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October 5, 2020

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioners Ken Chapman, Robert Lanier and Freeman Montgomery were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis and County Manager 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 were three items added to the agenda:

1. Request from Patrick McPhiolomy to forgive balance of \$703.57 for Ambulance Transport
2. Dependable Waste Services, Inc. Rate Increase
3. Roadside Mowing Contract

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Montgomery seconded for the Board to approve the agenda as presented, to include the additions. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Tina Chastain, Marketing Director with Shepherd Care Hospice made an introduction and gave a brief synopsis of their services.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded for the Board to approve the Head Start Awareness Month Proclamation. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the VFIS Volunteer Firefighters Accident and Sickness Policy renewal. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The effective date is October 7, 2020 to October 7, 2021. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to re-appoint Omer L. McCants to serve another Four-Year term on the Talbot County Board of Assessors. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The County Manager informed the board it was time to start planning for the 2021 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG). The applications must be submitted to GDOT no later than February 1, 2021.

The EMS Incident was dismissed.

The request from Barbara Cothen to display a plaque in the courthouse in honor of her late father was denied.

The Board denied the request from Patrick McPhiolomy to forgive his balance of \$703.57 for Ambulance Transport services.

Doug Matthews approached the Board to discuss the proposed rate increase for the Garbage Pickup service. The proposed rate will increase from \$11.20 per household to \$14.71. The annual projected increase is \$108,080.00.

Mr. Matthews extended his apologies for the increase. He said it was necessary for the company to be profitable.

The Chairman will schedule a called meeting/workshop to discuss the contract with Dependable Waste Services, Inc., and see what the options are.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, to approve the purchase request from O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department for \$6,295.51 and to amend the budget to support the expenditure. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Water Superintendent, Marcus Thomas approached the Board with a request to purchase a Submersible Active Mixing system for the O'Neal Water Tank. He explained that this should lower production levels of TTHM's.

No decision was made; discussion was deferred until the November meeting.

Maintenance Director, Ronnie Hendricks updated the Board on the Jail Construction Project.

The Board agreed to allow the Road Department to access the property of Gary Sykes to pick up gravel and cross ties that he donated to the Woodland Volunteer Fire Department.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan updated the Board on the road resurfacing projects that were underway in the county.

Mr. Nolan also informed the Board that someone put up a gate on Bunkley Road Extension prohibiting access to work the road. He asked for direction on how to handle the situation.

The County Attorney told Mr. Nolan to find out who owns the property and he will send a letter explaining that they cannot erect a fence on county right of way.

EMS Director, Jerry Anthony presented bids to the Board to remount the 2010 Chevy G4500 ambulance on a 2021 Ford E450 Chassis. The bids were as follows:

- Reliant Emergency Specialties - \$78,000.00
- Frontier Ambulance Solutions - \$79,819.00

Mr. Anthony recommended Frontier Ambulance Solutions. He said that based on the options that were included, it was the best choice.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to award the bid to Frontier Ambulance Solutions for \$79,819.00. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to extend the Road Mowing Contract with McNair's Roadside Mowing for Two Years. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The contract will be extended at the same price. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the County Manager was directed to poll all employees to see if they would like to continue with our annual Christmas Luncheon.

The County Manger asked the Board's permission to post a "No Loitering" sign on the pavilion behind the commissioner's office.

The County Manager updated the Board on the audit findings from Utility Management Services.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:01 a.m. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 12:15 p.m.

Personnel and real estate were discussed. No decisions were made.

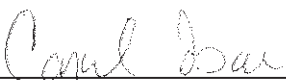
Commissioner Chapman made a motion to amend the EMS Budget \$70,849, for salary increases. The expenditure will be funded with CARES Act Revenue. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.


Commissioner Lanier made a motion, Commissioner Chapman seconded, for the Board to abolish the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and forfeit the funding. The motion is subject to the County Manager researching to see if the grant can be abolished. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker commented; she is not in agreement with abolishing the grant if it will affect future grant opportunities for Talbot County. Her vote is subject to the County Managers findings.

There being no further business, Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to adjourn. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman

  
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