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October 7, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 7, 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, Robert Lanier and Freeman Montgomery were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy Clerk, Schequlia 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 Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the September 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, September 30, 2019 Called Meeting and the September 9, 2019 and September 30, 2019 Executive Session. 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.

Chair Walker informed the Board the water system updates given by Roger Montgomery would be discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Tony Lamar, representing the City of Talbotton approached the Board to ask for recommendations and help determining the amount of crush and run that will be needed to complete the Gorman Road Access Project.

Mayor Lamar thanked the Board for their assistance with the Gorman Road Project.

Commissioner Lanier asked Mayor Lamar if there were any problems with the adjacent property owners. Mayor Lamar confirmed that there were no problems; his family owns the property surrounding the road. The City of Talbotton owns an easement thru the road, and the work is being done on the right of way.

Funds from district 1 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) will help fund the purchase of a culvert pipe and the crush and run.

Tracy Belt was not present.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the Proclamation Commemorating the month of October as National Head Start Awareness Month. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Jeff King was not present.

Chair Walker informed the Board she had received two estimates from A-1 Asphalt Contracting for Baker Road, but they were based on the original specifications. The new specifications have been given to the contractor to revise the estimates.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to appoint Martha Roland to serve on the Talbot County DFCS Board. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

No action was taken on the request from school Superintendent Jack Catrett to waive the 1.25% collection fee the Board of Education pays the county to collect their taxes.

Six bids were received for the miscellaneous surplus equipment. The bids were as follows:

- 1) 1994 Dodge 2500-Bentley Automotive \$257.00
- 2) 2001 International 4700 Ambulance-Bentley Automotive \$1000.00
- 3) Chevrolet Silverado #8-Carter Towing \$300.00
- 4) 1994 Dodge 2500-Carter Towing \$250.00
- 5) 2005 Ford F-150-Carter Towing \$350.00
- 6) 2001 International 4700 Ambulance-Carter Towing \$1200.00

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve awarding the bids to the highest bidder. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier suggested the remaining equipment be sold at a Public Outcry.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to have a Public Outcry Sale. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve the AllState Construction Group, Inc. Pay Application #10 for \$83,816.67. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the Georgia Oilmen's Services, GUST Trust Fund Application #8A. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve the Resolution naming Carol Ison, County Manager as the Open Records Officer and Schequlia Willis, Deputy County Clerk as the Alternate Open Records officer. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to accept A-1 Asphalt Contractors bid for \$13,400.00 to make repairs on Men's Club Road. SPLOST Funds from District 3 will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the proposal from Network Systems Group to upgrade the server and four workstations in the Commissioner's office for \$8,526.80. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve renewing the agreement between Talbot County Health Department, Talbot County Board of Commissioners and Lorraine Brown, DO, PC. Chair Walker seconded the motion. Vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to approve the request from EMS to purchase a power Lift Stretcher for \$9,875.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard's request to close the Elections office on October 21, 2019 and October 22, 2019 to allow the staff to attend training. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Maintenance Director, Ronnie Hendricks informed the Board the renovations on the jail are on schedule.

He also informed the Board he received three bids to upgrade the Baseball and Softball Fields at the Youth Center. The lowest bid was \$70.600.00.

He suggested the park be closed from November to March due to renovations.

Chair Walker made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to authorize Mr. Hendricks to proceed with the renovations at the Youth Center, and to close the park from November to March The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded to approve purchasing the building for the Woodland Volunteer Fire Department Satellite Station. The price is \$49,000.00 and will be funded with SPLOST funds from district 2. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm, Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m.

Personnel matters and possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session; no decisions were made.

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson
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Carol Ison, County Manager
11-4-2019 Date