



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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Talbotton, Georgia 31827

January 8, 2024

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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, Anthony Couch, and Walter Wilson, Jr., were present. 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 Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, Regular Meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote was 5-0-0.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion that Larry Sparks remain as the Board Chairman and Ken Chapman the Vice Chairman for the 2024 year. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to reappoint Edward Davis as the county attorney for 2024. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Jamie Thomas appeared on behalf of Belva Dorsey-Mott, representing the Enrichment Service Program, Inc. Ms. Thomas provided brief descriptions of services offered to Talbot County citizens.

Johnnie Owens, Geneva City Clerk, appeared on behalf of Junction City Mayor, Chemia Henderson. Mayor Henderson is requesting assistance from the county to haul and spread crusher run from Junction City Mining to Broadwood Circle. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve assistance in the hauling and spreading of the crusher run. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Michael Connell, representing Talbot Solar, LLC, appeared before the Board with a request for an approval of a Memorandum of Understanding of Community Engagement along with approval of a Tax Abatement Proposal presented at a previous meeting. County Attorney Davis requested that he contact the attorneys for Talbot Solar LLC before making any decisions.

Dr. Andrea Neita appeared before the Board to request an agreement to utilize an office at Talbot County Health Department previously occupied by the late Dr. Lorraine Brown. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Talbot County Health Department and Dr. Neita. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to accept the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to accept the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) Planning and Zoning Technical Assistance Contract at an annual fee of \$6,000.00. RVRC provides technical assistance to local governments for planning and zoning issues. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to reappoint Ronnie Hendricks to serve a three-year term on the Middle Flint E911 Advisory Council Board. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to reappoint Jeff Ingram and Brian Kempson to serve a three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The new Recreation Director, Robbin Steverson, introduced herself to the Board and gave a summary of her intentions to get more participation in recreational activities for Talbot County.

Assistant County Manager Hendricks presented an estimate of \$24,480.00 to pave the walking track at Talbotton Park. This cost will be paid through TSPLOST District 1 funds. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to go ahead with paving. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Sharita Trice, Elections Supervisor, requested a Resolution to set the 2024 Qualifying Fees which must be posted by February 1, 2024. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to accept the fees as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

There were no announcements made by the County Attorney, County Manager, or the Commissioners.

A Grievance Hearing was held by the Commissioners regarding an EMS incident in October 2023. Ms. Debra Rainey did not attend the hearing.

Chair Sparks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Sparks called the meeting back to order at 11:49 a.m.

Possible litigation and personnel were discussed. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to revoke disciplinary action that was taken against Miranda Stamm on October 9, 2023, and reinstate her employee record in good standing. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

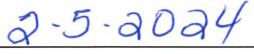
There was no further business; the meeting adjourned.



Larry Sparks, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date