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April 11, 2022

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held the April 2022 Board meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022. The original date for the meeting was April 4, 2022. The meeting was rescheduled because there was no quorum due to the absences of Vice Chair Franklin Holmes and Commissioner Larry Sparks. Those attending were Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes, Commissioner Ken Chapman, Commissioner Larry Sparks, County Manager Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks and County Clerk, Jona Gibson.

Vice Chair Holmes called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance." Chair Sher'Londa Walker was unable to attend.

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

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve all minutes for the March 7, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Jim Livingston, Executive Director for River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) appeared before the Board with information pertaining to the Transportation Investment Act which is expiring December 31, 2022. He advised the Commissioners to educate residents regarding the Transportation Investment Act so that they may make an educated decision at the polls in May. If renewed, the Transportation Investment Act would extend for another 10 years.

Sheriff Johnson was informed that questions regarding bailiffs would be addressed in Executive Session.

There was one sealed bid received for the 2022 LMIG Project (County Road 71 Resurfacing). Robinson Paving Company placed this bid. Vice-Chair Holmes opened the bid and revealed the bid amount of \$470,881.00. Vice Chair Holmes then asked for a motion. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept the bid followed by a second from Commissioner Sparks. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice Chair Holmes asked County Manager Carol Ison to provide a brief description of services to be rendered by James Everett of Denham, Edwards & Foshee Insurance Agency. County Manager Ison informed the Board that by choosing James Everett to represent the county as its insurance agent would allow the county to receive more options to provide employees with the best possible coverage at the lowest cost.

Insurance agent for the county is currently Jeff Ingram. Mr. Ingram can only provide a quote and handle insurance matters through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve James Everett to act as the insurance agent for Talbot County. Vice-Chair Holmes seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Approval of payment to the Industrial Development Authority was tabled until a member of the Development Authority can appear before the Board and provide an update.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve County Manager Ison to serve another three-year term on the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board (term dates 07/01/22-06/30/25). Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sparks to adopt the GDOT Procurement Policy for the Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Consultant Services. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Sharita Trice, Elections Supervisor, came before the board with a request to appoint Gladys Leonard to serve on the Election Board. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Elections Supervisor, Sharita Trice, also made a request for technical support and L & A testing during primary election in May. The cost for a full week of support and L & A testing is \$13,000.00. This amount is covered in the Elections budget. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, presented a quote of \$3,100.00 to pour concrete for a sidewalk allowing handicap access to restrooms at the Geneva Park. A cost of \$2,200.00 was presented to provide a path from the parking lot into the park. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sparks to allow Mr. Hendricks to proceed with an access to the restrooms. The quote for a path from the parking area was not approved at this time. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks discussed possible grants found by Azimuth Grant Research that the county may wish to apply for, but no action was taken at this time.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks informed the commissioners regarding repairs needed to the courthouse roof. A quote of \$3,200.00 was obtained with a five-year warranty to repair the flat roof that is presently leaking. There are other issues with the roof, and it was determined that these could possibly wait while the county applies for a grant to help with cost of repair to the entire roof. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve up to \$5,000.00 for repair of the flat portion of the courthouse roof. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

County Manager Ison informed the commissioners that it would be necessary to close the office from Tuesday, April 19, 2022, through Friday, April 22, 2022, to relocate to the new government building. Rescheduling of the May 2, 2022, Board meeting may be necessary as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sparks to release the Title for a 2008 Ford F-150 purchased with seizure funds by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners are aware of numerous dirt roads damaged by last week's rain and thanked Road Superintendent Nolan and his staff for the work they are doing to repair them as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sparks to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Vice-Chair Holmes called the regular meeting back to order at 11:50 a.m. Personnel issues were discussed. No decisions were made.

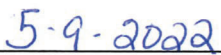
There being no further business, Commissioner Sparks made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.



Franklin Holmes, Vice-Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date