

**MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**Date:** April 4, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Terrell County Governmental Building

**Commissioners and staff present:** Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Vice Chairman Brad Stafford, Commissioners Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Eddie Owens, Administrator Bill Sawyer, County Clerk Sandra O'Stean

**Others Present:** Bo Hamby, Seth McAllister, Richard Kilby, Shawn O'Connor, Jeff Hanner, Karen Cohilas, Gary McNeely, Mike Ewing

**Call to order:** Chairman Gamble

**Prayer:** Chairman Gamble

**Approval of Agenda:** *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the April 4, 2023 agenda. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Approval Minutes of March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting:** *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Gamble – Chairman the budget is in good order at this time.

- Court reporters' payment and salary – Chairman reported this matter was resolved prior to meeting

**Clerk's Report:** Sandra O'Stean presented the bank balances and the payables report for March.

**EMS/911/EMA Report:** Bo Hamby gave the EMS/911/EMA activities for March.

**Extension Service Report:** Seth McAllister gave the agriculture report.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Shawn O'Conner-Veazie presented the Chamber report. He introduced Eddie Owens as new Chamber Director.

**Road Department Report:** Bill Sawyer presented the March report.

**Warden's Report:** Richard Kilby gave the Correctional Institution report. Commissioner Copeland commended the Warden and all of those that had a part in the repairs to the Courthouse on Lee St.

**Fire Department:** Edward Harvey presented a written report and Warden Kilby went over the information.

**Delinquent Garbage Report:** Sandra O'Stean gave the summary of collections for March.

**Sheriff's Report:** John Bowens presented a written report.

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**Recreation Dept:** *Bill Sawyer reported the hiring of Gregory Green as Director of the Recreation Department. Mr. Green will begin work the next week.*

**Timber/Planning/Zoning:** Martha Ann Coe presented a written report.

**6:30 p.m. Bid Opening** – Billy Strong Road 83.78 acres of land – Chairman Gamble opened the six bids received. As each bid was opened, they were recorded by the Clerk. The bids were:

- Bid #1 Cushwing Farms, LLC - \$309,986 (\$3700 per acre)
- Bid #2 Adam Henley - \$225,000
- Bid #3 Steven Harden - \$130,000
- Bid #4 Luke Smith - \$226,500
- Bid #5 M&C Land Investments, LLC - \$180,000
- Bid #6 Matthew S. Fuller Family - \$222,017 (\$2650 per surveyed acre)

*Larron Copeland made the motion to accept the high bid of \$ 309,986 from Cushwing Farms, LLC. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Update - Bill Sawyer reported the West Lee St improvements should be completed by end of April 2023.
2. Community Development Building Grant (CDBG) Update – Bill Sawyer gave update that Zane Grace has 90 days to complete the project for street and water drainage.
3. Courthouse (Lee St.) Update – Bill Sawyer reported the work is 70% complete and is under budget.
4. Board of Commissioners Building Repairs – Bill Sawyer reported expected completion in 40 days and is under budget.
5. Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) Referendum Update – Bill Sawyer reported meeting with municipality leaders to discuss T-SPLOST. A second meeting will be scheduled in 30 days to finalize the agreement for distribution of funds.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presentation of programs from Albany Technical College – Dr. Emmett Griswold, President of Albany Technical College gave a summary of programs available in the area.

**Adjourn** – *Larron Copeland made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Respectively submitted by:   
Sandra O'Stean County Clerk

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Wilbur T. Gamble, III Chairman

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