



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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October 2, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, following the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request for a group home to be located in Box Springs, GA. Chair Larry Sparks, Vice Chair Ken Chapman and Commissioners Franklin Holmes, Anthony Couch, and Walter Wilson, Jr., were present. Also in attendance were County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. County Attorney, Edward Davis, had a prior commitment.

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Vice Chair 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 minutes from the September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting, the September 13, 2023, Public Hearing, and the September 21, 2023, Called Meeting. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Ben Garcia, Legislative Liaison for the Office of Lieutenant Governor, Burt Jones, appeared before the Board to introduce himself and gave a brief description of services to be provided between counties and state agencies.

Ms. Debra Rainey appeared before the Board with an EMS complaint. She was advised that the issue would be dealt with during Executive Session.

Dan Coffee appeared before the Board to share information on the Fort Moore Community Development Plan which includes six rural counties: Talbot, Taylor, Marion, Stewart, and Chattahoochee counties in Georgia and Russell County, Alabama.

Hillary B. Mitchell was not present for the meeting.

Michael Connell, representing Talbot Solar, LLC, appeared before the Board with a Tax Abatement Proposal. Mr. Connell provided handouts to the Commissioners and presented a

short slide show presentation of the Proposal. The Commissioners requested this be tabled to look into the proposal further with County Attorney, Edward Davis.

In Old Business, was a discussion of the FY2024 LMIG Project. County Manager, Carol Ison, informed the Commissioners that Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, and Engineer, Stan Poole, had been tasked with assessing county roads and presenting the three roads that were in most need of repair at the next Regular Meeting.

In New Business, the vote on Conditional Use Request was tabled until the February 2024 meeting with a motion by Commissioner Couch followed by a second from Commissioner Wilson. The vote was 5-0-0.

The Commissioners requested Engineer, Stan Poole, open sealed bids for Westview Drive. Two bids were received: Wolford Contracting Company submitted a bid of \$35,893.40. Houston Asphalt submitted a bid of \$46,585.00. The bid was awarded to Wolford Contracting with Vice Chair Chapman making the motion to accept the lowest bid followed by a second from Commissioner Holmes. The vote passed unanimously.

A Resolution Urging The Governor And General Assembly Of Georgia to Continue Efforts To Reform And Improve Mental Health Services For The Citizens of Georgia was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Resolution followed by a second from Vice Chair Chapman. The vote was unanimously approved.

The discussion of work performed by Talbot County for municipalities was tabled until a work session could be held to define parameters.

Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, reminded Commissioners about the Talbot Cleanup Day on October 7, 2023. A dumpster will be placed at each of the five parks within the county.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks also informed the Board that Courthouse Renovations were nearing completion and the sprinkler and fire alarm systems had been certified.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks also informed Commissioners of the approximate cost of paving the Senior Center parking lot would be around \$15,000.00. This amount would be funded by TSplost from each district. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to go ahead with the paving. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There were no announcements from the County Manager.

Vice Chairman Chapman made a motion to change the nightly board meeting times to reflect Daylight Savings Time. The November through April meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m., May

through October meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Sparks called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

Personnel issues were discussed in Executive Session. No decisions were made.

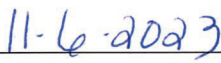
There being no further business, Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.



Larry Sparks, Chairperson



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date