



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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

June 5, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 5, 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 Anthony Couch, and Walter Wilson Jr. were present. Commissioner Franklin Holmes had a prior commitment. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson.

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 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Chapman made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Mary Stevens, Executive Director for the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board to inquire about the status of the Flint River Trail Resolution. County Attorney, Edward Davis, will proceed with the Resolution and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Dr. Asante' Hilts, representing Valley Healthcare System, Inc., appeared before the Board to inform them of new services available at the office located at 341 N. Washington Ave., Talbotton, GA 31827. Some of the services highlighted were a pharmacy open every day with drive-through service, a physician in-office on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week, and Telehealth services available throughout the week. Valley Healthcare Services of Talbotton may be reached at (706) 665-2585.

In New Business, sealed bids were opened for the following road projects:

- 1) Teal Road Patching and Resurfacing Project-One bid was received from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$542,758.70. LMIG funds in the amount of \$400,486.40 will be applied to this project with the remaining balance of \$142,272.30 coming from TSPLOST funds divided between District 3 and District 5. Chairman Sparks made a motion to accept bid. Commissioner Couch seconded.

The vote passed 4-0-0.

- 2) Laurel Lane & Redbud Court- Two bids were received. Robinson Paving Co. submitted a bid in the amount of \$90,512.50. Wolford Construction Co. bid \$79,275.00. Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Wolford Construction. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0. District 2 TSPLOST funds will cover this project.
- 3) Rock Church Road-Two bids were received. Robinson Paving Co. bid \$42,602.65 and Wolford Construction Co. bid \$38,771.25. Chair Sparks made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Wolford Construction. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0. District 5 TSPLOST funds will be used to cover this project.

Chairman Sparks made a motion to approve the RVRC Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract with a semi-annual fee of \$6,000.00. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept an amended rental fee for the Community Park Rental Agreement. The fee would now require an initial deposit of \$250.00, \$100.00 is refundable provided that all conditions are met on the signed rental agreement. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Sparks made a motion that we adopt a Resolution, as presented, establishing parameters and procedures for financial assistance for Indigent Burials and Cremations. The maximum allowance would be \$1,500.00 and would be solely determined by the Talbot County Coroner. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Ronnie Hendricks, Assistant County Manager, presented a contract for two wells at Oak Mountain Estates from Greene's Water Well LLC, Gray, GA. This is the only company that submitted a bid for this project. The cost of the wells would be \$165,519.00. The wells would be 400 feet deep and be supplemental to the water service now provided at Oak Mountain Estates. GEFA funding will be used for the project. Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks informed the Board of the need for new mowers for the county. He obtained a price of \$12,599.00 from Sun South of Columbus, GA for a John Deere 60-inch mower. A price of \$3,700.00 was obtained for a small Snapper mower from Wilson Auto Supply in Talbotton, GA. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to purchase both mowers. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks informed the Board of the need to resurface the parking lot at the Senior Center. One estimate was received for the repairs, for \$12,425.00. Chairman Sparks made a motion to accept the bid and proceed with the repairs. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

At this time, Todd Edwards, ACCG Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs, presented State Representative, Debbie Buckner, with a 2023 ACCG Legislative Service Award. Mr. Edwards

thanked Representative Buckner for her work on HB31 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund and for her continued work for the citizens of District 137 and the State of Georgia.

County Attorney, Edward Davis, had no announcements or reports at this time.

County Manger, Carol Ison, submitted a request to the Commissioners to give county employees the entire day of Monday, July 3, 2023, for the 4th of July holiday. Normally, employees are required to work a half day before the July 4th holiday. Commissioner Sparks made a motion to approve the 4-hour holiday. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sparks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

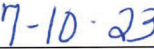
The meeting was adjourned.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date