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January 6, 2020

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 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."

There was one item added to the agenda; bids from Thomaston Ford and Bentley's Automotive to replace the transmission in one of the Transit vans.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented, with one add on. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Michael O'Quinn with ACCG approached the Board to introduce himself.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion for the Board of Commissioner's Officer's to remain the same for 2020. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to reappoint Carol Ison as the County Manager, Edward Davis as the County Attorney and Peter Nolan as Road Superintendent.

No one was present on Fort Benning's behalf.

Jeff King approached the Board to get an update on the repairs on Baker Road.

Chair Walker informed Mr. King that it was discussed at the last meeting that the County Attorney needed to research to confirm that the County owned the road.

The County Attorney informed the Board that the County does own Baker Road.

Chair Walker also stated that she had received bids to repair the road, and they would be discussed following Executive Session.

James Friberg approached the Board requesting an update on when Baker Road would be repaved.

Donald Powell approached the Board requesting an update on when Baker Road would be repaved.

Derek Best approached the Board to discuss the road conditions on Baker Road.

Jimmy Dykes another Baker Road resident approached the Board to discuss the road conditions.

Attorney Andrew Rotenstreich, representing Verizon Wireless approached the Board to give a brief synopsis on the zoning amendment request for conditional use, to erect a communication tower at 7211 Woodland Hwy in Woodland.

At a previous meeting, held December 9, 2019, the Board suggested Mr. Brian Devine, the Verizon Wireless representative try and find a new location for the 245-foot cell tower.

Attorney Rotenstreich informed the Board that Verizon agreed to lower the tower 20 feet.

The 225-foot tower would supply coverage for almost all the Verizon customers in Woodland.

He also explained that the tower would not have a negative impact to the neighbors. Verizon is going to request a non-flashing red light be installed on the tower.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for further discussion of the rezoning request. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:14 p.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to defer the zoning amendment approval for 7211 Woodland Hwy in Woodland to the February 3, 2020 meeting. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Jim Livingston, representing River Valley Regional Commission approached the Board to discuss the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

Mr. Livingston presented to the Board the reasons why the 2019 CDBG housing project did not get funded.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve Hardnett Road in the Flint Hill area as the 2020 CDBG Project. The vote passed 5-0-0.

No action was taken on the approval of the 11 Parcels that did not sale at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Property Tax Sale.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve pay application #13, from Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$85,433.66. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded for the Board to approve pay application #1, from Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$38,392.20. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the pay request from Robinson Paving Co. for \$237,7252.71, for the Juniper Trail resurfacing project. SPLOST Funds from District 2 will be used to fund the project. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Lanier seconded, for the Board to approve the following invoices from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers & Surveyors;

- 1) \$11,297.00-Enginerring Inspection Services Juniper Trail
- 2) \$1,500.00-Construction Estimate Revision Powell Church Road

The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the ACCG-IRMA Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program Renewal. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors to pave Baker Road pending verification from A-1 Asphalt on the actual bid amount. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for Lackey Road for \$9,000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for Holt Road for \$18,500.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for Stinson Road for \$12,000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for Bunkley Road for \$12,000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Vice Chairman Holmes seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from A-1 Asphalt Contractors for Willis Road for \$12,000.00. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Two bids were received to replace the transmission in the transit van. The bids were as follows:

- 1) Thomaston Ford- \$4,641.00
- 2) Bentley's Automotive-\$4,568.57

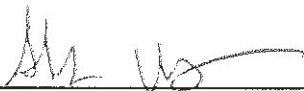
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to accept the bid from Thomaston Ford to repair the transmission in the transit van. The vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Lanier abstained.

The County Manager reminded the Board of the meeting scheduled with the municipalities to discuss the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) projects for 2021. The meeting is January 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the proposed Resolution to set the 2020 Qualifying Fees. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the request from O'Neal Volunteer Fire Chief, Ben Brogdon, to proceed with the Georgia Forestry 50/50 Grant Application process. The vote passed 5-0-0.

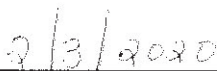
There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date