

**MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2017**

DATE: MARCH 8, 2017

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BILLY MCCLUNG, SETH MCALLISTER, GREG WELSH, MAUREEN WELSH, ED WADE, KATHY WADE, EURIE LEGATE, GARY MCNEELY, GINA WEBB, ED DUSKIN, RYAN CANNON, JAN JONES, LONDON MAINOR, SANDRA O'STEAN

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN W. T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN W. T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - PHONSO DONALDSON

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND FEBRUARY 23, 2017 WORKING SESSION MINUTES WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. THE SECOND WAS GIVEN BY CRIS WEBB. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE COUNTY HAD RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR REPLACING THREE (3) BRIDGES. THE LOCATIONS OF THE BRIDGES ARE: JOHN FOX ROAD, KENNEDY POND ROAD, AND WILBUR GAMBLE ROAD. HE ALSO REPORTED ONE (1) TRAGIC FATALITY (WAYNE CASEY - DEATH IN HOUSE FIRE) IN COUNTY THIS MONTH.

TREASURER'S REPORT - PHONSO DONALDSON READ THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

CLERK'S REPORT - THE FEBRUARY 2017 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, THE VENDOR ACTIVITY, AND THE FUEL REPORT WERE READ BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS-911 REPORT - BO HAMBY READ THE EMS/911 REPORT.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT - MARGARET HALBROOK WAS OUT OF TOWN ATTENDING TRAINING. SETH MCALLISTER REPORTED ON THE COUNTY AGRICULTURE. HE GAVE INFORMATION ON TWO (2) GRANTS OF UP TO \$1,000.00 EACH THAT HE HAD APPLIED FOR. ONE WOULD BE TO PURCHASE MOISTURE SENSORS WHICH WOULD HELP THE AGENT WITH IRRIGATION RESEARCH AND SOIL MOISTURE RECORDS. THE OTHER WOULD

BE TO RECEIVE A DRONE THAT WOULD BE USED FOR SCOUTING CROP DISEASE IN THE FIELDS, TO SURVEY WILD HOG DAMAGED AREAS, AND TO CHECK EROSION AND FERTILITY. THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA IS PUSHING FOR ALL AGENTS TO GET TRAINING ON PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES IN ORDER TO EDUCATE FARMERS WHO HAVE A PESTICIDE LICENSE OF THE APPLICATION AND EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES ON CROPS AND VEGETABLES. THE 4-H DEPARTMENT TOOK TWELVE (12) 4-H STUDENTS TO DISTRICT PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT (DPA) AT ROCK EAGLE IN FEBRUARY AND ONE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, SKY SHATTLES PLACED FIRST IN ENTOMOLOGY. HE WILL BE ATTENDING STATE COMPETITION IN JULY 2017. ARCHERY EVENTS ARE ONGOING. FIVE 4-H PARTICIPANTS WENT TO THE HOG SHOW IN PERRY, GEORGIA. SETH REPORTED THE 4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT BRENDA SPELL WILL BE RETIRING MARCH 14, 2017. COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY ASKED HOW MUCH CONTROL WOULD THE AGENT HAVE ON THE USE OF THE DRONE. SETH REPORTED HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE FARMER'S PERMISSION TO USE IT ON HIS PROPERTY AND FAA REGULATIONS HAVE TO BE MET. THE DEVICE HAS TO BE USED MORE THAN TWO (2) MILES FROM THE AIRPORT. THE AGENT CAN PROGRAM THE DRONE TO ONLY FLY OVER AREAS AND TAKE PICTURES OF PROPERTY OF WHICH HE OBTAINED PERMISSION.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - LONDON MAINOR READ THE EVENTS OF THE CHAMBER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017.

WARDEN'S REPORT - BILLY MCCLUNG STATED THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT.

ROAD SUPERVISOR REPORT - BILLY MCCLUNG PRESENTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - JOHN BOWENS PRESENTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - THE FINANCIAL REPORT WAS PRESENTED AND RYAN CANNON GAVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. HE STATED THE REGISTRATION FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL WAS COMPLETED AND THERE WAS A HIGHER TURNOUT FOR THESE SPORTS THAN LAST YEAR. FIVE (5) ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARDS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND THE FIELDS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE AND ABOUT TWENTY (20) TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED ON THE PREMISES. THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO COMPLETE BY LAWS TO PRESENT AT THE NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOLLOW UP ON HIRING A COUNTY ATTORNEY - THE RESUME FOR ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER WAS PRESENTED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT MR. SKIPPER HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE POSITION OF TERRELL COUNTY ATTORNEY UNDER THE TERMS OF A \$5,000.00 RETAINER FEE, A SALARY OF \$400.00 PER MONTH, AND THE RATE OF \$150.00 PER HOUR FOR CASE WORK. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING JIMMY SKIPPER OF AMERICUS, GEORGIA AS COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. MR. SKIPPER WILL BE PRESENT AT THE APRIL 2017 MEETING.

