



## **Talbot County Board of Commissioners**

**35 West Madison Street, P.O. Box 155  
Talbotton, Georgia 31827**

January 09, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Talbot 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. Also in attendance were newly elected commissioners, Walter Wilson, and Anthony Couch. County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, County Attorney, Edward Davis, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson were also present.

Vice Chairman Franklin Holmes called the meeting to order and welcomed the new commissioners. The new commissioners then introduced themselves to the public. After introductions, a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" took place.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sparks seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes and the December 13, 2022 Called Meeting and Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion to install Franklin Holmes as the Chairman and Ken Chapman as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the 2023 year. Vice Chair Holmes made a motion to accept positions as presented. Commissioner Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chair Ken Chapman made a motion to reappoint Edward Davis as the county attorney. Commissioner Larry Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Talbot County resident, Donna Colwell, appeared before the Board with an issue about the condition of Anderson Road. Ms. Colwell also had concerns about the discoloration of county water. Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, explained that he was aware of the road and has it on the list to work, but his department is behind due to the holidays and weather issues. Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, addressed the water issue explaining that events over the holidays caused the water to be churned in the tanks thus stirring sediment. This caused a need to input chemicals which resulted in water discoloration. This could take up to 4 weeks to resolve.

Vice Chairman Chapman made a motion to approve an invoice from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$8,008.00 for construction management and inspection of the 2022 LMIG County Road 71 project. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

County Manager, Carol Ison, requested that the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement be tabled until after Executive Session.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, updated the Board on the current leak at the courthouse and will be looking at options on how to correct the issue. A new coating is scheduled to be applied to the Sheriff's Department roof. Pine Mountain Regional Library is working towards a grant to help with the cost to repair its leaking roof.

There were no updates from the County Attorney or County Manager. The Commissioners had no announcements.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Holmes called the meeting back to order at 12:05 p.m.

Personnel matters and litigation were discussed in the Executive Session.

No decisions were made.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000.00), Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) is principal forgiveness. Commissioner Sparks seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Franklin Holmes resigned his position as Chairman and made a motion to appoint Larry Sparks as chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2023. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Chair Sparks made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

  
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Larry Sparks, Chairperson

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

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