

## Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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March 06, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 06, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Talbot County Commission Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. Chairman, Larry Sparks, Vice Chairman, Ken Chapman, and Commissioners, Franklin Holmes, Anthony Couch, and Walter Wilson, Jr. were in attendance. Also present were County Manager, Carol Ison, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. County Attorney, Edward Davis and Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, had prior engagements.

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

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

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes from the Regular meeting and Executive Session. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Monica A. Myles, representing U.S. Small Business Administration: Economic Injury Loan, appeared to inform the Commissioners that eligible businesses and non-profit organizations in Talbot County can apply to the U.S. Small Business Administration for an economic injury loan if the business or non-profit organization was affected by the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 storm and tornadoes. Details and applications may be obtained on the website <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information of SBA disaster assistance. The deadline for submitting an application is 10/16/23.

Chris Walker, with J Smith Lanier/MarshMcLennan Agency appeared before the Board to provide information on the renewal of the VFIS Risk Management Insurance for EMS and Volunteer Fire Departments. Renewal this year is \$49,345.00 up \$4,271.00 from last year. The renewal amount is based on losses from the previous year and a 4% property increase due to the increase in prices involving goods and materials. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the renewal of \$49,345.00. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The request from Oak Mountain Estates Board of Directors regarding 17 lots owned by Talbot County was tabled at this time to provide County Attorney time to look into the matter.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve invoices from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$174,759.57 for Willis Road and \$195,938.15 for Oak Grove Church Road. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A request was submitted from O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$9,069.00 to purchase turnout gear for new fighters and to replace old gear. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the purchase request. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The Purchase will be funded with District 3 SPLOST revenue. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, provided updates, as requested by Commissioner Holmes, regarding several roads in District 4. Commissioner Holmes asked Superintendent Nolan to reevaluate Owens Circle and provide a revised estimate of paving from end to end and not patching. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to move forward with the advertising for bids of selected roads within District 4 and to have the bids incorporate the cost of building shoulders or reconstructing those needed. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

County Manager, Carol Ison, informed the Commissioners that she needed a date for the work session and to look at their calendars and get back with her.

Commissioner Wilson requested Superintendent Nolan to check Wills Drive off of Hwy 208 and provide an update of the condition of the road and any improvements that need to be made.

Commissioner Couch made a motion to move to Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

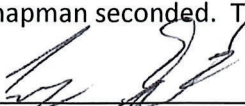
Chairman Sparks called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

Real Estate matters were discussed in Executive Session. No decisions were made.

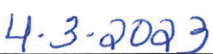
Sheriff Johnson asked the board to consider declaring all Dodge Chargers within his department surplus and advertise for bids on GovDeals.com. The vehicles will be disposed of when they are longer feasible to repair.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Holmes made a motion to declare all the Dodge Chargers in the Sheriff's Department surplus, subject to the County Attorneys review and approval. Vice Chairman Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Chapman 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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