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August 2, 2021

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chair Franklin Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman and Larry Sparks were present. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Deputy County Clerk, Jona Gibson.

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 arrived during the recitation.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with an add-on request by Tax Commissioner, Jamie Huff, to write-off balances of delinquent taxes of six (6) properties hit by the tornado on March 3, 2019. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve minutes of the July 12, 2021, Regular Board meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

No one from Fort Benning was present for the meeting.

Mr. Jason Brown appeared before the Board with concerns regarding the speed limit on Packing House Road. He informed the Board of the conditions and characteristics of the road as well as potential Hazards. Mr. Brown then made a request to place signs on the road with a Speed Limit of 30 miles per hour. After a discussion, Commissioner Sparks made a motion to place speed limit signs of 30 miles per hour on the road. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A Zoning Amendment Request from Residential to Industrial for Conditional Use for the distillation of Alcohol (mini brewery) was presented by Mr. Bill Hardaway on behalf of Mr. Bradley Colbert. Mr. Paul Higginbotham, Building & Zoning Inspector, advised the Board that the Planning and Zoning Committee had met on Monday, July 26, 2021, and agreed that changing the zoning ordinance to make alcohol production a Conditional Use would bring Talbot County more in-line with surrounding counties regarding the manufacture of alcohol and its potential for Agri-Tourism. Changing the Zoning Ordinance would also give Talbot County more control over what such an enterprise would look like and how to mitigate its effect on surrounding property owners and users.

Following the discussion, Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to grant Mr. Colbert a conditional use to operate a mini brewery. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

County Attorney, Edward Davis, requested that Items 5 & 6 on the agenda involving an invoice from CSX Transportation in the amount of \$14,892.92 and the request by Norfolk Southern to close the crossing on Woodyard Road in Geneva be tabled until further discussion could take place in Executive Session.

A request to approve the Pay App from Quality Construction by McLeroy, Inc. in the amount of \$154,315.00 was presented. This amount is to be paid from SPLOST FUNDS District 2. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve payment. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A request to change the September Board meeting date to Tuesday, September 7, 2021, was brought before the Commissioners. The change is necessary due to the Labor Day holiday and the following Monday the County Manager and County Clerk will attend mandatory meetings. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to change the date from Monday, September 14, 2021, to Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Commissioner Larry Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An approval for the ACCG-IRMA Safety Discount Program was requested. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An approval for the ACCG-GSIWCF Safety Discount Program was also requested. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Approvals for the two (2) agreements with River Valley Area Agency on Aging for Services for the Elderly and Disabilities (Title III/OAA) in the amount of \$132,891.99 and \$21,845.62 were requested. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve agreements with Commissioner Sparks seconding the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A request to set the 2021 Millage Rate was presented. Current millage rate is 16.009 percent. The rollback rate would be 15.440 percent. Commissioners agreed to advertise the rate of 15.440 percent and will hold a called meeting on Monday, August 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to set the official rate. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to advertise at the rollback rate of 15.440 percent. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An approval of a Spending Resolution for August 2021 was presented. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

An invoice in the amount of \$88,416.48 for inmate medical care was presented before the Board. Vice Chair Holmes, after a brief discussion, made a motion to approve the invoice. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Add-on agenda item from Tax Commissioner, Jamie Huff, was presented. The request was to write-off balances of delinquent taxes on six (6) properties that were hit by the tornado on March 3, 2019. The total amount of the write-off will be \$3,039.12. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to give Tax Commissioner Huff approval for the write-off. Vice Chair Holmes seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan and Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks were unable to attend the meeting. They had both informed County Manager Ison there were no updates at this time.

County Attorney, Edward Davis, will address Agenda items 5 and 6 in Executive Session.

County Manager, Carol Ison, would like to schedule a work session for the 2022 Budget on August 9, 2021. Vice Chair Holmes requested the work session take place at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Holmes wanted to make a note that everyone should continue to observe cautions of COVID 19.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 11:37 a.m.

Personnel matters and possible litigation were discussed. No decisions were made.

There being no further business, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date