



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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

November 6, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Talbot County Commission Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. 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, County Attorney, Edward Davis, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson.

Chair Sparks called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance" immediately following two Public Hearings which ended at 10:40 a.m.

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

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, Public Hearing, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the Rezoning request from Teramore Development, LLC. The rezoning consists of Parcels 007-23217 and 007-23201 from R-1 (Residential) to C-1 (Commercial), along with a Parking Variance, for the purpose of constructing a Dollar General Mini Marketplace. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the Rezoning request from Herman Ward of Parcels APN00717201 and FIPS-13263 for the purpose of storing and maintaining roll-off dumpsters. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Mrs. Debra Rainey was not in attendance for the meeting due to a death in her family. The Commissioners, along with Ms. Miranda Stamm, agreed to table discussion until the next regular meeting.

Ms. Carolyn Parker, representing the Talbot County Senior Citizens, appeared before the Board to express appreciation for the improvement of the parking lot at the Senior Center.

Mr. Robert McNair appeared before the Board to discuss an amendment to his present 5-year mowing contract. Mr. McNair's bid did not include a truck to follow the mower. To fulfill this portion of the contract, Mr. McNair requested an additional \$20,000 for each cutting to provide this service. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the additional amount. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent, Peter Nolan, along with Engineer, Stan Poole, appeared before the Board with a list of top priority roads in the county in critical need of repair and meeting requirements for the 2024 LMIG Project. Old Shiloh Road was deemed the most necessary due to the volume of traffic. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve Old Shiloh Road for the FY24 LMIG Project. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The balance owed will be funded with District 4 TSPLOST revenue. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve an invoice from Wolford Contracting Company LLC in the amount of \$33,933.54 for Rock Church Road. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve an invoice from Wolford Contracting Company LLC in the amount of \$82,762.19 for Laurel Lane and Redbud Court. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve an invoice from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$435,378.44 for the TIA Project Phase 1. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve an invoice for North Taylor Road from Robinson Paving Company in the amount of \$82,906.60. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The FY23 Budget included \$66,896.00 in funds received from GDOT and the Department of Human Services for the Talbot County Transit Department. There was not enough time to implement the project for a shed to cover the transportation vehicles in the Fiscal 2023 Year and a budget amendment was requested to move these funds into 2024. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The 2024 Holiday Schedule was presented for approval. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.

An estimate of \$27,500.00 was submitted to pave the parking lot at Geneva/Box Springs Park. T-Splot will be used to cover the cost with a split between Districts 3 & 5. Chair Sparks made a motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

An estimate was submitted to pave a portion of Teal Road in the amount of \$5,500.00. Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

An estimate of \$11,500.00 was submitted to pave Old Macon Road. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Danny Lockhart, Geneva Volunteer Fire Chief, presented a request to the Commissioners in the amount of \$7,251.00 to equipment a 2012 fire engine donated by Muscogee County. This purchase would be funded through GVFD's Splost allocation. Chair Sparks made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Road Superintendent Peter Nolan presented estimates for the repair of various roads within the county as requested by the Commissioners. The roads with estimates are as follows:

Road Name	Description	Construction Est
Timberline North	1 - 4" patch @ 55' x 16'	\$ 7,500.00
Dennis Creek Rd.	15 - 4" patches totaling 1002 Sq Yds and restriping C/L	\$ 51,700.00
N. Taylor Rd., North End	Topping, 4000' x 14', 2" 12.5 MM, Shoulder tie-in	\$ 117,775.00

Road Superintendent Nolan submitted an estimate of \$4,822.38 for the repair of a tractor. Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the cost of repair. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.

County Attorney Davis had no reports or announcements for the Commissioners.

County Manager Ison presented a pay-out for old accrued sick leave accumulated by several employees before the new PTO policy took effect. The pay-out would require an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$18,981.64. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the payment. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Reverend Parker for his help with the barbeque he held for the senior citizens.

No Executive Session was needed.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

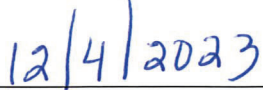
The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Larry Sparks, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date