Holmes informed the Board that one of the constituents in his District had a complaint with the 911 call center.

Commissioner Montgomery has concerns regarding the procedure for collecting the security deposit to reserve the parks. He asked that it be added to the called meeting agenda.

Commissioner Lanier asked the County Manager to draft a letter and he will take it to the E-911 Board.

KeAsha Ryles approached the Board to request a part-time position with the Recreation Department.


Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:30 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 4-0-0.

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

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