

**Talbot County Board of Commissioners**  
**35 West Madison Street, P.O. Box 155**  
**Talbotton, Georgia 31827**

December 4, 2023

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 4, 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 and Anthony Couch were present. Commissioner Wilson had a prior commitment. Also in attendance were County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. County Attorney Davis arrived later in the meeting.

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance". He also called for a second moment of silence in memory of former County Commissioner, Robert Lanier, who passed away on November 29, 2023.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition: a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Fiscal Year 2024 for Community Home Investment Grant Program funds. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023, Public Hearing and Regular meeting. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Belva Dorsey-Mott was not in attendance to represent the Enrichment Services Program.

Tom Persons was not in attendance to represent the Industrial Development Authority regarding the Talbot (Samsung) Solar Project. Mr. Persons contacted the Commissioner's Office and requested a postponement until the January 2024 meeting.

Michael Connell, representing Talbot Solar, LLC, was not in attendance due to Mr. Persons postponement request.

The Commissioners requested the approval of an updated (10/26/23) Zoning Map be tabled until the County Attorney was present.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the invoice from Houston Asphalt Paving & Seal Coating in the amount of \$67,261.19 for Willis Drive. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve two invoices submitted by Robinson Paving. The first invoice was for Shipp Road in the amount of \$331,608.94. The second invoice was for Teal Road in the amount of \$519,730.53. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve an invoice from Griffin, Durham, Tanner & Clarkston in the amount of \$13,432.35. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-1 with Vice Chair Chapman abstaining.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the ACCG Group Self-Insured Worker's Compensation Renewal in the amount of \$132,136.00. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

A SPLOST purchase request was submitted to the Commissioners on behalf of Geneva Volunteer Fire Department. The request was in the amount of \$5,396.76 for the purchase of 2 AED's along with batteries and pads for the equipment. Chairman Larry Sparks made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

County Attorney Davis arrived. He had no announcements.

County Manager Ison reminded everyone of the "Christmas on the Square" event being held on December 16, 2023. This event is sponsored by the City of Talbotton.

County Manager Ison informed the Commissioners of her intent to apply for supplemental funding to help with the cost of repairing the county portion of Buckner Road.

The Commissioners had no announcements.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the Talbot County Zoning Map (updated 10/26/23) after discussion with Attorney Davis. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Fiscal Year 2024 for Community Home Investment Grant Program funds. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

Chairman Sparks called the meeting back to order at 11:15 a.m. Personnel pertaining to hiring a Park and Recreation Director was discussed.

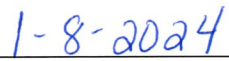
No decisions were made.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the county manager's recommendation to hire Robbin Steverson as the Parks and Recreation Director. The starting salary will be \$33,000.00. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-0.

There being no further business Commissioner Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

  
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Larry Sparks, Chairman

  
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Carol Ison, County Manager

  
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