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September 7, 2001

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, followed by their regular scheduled board meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2001, 10:00 a.m., at the Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827.

Chair Sher'Londa Walker called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss the proposed amendment to the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance to include a Micro-Brewery/Distillery.

Jim Livingston with River Valley Regional Commission appeared before the Board and stated that the amendment would allow the Micro-Brewery to operate under "Conditional Use" as a small operator with limits to the amount of product that could be produced in a single year.

Mr. Paul Higginbotham, Zoning Inspector, added by approving the amendment would give Talbot County more control over such an enterprise.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the amendment changes.

Chair Walker closed the Public Hearing.

Chair Walker called the regular scheduled monthly Board 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, Commissioners Ken Chapman and Larry Sparks were in attendance. Also in attendance were Carol Ison, County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, Assistant County Manager, and Jona Gibson, County Clerk. It was noted that County Attorney, Edward Davis, was not present due to a prior engagement.

Vice Chair Franklin Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with an add-on request by EMS Director, Jerry Anthony, to purchase a Lucas device. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve minutes of the previous month's meetings for August 2nd, August 9th and August 30th. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Gregory Willis and Ms. Leola Pendarvis, residents of Willis Road appeared before the Board to discuss conditions of the road. Chair Walker and Vice Chair Holmes instructed the Road Superintendent to go inspect the road to determine what conditions needed to be addressed.

Chair Walker opened Sealed Bids received for road resurfacing and patching projects advertised by the County. Received bids were as follows:

Wolford Construction Company submitted a bid of \$99,005.00 for the resurfacing of South Howard Road and a bid of \$56,697.00 for Sizemore Road resurfacing.

Robinson Paving Company submitted bids for all four advertised requests as follows:

County Road 71 resurfacing bid submitted was \$269,189.95. Mitchell Road patching bid was \$9,904.00. Sizemore Road resurfacing bid was \$62,245.00 and South Howard Road resurfacing bid submitted was \$115,882.50.

Vice Chair Holmes requested more background information on the Wolford Construction Company. Bids were tabled to the October meeting until more information can be obtained.

2022 LMIG was discussed. County Manager, Carol Ison, stated that projects needed to be determined and submitted by February 1, 2022. She suggested a good project for this would be the resurfacing of County Road 71.

Road Superintendent Nolan gave an update on the conditions of Old Shiloh Road and suggested that it might be added as a possible project as well.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to add County Road 71 and Old Shiloh Road as the proposed projects for the 2022 LMIG. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept the Zoning Ordinance with an Amendment to include "Conditional Uses" for a Micro-Brewery. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The yearly Pine Mountain Regional Library System Participating Agreement was presented to the Board for approval. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract was presented for approval. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the contract. Vice Chair Holmes seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A 2021 Engagement Letter of Services from Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs and Advisors was presented to the Board for acceptance. They will take over for Abbott, Jordan, & Koon CPAs as AJK LLC have made the decision to no longer represent local governments and municipalities. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept the Engagement Letter. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

FYE 2021 Budget Amendments were presented to the Board for approval. The combined individual budgets went over budget by an amount of \$49,935.64. This amount was due to mistakenly budgeting individual grant award amounts. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the amendments. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A purchase request from Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$34,983.38 was presented to the Board for approval. The request is for extrication equipment. There is only one unit in the county at present. This amount would be purchased with SPLOST funds. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Probate Judge, Sherrell Terry, presented a request for CJT Software to aide her office in issuing warrants. She stated the cost of the software would be \$10,000.00 with an additional \$5,000.00 for a scanning feature. This amount was not included in her FY2022 budget and the Commissioners noted the request and suggested that the purchase might be something to be considered for next year's budget.

Probate Judge Terry also expressed concerns regarding the air quality inside the courthouse where her office is located. Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, informed the Board that there was an ionization system that could be placed on a forced air system that would aide in the killing of bacteria and viruses. This along with regular maintenance would help the situation.

Road Superintendent Peter Nolan gave an update on South Culpepper Road. The road is narrow and approximately two tenths of a mile in length which dead ends. Chair Walker made a request to Superintendent Nolan to inspect the road and get prices on repair.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, informed the Board that all construction projects are moving forward.

An add-on request from EMS Director, Jerry Anthony, was presented to the Board. The request is for a Lucas Device which is a chest compression system. The total cost for the unit would be \$11,215.52. \$5,000.00 of this amount would be funded by an EMS grant. The remaining \$6, 215.52 would come from EMS Capital Outlay funds. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

County Manager Ison advised the Board regarding the FYE 2022 Water Fund Budget/Joint Use Facility. There will be a Called Meeting on the Water Budget after October 1, 2021.

County Manager Ison advised the Board of possible projects for the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Projects might include an online Business Licensing and Building Permitting System that would enable individuals to complete applications online. This would reduce personal contact aiding with COVID-19 regulations. Also possible might be measures to improve the air quality in the courthouse.

The County Manager informed the Board of the latest Census results which were as follows: In 2010, Talbot County showed a population of 6,865. The 2020 Census population for Talbot was 5,733, a reduction of 1,132 residents.

There were no updates from the Commissioners.

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

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 11:45 a.m.

Personnel matters and possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

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 Government Building Construction project. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Chapman. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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


The meeting was adjourned.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date