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February 3, 2020

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 3, 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 and County Manager, Carol Ison were also in attendance. Vice Chairman Holmes 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.

There was one item added to the agenda; a bid from South Tel to prewire new jail facility with network and voice cabling drops.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented, with one add on. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Chair Walker seconded, for the Board to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting, January 13, 2020 Called Meeting, and January 6, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to move agenda item number ten, the Zoning Amendment Approval for 7211 Woodland Hwy as the next item of business. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes arrived at the meeting at this time.

Attorney Andrew Rotenstreich, representing Verizon Wireless gave a quick recap of the Conditional Use Request to erect a communication tower at 7211 Woodland Hwy in Woodland.

Following a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the zoning amendment request for conditional use, to erect a 225-foot communication tower at 7211 Woodland Hwy. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-1-0. Commissioner Chapman abstained.

Scott Declue, representing River Valley Regional Commission was not present: The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) no longer requires that grants be included in the Service Delivery Strategy.

No one was present on Fort Benning's behalf.

Jeff King approached the Board to get the status on resurfacing Baker Road.

Chair Walker informed Mr. King that the resurfacing was approved at the last meeting and weather permitting, the contractor would start in the next few days.

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

Derek Best approached the Board to discuss the road conditions on Baker Road: he was not happy that it has taken so long to get Baker Road repaired.

Mr. Best was very concerned that funds were being spent on roads that he felt didn't need to be resurfaced.

Jimmy Dykes another Baker Road resident approached the Board to discuss the road conditions and wanted to know when the contractor was scheduled to start the resurfacing.

Teresa McCool and Joe Velasquez representing Oak Mountain Estates Homeowners Association (HOA) asked the Board to honor an agreement that was executed September 23, 1996. The agreement stated; Talbot County would supply free water to Oak Mountain Estates for their swimming pool.

The County Attorney, Edward Davis expressed that legally you can't bind a board for more than one year.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to grant the Oak Mountain HOA free water for their swimming pool, for five years. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. Mr. Davis told them, the agreement could be amended and/or terminated if there was any future opposition. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney advised the Board to discuss the invoice from CSX Transportation in Executive Session.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve pay application #14, from Allstate Construction Group, Inc. for \$67,348.18. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Transportation Services Agreement with River Valley Regional Commission. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded, for the Board to approve the Georgia Oilmen's Services Monitoring Report #5 and GUST Trust Fund Application #9A. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Resolution for 2020, (SPLOST 5) and to authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the Intergovernmental Agreement. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Maintenance Director, Ronnie Hendricks presented a bid from South Tel for \$3,770.00, to prewire the new jail facility with (14) network and (7) voice cabling drops.

Following a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the bid from South Tel for \$3,770.00, Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Hendricks also presented a change order from Allstate Construction Group for \$20,821.00, to asphalt overlay and stripe the new jail site parking lot.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the change order for \$20,821.00, subject to it being an eligible TSPLOST expenditure. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The County Attorney will research and let the County Manager know if it is an eligible TSPLOST expenditure.

Road Superintendent Peter Nolan informed the Board that the final note is due on the Excavator and the 12M3 MotorGrader. He will have all the documentation ready to present at the March 2, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

Possible litigation, real estate, and personnel issues were discussed; no decisions were made.

Chair Walker made a motion to add an additional \$40,000.00 for the repairs on Baker Road. Commissioner Lanier seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date