



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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

February 5, 2024

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, immediately following the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Request by Robert Spano. The Commission Office is 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 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 Sparks called the meeting to order and led everyone in a moment of silence and the recitation of the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Jim Livingston from River Valley Regional Commission was not in attendance.

Bobby Gates, Jr., appeared before the Board with concerns about water runoff from Spring Trail causing soil erosion to his property. Commissioners were shown photographs of the property and Road Superintendent Peter Nolan briefed them on conditions of the road. The Commissioners requested Superintendent Nolan have the engineer assess the situation and report the findings.

Michael Connell, representing Talbot Solar, LLC, was not in attendance. Attorney Davis will discuss the proposed Memorandum of Agreement in Executive Session.

The City of Talbotton police Chief was not in attendance.

County Manager Ison discussed submitting an application to GDOT for the FY2024 Supplemental LMIG for Buckner Road. Buckner Road is approximately 5.93 miles long with .93 being within the city limits of Junction City. The cost to repair was quoted at \$1,296,416.95. If LMIG Supplemental funding were obtained, Talbot County would be responsible for 10 percent of the total repair cost. Commissioner Holmes made a motion for County Manager Ison to

proceed with the supplemental application for Buckner Road. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A Conditional Use Request for Maggie's House was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the request with the conditions outlined by the Talbot Planning and Zoning Board. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

The Diverse Power Tower and Ground Lease Agreement was presented for renewal. The rental cost would be \$285.00 per month. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the renewal. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

An invoice from Griffin, Durham, Tanner & Clarkson in the amount of \$11,160.00 for litigation costs was submitted for approval. Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve payment of the invoice. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0-1 with Vice Chair Chapman abstaining from the vote.

County Manager Ison submitted a request to purchase a vehicle for the Talbot County Recreation Director. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the request up to \$40,000.00. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Leigh Ann Erenheim, EMA Director, presented a request to move forward with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Application. The application provides funding for costs associated with updating the plan every five years. Talbot County would be ineligible for funding through FEMA if a plan is not submitted.

Following the discussion, Commissioner Holmes made a motion to proceed with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Application. Vice Chair Chapman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement submitted by EMA Director Leigh Ann Erenheim. This agreement would provide assistance to Talbot County from other municipalities in the event of an emergency. Talbot County would also be responsible for providing aid when necessary. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

A request to approve a Georgia Forestry Grant Application on behalf of O'Neal Volunteer Fire Department was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

County Attorney Davis had no announcements.

The possibility of trying a 4-day work week for county employees was presented. This was tabled pending further discussion.

Commissioner Sparks thanked County Manager Ison for her continued hard work and support of Talbot County. He also thanked other county departments as well.

Commissioner Wilson requested an update on the Talbot County Community Building project.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Chair Sparks called the meeting back to order at 11:46 a.m.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

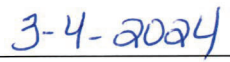
There being no further business, Commissioner Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.



Larry, Sparks, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date