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August 5, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, August 5, 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 and Robert Lanier were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequlia Willis were also in attendance. Commissioner Lanier and Deputy Clerk Willis 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.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the July 1, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, July 8, 2019 Called Meeting and the July 1, 2019 Executive Session. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier and Deputy Clerk Willis arrived at this time.

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 approached the Board requesting an update on the repairs on Baker Road.

Mr. King commended the Road Superintendent on the first phase of work that has been completed on the project but requested a timeframe when the road would be resurfaced.

Chair Walker informed Mr. King that she could not give him a timeframe. The commissioners need to assess other roads within the county and prioritize repairs based on need.

Chair Walker mentioned that she and the Road Superintendent are going to contact additional contractors to get quotes for the repairs on Baker Road.

She advised Mr. King she would contact him later in the week.

Brent Beasley approached the Board to follow up on the ongoing issues on Harvey Ingram Road:

- 1. fixing the bridge
- 2. meeting with the residents
- 3. documentation stating the road and bridge had been maintained
- 4. operations and procedures

Mr. Beasley requested a legal explanation why the Board thinks the county does not own Harvey Ingram Road. The county attorney informed Mr. Beasley he would have that information by the September meeting.

Chair Walker informed Mr. Beasley the Road Superintendent is working on implementing plans for operation procedures and it will be made public when it is completed.

Commissioner Lanier informed the board that he and the Road Superintendent assessed the conditions of the bridge on Harvey Ingram Road, and the bridge is in need of repair.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to appoint Omar McCants to fill the unexpired term of Leticia Cook on the Tax Assessors Board. The term will begin on August 5, 2019 and expire on August 31, 2020. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The appointment for the Talbot County DFCS Board was deferred until the September meeting.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to re-appoint Rubye Hardnett and Nathaniel Lippitt to serve another five-year term on the Talbot County DFCS Board. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Pay Application #8 for Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$25,245.61 was deferred until the September meeting.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the 2020 ACCG Group Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund Safety Discount Program. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the 2020 ACCG Interlock Risk Management Agency Safety Discount Verification Program. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the FYE 2020 Water Fund Budget for \$1,164,610.78. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the FY2020 FTA 5311 Transit Operating Contract. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract. The vote passed 4-0-0.

No action was taken on the FY 2020 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Program.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the Error and Additions/Errors and Releases through June 30, 2019. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Ronnie Hendricks, Maintenance Director informed the Board the copula on the library roof is deteriorated and needs to be removed. The Board authorized Mr. Hendricks to proceed with the proposed repairs.

The County Manager reminded the Board that there will be a Called Meeting to set the 2019 Millage Rate at 4:00 p.m., August 7, 2019.

She also informed the Board the County Extension Office is getting a new 4-H Director as well as an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) person.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve purchasing new floor covering for the County Extension office. The cost for the material and labor is \$7,008.86. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:56 pm, Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:12 p.m.

Personnel and Real Estate were discussed in Executive Session; no decisions were made. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve purchasing 3.9 acres on Highway 36 for \$2,000. The property will be used to erect an additional fire station for the Woodland Volunteer Fire Department. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) revenue from District 2 will be used to fund the project. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

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