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March 7, 2022

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 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, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks and County Clerk, Jona Gibson were also in attendance.

Chair Walker called the Public Hearing to order.

The Public Hearing was being held to discuss the text amendments to the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance to provide comprehensive guidelines for the safe and orderly development of solar energy in Talbot County.

Building and Zoning Director Paul Higginbotham gave a brief synopsis of the Zoning Ordinance amendments and said the Planning and Zoning Board was in full support of the amendments.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Chair Walker closed the Public Hearing.

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 held in February 2022. Chair Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Ruby Barnes request to discuss the employee sick leave policy was deferred to Executive Session.

James Everett, representing Denham Edwards & Foshee Insurance gave a brief description of the services that they offer and asked the board to consider allowing his agency to manage the employee benefits for Talbot County.

No action was taken.

Rick Saunders was present to offer his Engineering services and answer any questions the board may have.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment to the Talbot County Zoning Ordinance to provide comprehensive guidelines for the safe and orderly development of solar energy in Talbot County. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the Georgia Oilmen's Services Monitoring Report #11 and GUST Trust Fund Application #15A. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to reappoint Sher'Londa Walker to the Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities Region 6 Regional Advisory Council. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the proposed Safety Coordinator Resolution appointing Peter Nolan as Safety Coordinator. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Sparks seconded, to approve the budget amendment for FYE 2022, in the amount of \$2,479.60. The vote passed 4-0-0. The amendment includes the following account numbers:

- Public Buildings - \$1,479.60 (Employee Safety Grant)
- Junction City VFD - \$1,000.00 (COVIA Donation)

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to approve the request from EMS to proceed with purchasing a new ambulance. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. Funds from the America Rescue Plan will be used to support the purchase. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.585 cents per mile. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The Board granted Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan permission to assist the City of Geneva with repairs on School House Road.

The County Manager reminded the board members, the meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. beginning in April through September.

Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion, Commissioner Sparks seconded, to approve purchasing eight (8) iPads for board meeting use. The cost will not exceed \$8,000.00. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A brief discussion was held regarding the water issues in Oak Mountain Estates.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. Vice Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

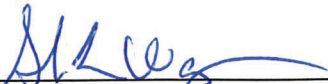
Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order.

Personnel issues were discussed. No decisions were made.

Vice Chairman Holmes left during Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chapman to approve pay to Ruby Barnes for accrued sick leave from October 2017 through 2019. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

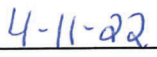
There being no further business, Commissioner Sparks made a motion to adjourn. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date