



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

August 1, 2022

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly Board meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Talbot County Commission Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. Chair Sher'Londa Walker, Commissioner Ken Chapman and Commissioner Larry Sparks were present. Also in attendance were County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. County Attorney, Edward Davis was not present due to a court conflict and Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes was not present due to a prior engagement.

Chair Walker called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance."

An add-on to the agenda was presented at this time. The add-on is to approve the sale of four surplus vehicles on gov.deal by Sheriff Jake Johnson. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with add-on. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve minutes from the July 11, 2022, regular meeting, and the July 25, 2022, called meeting. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Austin Gower, Talbot County resident, appeared before the Board to voice his concerns regarding property foreclosure by the Tax Commissioner.

Mr. Richard Bradshaw, representing Georgia Probation Services, Inc., presented a contract renewal to the Board for approval. The current contract expires August 31, 2022. The contract may automatically renew each year but on the 5th year a new contract is required. There is no substantial change to the contract except for a fee increase to the individual represented by the Probation service from \$41.00 per month to \$45.00 per month. There is no expense to the County for said services.

Following the discussion, Chair Walker made a motion to approve the Georgia Probation Services, Inc. contract. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Larry Sparks made a motion to appoint James Carver, Talbot County EMS Director, to serve a three-year term on the Region 7 EMS Advisory Council. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Approval of ACCG-IRMA (Property & Liability) Safety Discount Program and ACCG-GSIWCF (Worker's Compensation) Safety Discount Program was needed at this time. Commissioner Larry Sparks made a motion to approve the Programs. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, approached the Board with issues regarding the sale and pricing of county soil. No decision was made, and the topic was tabled until the next Board meeting until further information could be obtained.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, updated the Commissioners on the remodeling of the old Commission Office which will be a permanent location for the Talbot County Tax Assessor. Renovation is on schedule and should be ready for occupancy by September 2022. Assistant County Manager Hendricks informed the Board that during the remodel, it has become necessary to remove two magnolia trees on the property. The removal of the trees is for safety reasons, as well as, to prevent any further damage to the roof. Pruning the trees would not eliminate the issues. The commissioners were to look at the trees with Assistant County Manager Hendricks and make a decision regarding removal.

There were no reports or announcements from the County Manager or Commissioners.

The add-on request to the agenda to allow Sheriff Johnson to sale four surplus vehicles was presented to the commissioners for approval at this time. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to declare the following vehicles surplus and sale on Gov.Deals. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

- 1) 2013 Dodge Charge VIN: 2C3CDXZT9DH717747
- 2) 2013 Dodge Charger VIN: 2C3CDZAT6DH676879
- 3) 2006 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FMEU73896UA21771
- 4) 2004 Ford F-150 VIN: 2FTRF17244CA96006

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

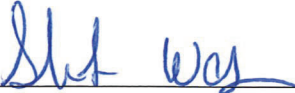
Chair Walker called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel matters and litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

No decisions were made.

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

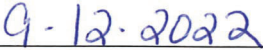
Meeting was adjourned.



Sher'Londa Walker, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date