

MINUTES

TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 1, 2024 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. Terrell County Historical Courthouse

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Eddie Owens, Brad Stafford, Larron Copeland, Ernest Johnson, Michael McCoy, Jimmy Skipper, Sandra O'Stean, Mechelle Miller, Paula Harden

Others present: Martha Ann Coe, Joyce Espy

Call to order: Chairman Gamble

Prayer: Chairman Gamble

Approval of Agenda: ACTION: Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the October 1, 2024 agenda. Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Sept. 3, 2024 Regular Mtg. & Sept. 16, 2024 Special Called Mtg – ACTION: Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the September 3 and the September 16, 2024 minutes. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble stated we are at the end of the annual budget and still ok at this time, but to spend wisely.

Clerk's Report: Mechelle Miller updated Board on Crisp County Solid Waste Management Authority being dissolved as of May 14, 2024 therefore the county is no longer under contract with them. Bank balances and reports were written.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby stated they were working on the grant for the generator. His written report was submitted.

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook and Seth McAllister submitted written reports

Chamber of Commerce: written report

Road Department Report: Lauren McClung discussed the work requested by City of Sasser. Specifically, a culvert needed inside city limits. The Board agreed to the work being done as long as cost to the county was covered. The City of Sasser is also wanting the county to provide work details when needed to do work in Sasser. Deputy Warden McClung asked the Board to advise how they wanted the work to be scheduled. The Board stated the work would be done when the Road Department was able to get to them and that requests for the City of Sasser would not take precedence over the existing Road Department schedule. They also stated we would not be responsible for routine maintenance and asked Mike McCoy, County Administrator, to check on possibly updating a detail agreement that would be fair for all municipalities.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby discussed the need to replace the control board at the CI control room due to a power surge at the CI. He stated the CI could pay \$30,000 from the Commissary Fund and requested the county to match the difference. Commissioner Stafford told Warden Kilby to get a repair estimate for the control board in case we were able to file a claim on the insurance. Chairman Gamble advised Mr. McCoy to check into filing an insurance claim. Warden Kilby told the Board that he had already tried to get the board repaired but the control board was obsolete and parts for it were no longer made. Larron Copeland made the motion approve replacing the control panel and Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Kilby explained he was supposed to come look at the windows at the courthouse but court was in session so he was unable to do so. He stated he has looked at them briefly and believes he can fix them.

Fire Department: Richard Kilby submitted written report. He advised that the rescue truck they received from EMS has issues with the rear end but other than that, it's doing good. Tanker 1 needs fuel systems replaced. He also brought attention to the numerous lift assist calls from 911. One address in particular, is calling for lift assist multiple times a day. He stated the fire department has to take two trucks to these assists in case they have a fire call which increases fuel costs for the fire department.

The Warden discussed the questions from the public regarding the county not having a shelter during the Hurricane. James Hamby stated we don't have the necessary items, building nor nurses to provide a shelter. He said if the Board gives him the approval, he will make the necessary purchases and arrangements to get a shelter in place. The Board said that was something to give thought to but no decision was made at this time.

Delinquent Garbage Report: written report

Sheriff's Report: written report

Recreation Department: Bobbie Kendrick updated the Board regarding the well being checked out and doing good. He stated the sprinkler system was needed but he was unable to find the control panel to turn it on. Chairman Gamble said he would reach out to Jeff Hanner to see if he could offer any help in the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Administrator Michael McCoy to discuss consideration of quotes for second phase of window replacements in the Historical Courthouse- **ACTION:** Mr. McCoy recommended the Board table this due to new companies expressing interest in submitting bids. He also stated we have received information about a grant that would pay towards the window replacements. **Brad Stafford made the motion and Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. McCoy showed the Board spreadsheets reflecting SPLOST and T-SPLOST balances and requested the 2024 LMIG, CDBG and the window replacement projects be paid from those accounts.

Approval of Resolution to amend accrual policy – Jimmy Skipper advised the Board of the changes to the accrual policy and recommended we approve the amendment. **Ernest Johnson made the motion and Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ron Rowe with ACCG will discuss retirement benefits (401 & 457) for county employees – Ron Rowe explained the current benefits for the county employees vs. the difference of adding the two plans together and his recommendations for possible changes/additions for compliance in the future. **ACTION:** **The Board asked Mr. McCoy to ensure we are compliant with our retirement benefits.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Service Delivery Strategy Plan Draft / Adopt Resolution for the Service Delivery Strategy Plan- **ACTION:** **Eddie Owens made the motion to approve and Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.**

Engagement of audit services letter from Brown & McDaniel- Discussion among Commissioners regarding previous late filing due to audit not performed in a timely manner. Jimmy Skipper advised placing penalty if audit not complete and filed by deadline. **ACTION:** **Larron Copeland made the motion and Brad Stafford gave the second.**

Adopt Resolution for Mutual Aid Agreement on Fire Services among the Cities of Dawson, Sasser, Bronwood and Parrot / Intergovernmental Contract- **ACTION:** **Eddie Owens made the motion and Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS CONTD.

Discuss the proposed road project priorities for the FY25 LMIG application- Mr. McCoy went over the proposed road project including Anthony Road, Chain Gang Road and Brim Road. Also discussed the 2023 Safety Grant to be used for work on Herod Dover Rd, Sasser Road to the bridge and New Hope Road. **ACTION:** Chairman Gamble recommended thought be given to any other roads that may need attention and bring that list to the next meeting. The discussion would be continued and a decision made at that time.

Mr. McCoy presented a cash flow chart and spreadsheets for balances in the accounts, making the Board aware of potential low funds in the accounts.

Adjourn – Chairman Gamble adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted by Rechelle Yella County Clerk

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