



Talbot County Board of Commissioners

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May 20, 2024

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Talbot County Commission Office, located at 35 West Madison Street, Talbotton, GA 31827. Vice Chairman, Ken Chapman, and Commissioners, Anthony Couch, Franklin Holmes, and Walter Wilson, Jr., were in attendance. Also present were County Manager, Carol Ison, Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, County Attorney, Edward Davis, and County Clerk, Jona Gibson. Chairman Sparks called to notify everyone that has was running late.

Vice Chair Chapman called the work session to order.

Chairman Sparks arrived at 10:12 a.m.

First on the agenda was discussion on bids received for the Community Building. Assistant County Manager, Ronnie Hendricks, informed Commissioners that interpretations of bid specifications varied greatly making it difficult to compare equally. Several options were offered by Assistant Manager Hendricks and after lengthy discussion by Commissioners, it was decided that the bids received would be addressed in the regular June 2024 meeting.

Next on the agenda was an appearance by Justin Elliott, representing Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA and advisor for the FYE2023 audit. Mr. Elliott explained the procedures for the audit and shared time frames involved with the submission of the audit to the Department of Audits and Accounts. DCA denied the county's application for CDBG Funding because the Report of Local Government Finance (RLGF) was not submitted by the deadline. To be compliant with DCA's regulations and eligible for grant funding, the report must be submitted to DCA six (6) months following the county's fiscal year end. Mr. Elliott provided information on the events that took place that caused the delay in completing the FY2023 audit, that led to the late submission of the RLGF. The commissioners thanked Mr. Elliott for his appearance.

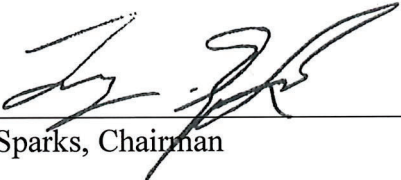
Robbin Steverson, Parks and Recreation Director attended the work session to get direction from the commissioners on utilization of the county parks and facilities. A question arose concerning vendors at park sites. Ms. Steverson was informed that no vendors seeking profit are allowed to set up on any county-owned property. Also, at hand, was a request from the Director to increase

the cost of the park rental fee. After discussion, the commissioners asked the County Manager for a report on costs to operate the parks before making a decision.

The ACCG Policy Committee Survey was brought to the attention of the commissioners by Chair Sparks. The survey is requesting information regarding needs in all Georgia counties. Suggestions were made regarding infrastructure and more LRA (Local Road Assistance) funding.

Not on the agenda, but attending the work session, was Ms. Johnnie Owens, Geneva City Clerk. Ms. Owens asked if she could speak regarding the Geneva City Water bill owed to the Talbot County Water Department. This item was originally on the agenda, but the County Manager was informed by Councilman Danny Lockhart that the Geneva City Council voted to approve payment on the outstanding balance at their last council meeting, so the agenda item was removed. Ms. Owens stated that was not correct, so more information is being obtained before discussing the matter.

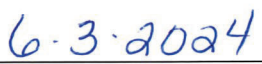
There being no further business, Commissioner Sparks adjourned the work session at 1:15 p.m.



Lary Sparks, Chairman



Carol Ison, County Manager



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