



**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
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February 7, 2021

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, Georgia 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioners Ken Chapman and Larry Sparks were present. The County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, and Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks were also in attendance.

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 Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Chapman Seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes for all meetings in December 2021 and January 2022. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board of Commissioner's Officers to remain the same for 2022. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion for the Board to reappoint Carol Ison as the County Manager, Edward Davis as the County Attorney and Peter Nolan as Road Superintendent. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Sheriff's Department employees request to discuss the Premium Pay for Essential workers was deferred to Executive Session.

Teresa McCool, representing Oak Mountain Property Owners Association, addressed Road and Water issues with the board. Ms. McCool presented a list of roads that owners within Oak Mountain Estates are concerned about.

Eric Cummings, Oak Mountain Home Owners Association Board Member, gave details on the reoccurring water problems in the Oak Mountain community.

Ms. McCool and Mr. Cummings stated, it is unacceptable not to have water to shower, prepare meals, and wash laundry. They are concerned that the lack of water will also lead to unsanitary conditions and potential health risks.

There were no bids received for the County Road 71 Resurfacing project. Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers will re-advertise the project.

A vacancy was created on the Talbot County Board of Health by the passing of Commissioner Freeman Montgomery. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to have Chair Sher'Londa Walker serve on this Board. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to reappoint Sandra Higginbotham to serve another six (6) year term on the Talbot County Tax Assessors Board. Term begins April 1, 2022, and ends March 31, 2028. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Holmes to appoint Sharita Trice to serve a three year term on the Talbot County Board of Elections, and serve as Chairperson of the board. This term will expire December 31, 2025. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to reappoint Denise Brogdon and David Ison to serve another three (3) year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Holmes. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Approval of an invoice from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$3,150.00 was presented for work completed on the 2022 LMIG Project. (CR 71). Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve payment. This was seconded by Chair Walker. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve amending the FYE 2022 Budget, in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is for a donation made to the Box Springs Volunteer Fire Department, by Oglethorpe Power. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Group Adoption Agreement for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and Talbot County. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the renewal agreement for the ServLine Leak Protection Program. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to proceed with refinancing the Water Bonds, and adding an additional One Million Dollars for the City of Manchester Debt. Davenport & Company LLC will provide Georgia financial advisory services to Talbot County. Talbot State Bank was awarded the bid, with the lowest interest rate of 2.75%. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-1-0. Commissioner Chapman abstained.

Ronnie Hendricks, Assistant County Manager, gave an update on the construction progress of the new Government Office.

Commissioner Chapman and Commissioner Sparks both noted they have several roads in their districts that have damage, due to the recent heavy rains.

County Manager Carol Ison reported to the Board that Talbot County was awarded the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to purchase a generator for the Talbot County Water Pumping Station. If there is not an increase in the cost of the equipment from the original proposal, the local match will be \$24,428.00.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order.

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

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to pay the premium pay for essential worker's supplement as previously determined. Full-time employees will receive \$1,000, and part-time will receive \$300. The employee must be employed August 1, 2021 to be eligible for premium pay. Employees receiving the Law Enforcement and First Responders Supplement will not receive the premium pay. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

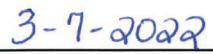
Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to set the interim Probate/Magistrate Judge's salary the same as the former Probate/Magistrate Judge Sherrell Terry, \$69,898.97. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to appoint Edna Marshall to fill the vacancy of Sherrell Terry on the Talbot County Board of Health. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

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

  
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Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

  
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