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June 7, 2021

The Talbot County Commissioners held a Public Hearing Monday, June 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m. at the Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, GA 31827.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss a request for a Zoning Amendment from Residential to Industrial for conditional use for the Distillation of Alcohol (Mini Brewery).

Mr. Bradley Colbert appeared before the Board providing information regarding the plans for the distillery he wishes to open at 466 Rush Creek Highway, Woodland, GA.

Mr. Paul Higginbotham, Zoning Inspector for Talbot County, informed the Board that the Planning and Zoning Committee had met and denied the request of Mr. Colbert to rezone his property due to the fact that it did not meet Talbot County Zoning requirements.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the distillery.

Vice Chairman Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Sher'Londa Walker called the regular meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioner Ken Chapman, and Commissioner Larry Sparks were in attendance. Also in attendance were Carol Ison, County Manager, Edward Davis, County Attorney, and Jona Gibson, County Clerk.

There were two add-ons to the agenda as follows: ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Renewal and Sheriff Justin Johnson.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings, May 3rd, 19th, and May 3rd and 19th Executive Session. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to deny the distillery zoning request. Commissioner Sparks seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to table the decision until the next regular board meeting. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Susan Pitts appeared before the Board representing Lovie Griggs family with a request to pave S. Culpepper Road. Also, appearing on behalf of this request was Antonio Turner. Ms. Pitts was informed that the Board and Road Superintendent Peter Nolan would look into the feasibility of paving the road and provide an update.

Mr. Alvin Howard came before the Board with a request to extend county water lines out Baker Road and Highway 208 approaching the Harris County line. Mr. Marcus Thomas, Water Department Supervisor, was called on to provide information about water facilities and the possibility of available grants in order to be able to offer a solution for the water situation in this area. Concern was noted and residents were insured that the county is continually working to enhance the water system.

Hillary Mitchell did not make an appearance.

The Board was informed that the City of Woodland wished to amend its Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the hours for a patrol officer. Amended hours would be 20 per week instead of 25. A motion to approve this request was made by Commissioner Chapman. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Marcus Thomas, Water Department Supervisor, requested an approval to proceed with submitting the loan application to GEFA. After a brief discussion, it was decided to table further discussion until after executive session.

Jeff Ingram appeared before the Board with the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Health Renewal. He informed the Board that the deductible will be reduced for the FY22 year from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00. The Standard cost per employee for the county would be \$798.32 with an option to each employee to buy-up to a better coverage plan at a cost of \$55.94 to be paid by the employee. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept the renewal plan. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with the Manchester Fire Department. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion, Commissioner Sparks seconded, to approve the Georgia Forestry Commission Cooperative Agreement for Wildfire Suppression. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An invoice in the amount of \$3,575.00 from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers for the 2021 LMIG (Gilbert Road) Project was presented to the Board for approval. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve payment of invoice. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An invoice in the amount of \$8,225.00 from Mulsow, Inc. for monitoring fees at the Talbot County Landfill was presented for approval. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve invoice for payment. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Property Tax Error and Additions and Error and Releases through April 30,2021 were presented to the Board for approval. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Approval for Talbot County to accept the Terms and Conditions and the county's allocation of \$1,203,306.00 for the American Rescue Plan State and Local Recovery Fund from the U.S. Treasury signed by Chair Walker on May 26,2021 was requested. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Renewal Effective July 1, 2021-July 1,2022 was presented to the Board for approval. The annual premium is \$121,194.00. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept renewal. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Sheriff Justin Johnson appeared before the Board with a request to lease three (3) Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles from Ford Motor Credit, for a term of five (5) years. Funds allocated in the Sheriff's Capital Outlay budget FYE 2021 will support the purchase. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to proceed with the lease agreement provided the County Manger approved the agreement. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion pending approval of County Manager Ison.

Talbot County Elections Supervisor, Marjorie Howard, appeared before the Board with a request to accept the quote from Dominion voting for Election Equipment warranty for \$8,087.00. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to accept the quote. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Elections Supervisor Howard also presented to the Board a price quote she had prepared for the City of Geneva to conduct their Municipal Election. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept the quote of \$5,800.00. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, presented a quote from Anderson Environmental, Inc. for demolition of the structure located at 545 North Washington Street. SPLOST funds will be used to pay the cost of supervising the hazardous material removal. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve contracting with Anderson Environmental, Inc. for \$20,886.00. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

County Manager Ison requested the Commissioners to confirm a date with her to discuss the Capital Improvement budget.

Vice Chair Holmes shared concerns of dead-end streets in his district with Road Superintendent Peter Nolan. They discussed making sure a sign was posted at each street that was dead-end.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holmes to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 12.23 p.m.

Personnel matters, possible litigation, and real estate matters were discussed. No decisions were made.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to accept a Resolution authorizing County Manager Ison and Assistant County Manager Hendricks to act as the General Contractor for the Community Building Construction project. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Chapman. The vote passed 4-0-0.

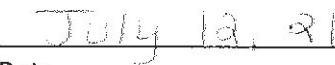
There being no further business, Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date