

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

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Date: July 2, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Terrell County Historical Courthouse

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Eddie Owens, Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Interim Administrator Michael McCoy, Clerk Sandra O'Stean, AP Clerk Mechelle Miller, PR/HR Clerk Paula Harden

Others present: Janice S. Bryant, Cheryl Cannon, Bo Hamby, Jannifer Stephens, Darlene Paul, Seth McAllister, Bobbie Kendrick

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Approval of Agenda: ACTION: *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the July 2, 2024 agenda. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes of June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting: ACTION: *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2024. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.*

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble announced July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday closings as noon on July 3 and all-day July 4, 2024.

Clerk's Report: Sandra O'Stean presented finance and budget reports.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby presented updates from EMS AND 911. He reported that the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan had been approved and that the Comprehensive Plan was almost at completion. At this time, Bo explained the need to replace repeaters on two communication towers and recommended the Board approve the quote of \$ 20,110. ACTION: *Eddie Owens made the motion to approve the bid from Mobile Communications America to replace the repeaters at the cost of \$20,110. Funds from the 911 account would be used for payment. Brad Stafford gave the second. The motion carried.*

Extension Service Report: Seth McAllister gave the agriculture report.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Cheryl Cannon submitted a written report. She gave a report on the Cornerstone Coffee business opening at the Chamber building. Also, she reported the need for assistance with providing meals to the children and youth attending the Summer Recreation Program at the gym on Crawford Street. It was noted fans to cool the air in the gym are needed as well.

Road Department Report: Lauren McClung reported on completed road work.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby presented the report from the Correctional Institution. *Warden Kilby presented a quote from Artesian Contracting Company, Inc. of Albany, Georgia for \$49,500 to repair the floor issue at the building located at 508 Oak St. Discussion followed as to seeking another location for the Center. The Board requested that the Warden check repairs for the total building and obtain cost quotes from other sources. The matter was tabled to another time.*

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Fire Department: Edward Harvey submitted a written report.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'Stean read the summary of garbage collection for the month of June, 2024.

Sheriff / Jail Report: Kim Williams submitted a written report.

Recreation Dept: Bobbie Kendrick presented the activities of the Recreation Department and expressed his gratitude for the support of the Board and the Commissioners' staff. He stated a need for football helmets and reported some donations had been received for ten helmets.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consideration of proposal for joist/seal repair to floor of building at 508 Oak St.:  
Michael McCoy to address **ACTION: *This matter was discussed in the Warden item on the agenda.***

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Presentation of information on employees' retirement plan with ACCG: Ron Rowe to present-  
Ron Rowe presented information on employees' retirement plan with ACCG.  
**ACTION: *The Board will take time to explore the options and requested the Administrator to follow up.***
2. Consideration of request from National Rifle Association to have caterer serve alcohol beverages at their July event at the 4-H Pavilion: Chairman to address **ACTION: *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the request from NRA to serve alcoholic beverages at the event. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.***
3. Consideration of proposal to install/replace repeaters and batteries to towers at Government Building site and Recreation Dept site: Bo Hamby will address **ACTION: *This matter was taken care of in the EMS/911/EMA item on the agenda.***
4. Ratification of approval of quote to asphalt patches and resurface holes on Wesleyan and Wadsworth Drives: Michael McCoy stated he had approved Mickey Rice to perform repairs to two county paved roads at a cost of \$13,125. **ACTION: *Brad Stafford made the motion to ratify the approval and quote of \$13,125 from Mickey Rice to asphalt patch and resurface holes on Wesleyan and Wadsworth Drives. Ernest Johnson gave a second. The motion carried.***
5. Consideration of quotes for second phase of window replacements in the Historical Courthouse:  
Les Pipkins of Southwest GA Glass & Tile of Albany, Georgia, submitted quotes for two options in replacing windows on the east side of the Courthouse. There was much discussion as to the cost and the resulting appearance of the windows. The Chairman asked the company representative to submit photos of what the two options would look like.  
**ACTION: *This matter was tabled.***
6. Consideration of request to amend leave accrual policy for exempt/salaried employees:  
Chairman Gamble stated there are accrual policies in place regarding exempt and salaried employees. He was not asking for change in paying for the time that had already been earned; but stated his opinion that the County should not continue to have exempt/salaried employees accumulate time for compensation. The Administrator was asked his view and Mr. McCoy stated he believed it was a legal issue and would like to refer this to the County Attorney. **ACTION: *This matter was tabled to the August meeting.***



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- 7. Consideration of request to require periodic inventory of equipment owned by the County in each County office: Chairman to address - Chairman Gamble explained periodic inventory was performed in years past and recommended that it begin again. The onus would fall on the Tax Assessor and since additional help will be in the Assessor's office, the duty could be assigned to that person. **ACTION: Ernest Johnson made the motion to begin a schedule to inventory equipment in each County office and continue going forward. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**
- 8. Consideration of proposed budget for fiscal year ending 2025: Michael McCoy to present - Administrator McCoy presented the proposed budget for fiscal year ending 2025. He explained increases in some of the departments. He stated the budget is 2% lower than last year's budget. **ACTION: Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**
- 9. Consideration of replacing sub flooring of Assistant Warden house at CI: Chairman Gamble explained that at first it was thought that a private contractor may be necessary to make repairs; but now it is determined that the County work detail should be able to perform the work. **ACTION: No vote necessary.**

Executive Session: Personnel **Brad Stafford made the motion to enter executive session. Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried.**

The Board entered executive session which began at 7:35 p.m.

The public meeting resumed.

- 1. **ACTION: Larron Copeland made the motion to deny personnel request. Ernest Johnson gave the second. The motion carried.**
- 2. **ACTION: Brad Stafford made the motion to approve Georgia Power's request to establish charging stations on County properties for electric cars. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**

Adjourn: **ACTION: Brad Stafford made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Owens gave the second. The motion carried.**

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

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