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TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

Date: January 11, 2024
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Place: Terrell County Historical Courthouse

Commissioners and staff present: Vice-Chairman Brad Stafford, Commissioners Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, and Eddie Owens, Administrator Michael McCoy, Clerk Sandra O'Stean, Clerks Paula Harden and April Craft **NOTE:** Chairman absent due to illness and Attorney absent due to other meeting

Others present: Linda Freeman, Janice S. Bryant, Carolyn Williams, Bobbie Kendrick, Bo Hamby, Cheryl Cannon, Daniel Beavers, Margaret Halbrook

Call to order: Vice-Chairman Brad Stafford

Prayer: Recreation Director Rev. Bobbie Kendrick

Approval of Agenda: ***Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the January 11, 2024 agenda. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.***

Approval OF Minutes of December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting and Special Called Meeting December 21, 2023: ***Eddie Owens made the motion to approve both the December 5 and December 21, 2023 minutes. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.***

Chamber of Commerce Report: Cheryl Cannon, new director of the Chamber, introduced herself to the Board and audience. She gave updates on the Chamber activities for December and January.

Chairman's Report – Vice-Chairman rotation to Commissioner Owens of District 1: ***Vice-Chairman Stafford stated the Vice-Chairman seat would rotate to District 1, which would be Commissioner Eddie Owens. Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the rotation of Vice-Chairman to Commissioner Eddie Owens of District 1. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.***

Clerk's Report: Sandra O'Stean gave the bank balances and presented a written vendor activity report.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby presented a written report for EMS activities, gave an update to the EMS training classes. He also reported the EMA activities regarding the recent wind storm.

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook gave the extension report and shared the magazine article recognizing Terrell County 4-Her Nortrayvious Brown. Seth McAllister was absent due to other meeting. He had submitted a schedule of upcoming crop production meetings.

Road Department Report: Richard Kilby presented the report. EMA Director Bo Hamby and Vice-Chairman Stafford both gave acknowledgement on how well the Warden and Deputy Warden and the Public Works crews responded to the storm damages and clearing the roads of the debris.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby presented the monthly report. He stated the Maintenance Shop is waiting on parts for the fuel controller.

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Fire Department: Edward Harvey submitted a written report. Warden Kilgore reported that fire engine #4 had been pulled from the station awaiting repairs.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'Stean and Paula Harden gave report and requested uncollectible debt be written off books. **Larron Copeland made the motion to set off the uncollectable solid waste fees. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**

Sheriff / Jail Report: A written report was submitted.

Recreation Dept: Bobbie Kendrick presented the report of December and January activities within the Recreation Dept.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration for approval of resolution authorizing the adoption of the Terrell County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – Bo Hamby to address ACTION: **Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Terrell County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. Larron Copeland gave the second. The motion carried.**
2. Consideration of approval of replacing windows at Historical Courthouse per quote from Southwest GA Glass & Tile: Administrator Mike McCoy to address ACTION: **This matter was tabled to the February meeting in order to verify availability of funds.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider re-appointing Edward Ament for 1-year term to Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) Board as non-public representative - ACTION: **Eddie Owens made the motion to re-appoint Edward Ament for a one-year term to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.**
2. Consider re-appointments of Dr. Doug Patten and Margaret Halbrook to the Terrell County Board of Health: Commissioners ACTION: **Larron Copeland made the motion to re-appoint both Douglas Patten and Margaret Halbrook to the Terrell County Board of Health. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.**
3. Consider action on purchase of Stryker Power Load for EMS: Bo Hamby to present quote - ACTION: **Ernest Johnson made the motion to purchase three (3) power loaders from Stryker using the American Rescue Plan funds to make the purchase. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**
4. Consideration of quotes for approval to repair the roof at the Correctional Institution: Warden Richard Kilby presented three (3) bids for repairing the roof at the Correctional Institution. ACTION: **This matter was tabled to verify available funds in the SPLOST account.**
5. Ratify the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from Brannen Motor Company for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$31,000: Administrator McCoy to address ACTION: **Ernest Johnson made the motion to ratify the recent purchase by the Sheriff for a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe from Brannen Motor Company at a cost of \$31,000. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**

- 6. Review notice from Express Disposal of 5.1% increase in service fee based on Consumer Price Index pursuant to terms of agreement: Administrator McCoy to address
ACTION: **The Commissioners acknowledged the increase per agreement with Express Disposal.**
- 7. Set salary for combined Probate/Magistrate Court Judge and set qualifying fees for elected officers for 2024: Carolyn Williams stated the qualifying dates for elected offices are March 4 through March 8, 2024. ACTION: **Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the base salary of \$ 63,018.73 for the office of Probate/Magistrate and approved the qualifying fees at 3% of base salaries. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.** Mrs. Williams stated she would place the notice of qualifying fees in the Dawson News once the official information was submitted to her office by the Commissioners' office.
- 8. Consideration of request to lease for office space in the Governmental Building by USDA: Administrator McCoy to address ACTION: **This matter was tabled to the February meeting to research costs and possible increase in rent.** The USDA proposal for lease of the space was for a term of ten (10) years.
- 9. Selection of road projects for the 2024 Local Maintenance Improvement (LMIG) application: Commissioners ACTION: **Larron Copeland made the motion to submit Brim Road, Chain Gang Road, and Anthony Road as the 2024 LMIG project and to get a traffic study for future road projects. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.**

Adjourn – Commissioners ACTION: **Ernest Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**

Respectively submitted by: Sandra O'Stean
Sandra O'Stean County Clerk

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