



Talbot County Board of Commissioners
35 West Madison Street, P.O. Box 155
Talbotton, Georgia 31827

July 11, 2022

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled monthly Board Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the County Commission Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. Vice Chairman, Franklin Holmes, and Commissioners Ken Chapman and Larry Sparks were present. Chairman Sher'Londa Walker arrived later in the meeting. County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson were also in attendance.

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

Commissioner Ken Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with an add-on appearance by Sharita Trice, Elections Supervisor. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The agenda was approved 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve minutes from the June 6, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Sparks seconded. Minutes were approved 3-0-0.

Dorothy Bass, representing Talbot County Family Connections, appeared before the Board. Ms. Bass is requesting an additional \$7500.00 bringing her total budget request for FY23 to \$15,000.00. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Holmes recommended tabling the additional request of funds until further information could be obtained.

Gene Reynolds of Gene Reynolds Realty Inc. appeared before the Board. Mr. Reynolds is representing property owner, Florence Jarrell, with a request to remove a gate that was erected by hunters leasing land, adjacent to Ms. Jarrell's property. The gate is located between West Taylor Road and Carter Loop. The gate denies entrance or exit to Mrs. Jarrell's property. Discussion took place to determine if the gate was on a county road or a privately owned road. County Attorney Davis will check into the matter.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to appoint Kinievel Johnson and Julie Gvitale to serve a three-year term on the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

The ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Renewal effective 7/1/22-7/1/23, was presented for Board approval. County Manager, Carol Ison, informed the Board of the premium for the year which will be \$144,376.00. This is an increase of \$23,182.00 from last year. County Manager Ison advised Commissioners that they might consider bidding the coverage out next year. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the payment. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services for the Elderly and Disabilities (Tittle III OAA) from the River Valley Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

The Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Certificate of Distribution Schedule was presented to the Board. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve the schedule. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Chair Sher'Londa Walker arrived at this time.

County Manager Ison informed the Board of the EMS Director Vacancy and the position would be discussed in Executive Session. Current EMS Director, Jerry Anthony, will remain full-time until August 1, 2022, upon which he will continue with the county as a part-time employee of Talbot County EMS.

Sheriff Justin Johnson was to appear before the Board but requested that his appearance be tabled until next month.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, had no updates for the Board. He had one Issue to discuss in Executive Session.

County Attorney, Edward Davis, had no updates for the Board.

Sharita Trice, Elections Supervisor, appeared before the Board to request an approval for the county to conduct a Special Election for the City of Talbotton. This election would be to fill the seat vacated by Andrew Hall when running for Probate Judge. The proposed cost to conduct the municipal election is \$16,500.00 which includes \$6,500.00 for Logic & Accuracy testing and monitoring of the election performed by Dominion Voting Systems.

After discussion, Vice Chair Holmes made a motion not to charge the city of Talbotton for Logic & Accuracy testing and monitoring, since the election would be held on the same day as the regular November election for which the county is paying for the services

provided by Dominion Voting Systems. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

County Manager Ison informed the Board that a date should be scheduled to set the Millage Rate for the 2022 Tax Year. County Manager Ison met with Tax Commissioner, Jamie Huff and stated that the millage rate must be set by September 1, 2022. County Manager Ison and Vice Chair Holmes stated that budget workshops were necessary, and everyone would work on a schedule for meetings to meet this deadline.

Commissioner Sparks thanked Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, for work completed involving a 4-way stop on Buckner Road.

Chair Walker asked Road Superintendent Nolan for any updates on Sizemore Road and County Road 71. Superintendent Nolan advised that updates would be forthcoming.

At this time, Vice Chair Homes made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. Chair Walker seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Personnel matters and litigation were discussed.

No decisions were made.

Chair Walker called the regular meeting back to order at 7:36 p.m.

Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to hire James Carver as the new EMS Director. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.


There being no further business, Vice Chairman Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passes 4-0-0.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date