



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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

July 10, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Monday, July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA.

Commissioners Franklin Holmes, Anthony Couch, and Walter Wilson, Jr., were in attendance. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Edward Davis, County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. Chairman Larry Sparks was not in attendance due to a medical issue. Vice Chairman Ken Chapman recused himself from the hearing.

The hearing began by the attending commissioners appointing a chairman due to the fact that Chairman Sparks was unable to be present. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Holmes as Chairman. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 3-0-0.

Acting Chairman Holmes then called the Public Hearing to order. County Attorney, Edward Davis, informed everyone that the purpose of the hearing was the request to rezone property located at 1545 Pleasant Valley Road, Woodland, GA 31836, Parcel #007-17401 and Parcel #007-17415A. He advised the public that the current zoning for the mentioned property was A-1 Agricultural with a request to rezone to I-1 Industrial. Total acres to be rezoned would be +-457.42 acres for the proposed use as a rock quarry.

Public Comments began with a presentation by the applicant, Pleasant Valley Road Quarry. Appearing on behalf of the applicant was Jeffrey S. Haymore, Esq., from Dillard Sellers Attorneys at Law, who submitted the request to approve rezoning of the above-mentioned property. This was followed by comments from experts in various fields of study with each expert addressing their specific field and why they supported rezoning to allow a quarry.

Opposition to the quarry was presented by Donald D. J. Stack of Stack & Associates, P.C. on behalf of the Flint Riverkeeper and concerned citizens. Mr. Stack's presentation was followed by comments from experts in various fields of study. Each expert addressed their specific field of study and why they opposed the rezoning to allow a quarry.

All public in attendance was given the right to speak before the commissioners regarding the rezoning request. Names were called in order of a sign-up list before the hearing began. There

were eighteen (18) speaking in opposition to the quarry and fifteen (15) speaking in favor of the quarry. Each speaker was allotted 10 minutes.

The applicant, Pleasant Valley Road Quarry, represented by Jeffrey S. Haymore, Esq., was given 30 minutes for rebuttal to concerns presented by the opposing side. Not all of the allotted time was used in rebuttal.

There being no further appearances or comments, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Couch. This was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The vote passed 3-0-0.

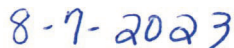
The hearing was closed at 4:38 p.m.



Franklin Holmes, Acting Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date