



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

March 4, 2024

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, 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, 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 Holmes seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024, Public Hearing. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Vice Chair Chapman made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes from February 5, 2024. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve minutes from the February 19, 2024, Called Meeting. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 3-1-1. Commissioner Couch opposed and Commissioner Wilson abstained from the vote because he did not attend the meeting.

Jim Livingston, representing River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) appeared before the Board with updates on Planning & Government Services, Aging Services, and Workforce Development Programs offered throughout the region.

Mr. Michael Copeland appeared before the Board with concerns regarding Terry Circle. Mr. Edward Terry was not present. Mr. Johnny Hardnett had concerns regarding Owens Circle. Commissioners requested Road Superintendent Nolan to access the roads to see if there was any way to improve conditions.

Ms. Estelle Nappier appeared before the Board with concerns on North Culpepper Road. The road is very narrow with no shoulders. Ms. Nappier questioned if the road could be widened and was given steps that would be required to do so which would involve the landowners. She also inquired about the possibility of running water to this area. Commissioners requested Superintendent Nolan have the Engineer look over the issue. County Manager Ison will contact Scott Huckaby, Water Superintendent, with the water question.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the VFIS Property & Liability Insurance Renewal for EMS and Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$56,008.00. Commissioner Wilson seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to approve the \$100,000.00 advancement to the Water Department. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to extend support to the Harris County Development Authority for its FY2024 EDGE application. Vice Chair Chapman seconded. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Wilson made a motion to appoint Chairman Sparks as a Voting Delegate for the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0-0.

Ms. Robbin Steverson, Recreation Director, informed the Board of the progress she is making with the county recreation program. She advised the Commissioners that she needs help with security from the Sheriff's Department for upcoming flag football games. She, along with County Manager Ison, will work on this issue with Sheriff Johnson. She will also need help with upkeep of the playing fields.

There were no updates from Departments.

County Attorney Davis informed the Commissioners of the 50-day Public Notice window regarding the Tax Abatement Proposal for the Solar Project. A Conditional Use Request will come before the Planning & Zoning Board and a Called Meeting would most likely be needed for a vote on the abatement because the regular monthly meeting would have already taken place.

County Manager Ison informed Commissioners that an additional LMIG allocation was in the works and that it would require no county match.

Trash dumping was reported on Bunkley Road and Road Superintendent Nolan was asked to place a sign in the area. County Manager Ison informed the Commissioners that the Quarterly Clean-up Day would help alleviate the dumping issue.

Commissioner Holmes reminded everyone about the FLOCK Safety Program and encouraged other Commissioners to think about ways this program could be implemented in Talbot County.

No Executive Session was needed.

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

The meeting adjourned.



Larry Sparks, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



Date