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October 4, 2021

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker and Commissioners Ken Chapman and Larry Sparks were present. Vice Chairman Holmes arrived a little late. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, 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".

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve minutes of the September 7, 2021, Regular Board meeting. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Ms. Edith Gates appeared before the Board with an employee complaint. Before she began, the County Attorney respectfully asked if she could wait until they could talk to decide if the complaint was an issue that should be handled in Executive Session. Ms. Gates agreed.

In old business, sealed bids were reviewed for County Road 71 resurfacing, Mitchell Road patching, Sizemore Road resurfacing, and South Howard Road resurfacing. One bid was received on Mitchell Road from Robinson Paving for a total of \$9,904.00. Sizemore Road received two bids. Robinson Paving bid \$62,245.00 and Wolford Contracting Company LLC bid \$56,697.00. South Howard Road received two bids. Robinson Paving bid \$115,882.50 and Wolford Contracting Company LLC bid \$99,005.00. Chair Walker made a motion to accept the lowest bid on Sizemore and South Howard Roads. Commissioner Chapman seconded. Robinson Paving was awarded the bid for Mitchell Road patching as there were no other bidders. SPLOST funds will be used. The vote passed 3-0-0.

During the September 7, 2021 meeting, it was suggested by County Manager Ison that County Road 71 be considered for the 2022 LMIG project. DOT would fund \$392, 874.28 and the remaining amount would come from District 3 SPLOST funds. Commissioner Chapman made the motion to accept County Road 71 as the LMIG Project for FY22. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes arrived at this time.

Laura Schneider, representing River Valley Regional Commission, appeared before the Board. She presented a Pre-Disaster Mitigation/Resolution for adoption. This resolution must be updated every five (5) years. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to adopt the resolution. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Volunteer Fire Fighters Accident & Sickness Policy was presented to the Board for renewal. There were no changes from last year. The FY22 premium will be \$2,502.00. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept the VFIS renewal. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A proclamation was presented to the Board to make October 2021 National Headstart Awareness Month. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to accept the proclamation. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A capital purchase request in the amount of \$33,800.00 was presented to the Board for a new vehicle for the County Coroner. This amount is in the Coroner's FY22 budget. His current car is aging and in need of several repairs. Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Sheriff Johnson appeared before the Board with a request to declare six (6) vehicles surplus and to sell said vehicles on Gov.deals. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to allow Sheriff Johnson to sell the six (6) surplus vehicles. Vice Chair Holmes seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Sheriff Johnson presented a request to enter into an Inmate Medical Services Agreement with Southern Health Partners. The cost of the agreement for the year would be \$10,000.00. This would allow Southern Health Partners to come to the jail and render services needed by inmates so that transportation to and from a health facility would be greatly reduced. Vice Chair Franklin Holmes made a motion to enter into the agreement. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Sheriff Johnson requested approval to purchase a vehicle to use for the CHAMPS program. This program is designed to provide an educational program for Georgia's youth, which provides guidance, and the skills, ability, and knowledge to be safe, healthy, and happy, in preparation for a successful life. After discussion, it was decided that Sheriff Johnson, County Attorney Davis, and a member of the Georgia Sheriff's Association would meet to decide if a vehicle would be an allowable purchase with the Drug Abuse Treatment & Education funds.

Road Superintendent Peter Nolan provided updates on the conditions of county roads. He was instructed to get prices to repair roads which are significantly in need of repair.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, shared with the Board that approval for access to the Community Building had been approved by DOT and that all other projects are moving forward.

The County Attorney had no updates.

County Manager Ison discussed setting meeting times for Calendar Year 2022. She will have a calendar ready for the next meeting in November. County Manager Ison also requested the Commissioners look at their calendars to set a date for a called meeting regarding the FY22 Water Fund Budget/Joint Use Facility & ARPA projects. County Manager Ison also informed the Commissioners that a meeting with the cities would be necessary regarding the Local Option Sales Tax Negotiations and Redistricting.

There were no updates from the Commissioners.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to move into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

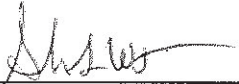
Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 11:40 a.m.

Personnel matters and possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

No decisions were made.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



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Carol Ison, County Manager

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