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February 1, 2021

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, and Commissioner Larry Sparks Were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy County Clerk, Jona Gibson were also in attendance. Commissioners Robert Lanier and Ken Chapman arrived after the Meeting was in progress.

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

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion for the Board of Commissioner's Officers to remain the same for 2021. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion for the Board to reappoint Carol Ison as the County Manager, Edward Davis as the County Attorney and Peter Nolan as Road Superintendent. Roger Montgomery was appointed Assistant County Attorney, working under the discretion of Attorney Davis. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Todd Allton, representing CSX Transportation, approached the board with a proposal to remove the bridge on Old Alabama Road. CSX will remove and dispose of the bridge structure and perform all required service without expense to the county. CSX will also contribute an amount of \$10,000.00 for removal of bridge. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to approve the CSX proposal. Chairman Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Robert Lanier arrived during Mr. Allton's presentation.

No one was present of Fort Benning's behalf.

Jim Livingston, Executive Director of the River Valley Regional Commission, approached the Board regarding their interest in the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for the current year. Mr. Livingston inquired as to whether the Board had continued interest in submitting the Owens Circle Project again before the June 30, 2021 deadline or if they had any new interests. Vice Chairman Holmes stated that he would like to see the Owens Circle Project come to fruition and made a motion to apply again for this project. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Ken Chapman arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Livingston also approached the Board regarding an RVRC (River Valley Regional Commission) Regional Council Member appointment. This position was held by former Commissioner Freeman Montgomery and upon his retirement, an appointment was necessary. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to appoint Chairman Sher'Londa Walker as the new RVRC Regional Council Member. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The TIA Round Table was also discussed by Mr. Livingston. A project list is needed and deadline for regional submission is May 2021. The TIA Round Table Executive Committee will award projects. Talbot County's representative on the TIA Round Table will be held by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Judge Sherrell Terry was not present at the meeting.

Superior Court Clerk, Penny Mahone, made a request to the Board to establish a Court Technology Fund that would allow all GSCCCA (Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority) funds to go into a special account to improve the Superior Court by making court records electronic. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve Clerk Mahone's request subject to approval by County Attorney Edward Davis. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Sheriff Johnson approached the Board with a request to declare as surplus any old vehicles no longer in use by the county. After declaring as surplus, Sheriff Johnson would like to be able to advertise the vehicles for sale on the website gov.deal. There would be no cost or responsibility to the county for the sale of said vehicles. He will run an ad in the local newspaper and specify how and when the county will dispose of surplus items. Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to declare the old vehicles as surplus and advertise them on gov.deal. Commissioner Lanier seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Sheriff Johnson also made a request to establish a fund to be used for administrative technology for his Office. The discussion was tabled.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board meetings on December 7, 2020 and January 4, 2021 and the Executive Session on December 7, 2020. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

In old business, the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board was tabled.

In new business, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to approve the Georgia Oilmen Services Monitoring Report #8 and GUST Trust Fund application #12A. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to approve an invoice from Mulsow, Inc. in the amount of \$5,350.00 for the monitoring of Talbot County Landfill. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Approval of invoice from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$6,300.00 was presented for work completed on Gilbert Road. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve payment. This was seconded by Commissioner Lanier. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Invoices from Clemons, Rutherford & Associates were presented totaling \$13,534.01 for completion of services on the new jail. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve payment of invoices. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A Georgia Department of Transportation List of Road Document/Radar List for Talbot County was presented to the Board for approval. Talbot County is responsible for proper speed zone sign placement on non-state route roadways as well as any advisory speed warning signs roadway conditions warrant. Talbot County must also ensure that their respective radar permit is updated and references the document being approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier to approve the GDOT List of Roads document. Vice Chairman Holmes Seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to reappoint Dan Coffee to serve another six (6) year term on the Talbot County Tax Assessors Board. Commissioner Lanier seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ken Chapman to reappoint Patricia Robinson to serve another four (4) year term on the Talbot County Board of Elections. Commissioner Lanier seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to reappoint Pamela Bulloch to serve another four (4) year term on the Talbot County Board of Elections. Commissioner Lanier seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lanier to appoint Sharita Trice to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Allport on the Talbot County Board of Elections. This term will expire December 31, 2021. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to reappoint Jeff Ingram to serve another three (3) year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanier. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A vacancy was created on the Talbot County Board of Health by the retirement of Commissioner Freeman Montgomery. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to have Chair Sher'Londa Walker serve on this Board. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Talbot county was made by Vice Chairman Holmes. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Solid Waste Collection, Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Green for Life (GFL) was tabled.

Road Superintendent Peter Nolan approached the Board regarding the paving of Mountain Valley Road. Mr. Nolan was instructed to put together specifications for the paving requirements of the road. Advertising for bids may then begin. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve advertising for bids. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A public hearing was scheduled for February 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Commissioners office to complete the requirements to close a portion of Old Mauk Road.

Road Superintendent Nolan also had a request to repair Hawkins Road bridge. A headwall will be needed to keep the beams of the bridge from washing out. Mr. Nolan was instructed to obtain a quote on cost of repair.

Following a discussion with Mr. Hubert Bickley regarding an extension of Bunkley Road to be maintained by the county, the Board verbally agreed that Bunkley Road Extension should be county maintained.

Ronnie Hendricks, Maintenance Director, gave a report on the HVAC system at the Geneva Park. Currently, the building has two separate units in need of repair. He stated that it would be more cost effective to install a new system at a cost of approximately \$5,300.00 than to repair the old units. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve purchase of a new one-unit system. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0. SPLOST funds will be used to support the purchase.

County Attorney Edward Davis reported that the closing on the Epps Estate and Flint Hill properties should probably occur within the week.

Attorney Davis is preparing an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance that would allow transfer of Enforcement to the Talbot County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager Carol Ison reported to the Board that some surrounding counties have extended the Families First Coronavirus Response Act through March 31, 2021. Total hours available for each employee is eighty (80). Commissioner Lanier made a motion to extend until March 31, 2021. Chair Walker seconded.

The vote passed 5-0-0.

County Manager Ison also reported that the county has agreed to conduct the City of Talbotton elections.

No updates were given by Commissioners.

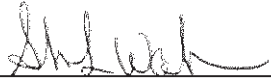
Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:06 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Personnel and possible litigations were discussed. No decisions were made.


Commissioner Lanier did not attend Executive Session.

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order.

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



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager

3-1-2021

Date