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November 1, 2021

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on November 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., followed by their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting. The meeting was held at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sherlonda Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman, and Larry Sparks were in attendance. Also, in attendance were County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison and Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks. Chair Walker arrived a few minutes late.

Vice Chairman Holmes called the Public Hearing to order and informed everyone that the hearing was being held to discuss the proposed text amendments to the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance for Telecommunication Facilities.

Building and Zoning Director, Paul Higginbotham stated that the amendments were to provide clarification in the Zoning Ordinance on the permitted uses for Telecommunication facilities.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Vice Chairman Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Holmes called the regular meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition, Election Supervisor, Marjorie Howard seeking approval to conduct a special election for the Talbot County Board of Education. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve all meeting minutes for October 2021. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Renada Stanford speaking on behalf of Sparkle Stanford, requested a hardship variance to construct a home at 114 Boulton Road. There is currently a residence on the 1.37-acre parcel. Mr. Higginbotham stated, the parcel could not be subdivided because it would create a land locked property with no road frontage (100 ft. of road frontage is required) and the newly created lot would not meet the minimum lot size requirement (1 acre) in the zoning ordinance.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to grant the variance to construct an additional home on the 1.37-acre parcel. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

However, Vice Chairman Holmes informed Ms. Sparkle, there may be issues with the State when it comes time to get the well and septic permits.

Shuyron Macon, Municipal Advisor for Daylight Capital Advisors gave a brief synopsis of their services and ways they could help reduce the interest rate on the Water System bonds.

Chair Sherlonda Walker arrived at this time.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendments to include permitted uses for Telecommunication Facilities. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing for the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation for a Grant for Public Transit Assistance Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the GDOT Subrecipient Title VI Plan for 2021. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the FYE 2022 Budget Amendment for \$86,000, carrying forward CARES Act Funds from FYE 2021. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented, adding Juneteenth as an approved paid holiday. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Election Superintendent, Marjorie Howard received a request from the Talbot County Board of Education to conduct a Special Election on March 15, 2022. She asked the board's approval to charge the Board of Education for the actual cost of the election.

Following the discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve conducting the special election for the Board of Education for the actual cost. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

O'Neal Volunteer Fire Chief Ben Brogdon was not present. The County Manager presented his request to apply for the Georgia Forestry Grant.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve applying for the Georgia Forestry Grant, Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan presented repair bids for several roads in the county.

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

County Manager, Carol Ison, informed the board that the Employee Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

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

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 11:29 a.m.

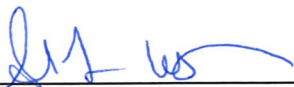
Personnel matters and possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

No decisions were made.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the FYE 2022 Water Fund Budget for \$1,112,209.92, eliminating one (1) full time position. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date