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December 9, 2019

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held two Public Hearings and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 3:00 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, Schequilia Willis were also in attendance.

Chair Walker called the first Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the Hearing was being held in reference to a zoning amendment request made by Brian Devine representing Verizon Wireless to construct a 155-foot cell tower at 5189 Macon Highway in Talbotton.

No one spoke in favor of, or in opposition of the zoning amendment.

There being no further discussion, Chair Walker closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Walker called the second Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the Hearing was being held in reference to a zoning amendment request made by Brian Devine representing Verizon Wireless to construct a 245-foot cell tower at 7211 Woodland Highway in Woodland.

Tommy Rush spoke in opposition to the request and voiced his concern of property devaluation and possible damage if the tower were to fall.

No one spoke in favor of the zoning amendment.

There being no further discussion, Chair Walker closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Walker called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

There was one item added to the agenda, A-1 Asphalt Road Paving Bids for Kelly Road and Gibson Road.

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

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

Lauren Harbin, Chief Appraiser Tax Assessors Office approached the Board to request additional funding to update Real Property Pricing Schedules. She is requesting additional funds of \$14,000.00. The total proposed project cost is \$19,000.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived during the discussion.

Following a brief discussion, Chair Walker made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve amending the budget \$14,000.00 to update the Real Property Schedules. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Representatives from Fort Benning were not in attendance.

Sherell Terry, representing New Horizons approached the Board to give an update on services the organization provides.

Janice Dyson and Annetta Scantlin representing Oak Mountain Homeowners Association approached the Board to discuss road conditions in the subdivision.

Ms. Dyson presented the Board with photographs of South Mountain Drive, along with a petition listing each property owner that would like to see the repairs done on the road.

Ms. Scantlin mentioned there was an ongoing water leak on South Mountain Drive that could possibly be contributing to the road damage.

Vice Chairman Holmes advised the County Manager to contact the Water Supervisor concerning the water leak.

Road Supervisor, Peter Nolan informed the Board he would look at the roads Tuesday morning.

Jim Friberg approached the Board to follow up on the road conditions on Baker Road.

He commended the Road Superintendent on the work done on the ditches.

Mr. Friberg asked the Board when the road would be paved.

Chair Walker informed Mr. Friberg she received a bid today and had not discussed it with the Road Superintendent.

She informed Mr. Friberg she would contact him by the end of the week.

Gary Hays approached the Board to follow up on the bridge issue on Harvey Ingram Road.

He explained a product that might fix the erosion on the rock abutment.

After a brief discussion, the County Attorney asked Mr. Hays to email the County Manager the contact information so the Road Superintendent could research it.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to submit Powell Church Road and a road in Oak Mountain Estates to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the 2020 LMIG project. The County Manager will work with the Road Superintendent and Commissioner Chapman to determine which road will be best for the project. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve the zoning amendment at 5189 Macon Hwy in Talbotton. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The zoning amendment approval for 7211 Woodland Hwy in Woodland was deferred until the January 2020 meeting.

Rick Morris approached the Board to discuss the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

He explained the reasons the Flint Hill Project did not get funded.

Vice Chairman Holmes advised Mr. Morris to reassess the Flint Hill project and come up with a backup project for the Board to approve at the January meeting.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve pay application #12, from Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$109,565.84. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Change order #4 from the Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$14,223.00 was added to the agenda in error. It was approved in a prior meeting.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded for the Board to approve payment to Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers & Surveyors for two invoices totaling \$11,200.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve renewing the ACCG Group Self Insurance Workers Compensation Fund for \$133,547.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The approval of the 11 Parcels that did not sale at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Property Tax Sale was tabled until the County Attorney could do further research.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded for the Board to reduce the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on Old Shiloh Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the purchase request from the EMS Director to purchase two Zoll Cardiac monitors. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Ronnie Hendricks, Maintenance Director updated the Board on the four major projects:

- 1) Elections Equipment Storage has been completed and 2 pieces of election equipment arrived last week.
- 2) The bathrooms at the Youth Center have been demolished and half the fencing has been completed.
- 3) The rotten wood has been replaced and they are in the process of painting the clock tower at the courthouse.
- 4) The mason is 95% completed, the electrical, heating/air and plumbing is being installed at the jail.

Leigh Ann Erenheim, EMA was not in attendance.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the annual Code Red renewal for \$6,500.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for \$11,000.00 to pave Kelly Road. SPLOST Funds from District 1 will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for \$8,000.00 to pave Gibson Road. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Manager reminded the Board they need to have a Called meeting next month to discuss SPLOST negotiations.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:02 PM. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 5:30 p.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Possible litigation and real estate were discussed.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, to approve purchasing 2.25 acres from John Wreford, per the Sales Contract. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board to approve giving retired employee Betty Wimberly a year end payment of \$250.00. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to approve amending the budget to install a sprinkler system at the new Election Equipment Storage site. The projected cost is \$15,834.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date