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FOLLOW UP ON HIRING COUNTY MANAGER –THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING A MANAGER AT THE WORKING SESSION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AND NO CONCENSUS OR AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED IN THE MATTER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE VOICED HIS OPINION THAT HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF A COUNTY MANGER; BUT SOME COMMISSIONERS WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MANAGER. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD WAS GIVEN AN INFORMATION PACKET FROM ACCG (ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER GOVERNMENT) CONTAINING STATISTICS ON COUNTY MANAGERS FROM ALL COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA. THE SALARY RANGE FOR TERRELL COUNTY WOULD BE ABOUT \$75,000.00 TO \$85,000.00. SINCE THERE WAS SUCH A LARGE OF AMOUNT OF INFORMATION TO REVIEW REGARDING SALARIES, EXPERIENCE, SIZE OF COUNTIES, JOB REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO SINCE ACCG REPRESENTATIVE DAVE WILLS COULD NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING BUT WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 2017 MEETING; COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE THE ITEM TO THE APRIL 2017 MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MEETING WAS LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPLACING PHONE SYSTEM AT SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE JAIL - COMMISSIONER STAFFORD REPORTED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO GET VENDERS TO VISIT THE FACILITIES TO LOOK AT THE EXISTING SYSTEM AND MAKE A BID. ONLY WINDSTREAM AND NEOS MADE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SHERIFF WAS ASKED IF HE WANTED TO STAY WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDER. SHERIFF BOWENS STATED HE WOULD GO WITH THE COMMISSIONERS' DECISION. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD SUGGESTED GOING WITH THE PHONE SYSTEM RECOMMENDED BY NEOS. WINDSTREAM WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IF PROBLEMS OCCUR. THE NEOS SYSTEM CAN BE UPGRADED SHOULD VOICE OVER IP BECOME NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE. THE COST FOR THEIR SYSTEM IS \$7,403.32. SANDRA WALKER REPORTED ON THE ISSUES THE JAIL AND SHERIFF OFFICES ARE EXPERIENCING. SHE STATED THE SERVER IS THE MAIN PROBLEM AND SHE DID NOT WANT TO STAY WITH WINDSTREAM. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED THE BOARD TO GIVE SANDRA WALKER, SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS, AND HIMSELF THE LATITUDE THEY NEED TO SOLVE THE PHONE SYSTEM ISSUES. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO GIVE MR. STAFFORD, SANDRA WALKER, AND SHERIFF BOWENS THE LATITUDE MENTIONED TO FIX THE PHONE PROBLEMS AT THE JAIL AND SHERIFF OFFICES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD.

REVIEW QUOTE FROM SUMTER ELECTRIC FOR RELOCATING FACILITIES ON TAMMY LANE AS REQUESTED BY NASH ENGINEERING – A QUOTE OF \$90,623.80 WAS RECEIVED FROM SUMTER ELECTRIC TO MOVE UTILITY LINES AND POLES ON TAMMY LANE. THIS IS A PAVING PROJECT THAT IS BEING LOOKED INTO BUT NOT YET VOTED TO DO. RYAN CANNON OF NASH ENGINEERING WAS ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS TO REDUCE THE COST. ONE SUGGESTION WAS TO CHANGE SHAPE OF THE ROAD TO CONFORM TO THE LINES. THE BOARD AGREED TO CONTACT SUMTER ELECTRIC BOARD MEMBER FOR TERRELL COUNTY (GLENN DAVIS) TO ASK FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE COST OF THIS PIECE OF THE POSSIBLE PROJECT. BRAD STAFFORD ASKED WHERE THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

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WAS IN REGARDS TO HAVING THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) PROJECT BIDS READY TO PUT OUT. SANDRA O'STEAN STATED INTERIM CLERK CHARLENE FARMER WAS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING INFORMATION TOGETHER FOR THE BIDS AND PLACING THEM IN THE NEWSPAPER.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT – SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE REPORT FOR 2016-2017 ASSESSMENT BILLING AND COLLECTIONS.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUTURE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING DAY AND TIME – DISCUSSION FROM THE WORKING SESSION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017 WAS TO CHANGE THE MEETING DATE TO THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 P. M. AT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO SET THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DAY TO THE 2ND TUESDAY AT 6 P.M. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED ANNOUNCEMENTS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE LOCAL PAPER AND SHOPPER GUIDE AT THE PROPER TIMES.

APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO UPDATE THE PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (FEMA) - THE COUNTY COST OF THE AGREEMENT IS \$15,000.00 PAYABLE IN QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS. BRAD STAFFORD ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD GET REIMBURSED FOR THE FEDERAL SHARE OF THE COST. HE THEN MADE THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE GEORGIA COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT (ACCG) – THIS IS A PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. THE COUNTY IS ASKED TO BE THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GEORGIA COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE 2017 MILEAGE RATE UPDATE FROM STATE ACCOUNTING OFFICE – BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING THE NEW RATE FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AS SET BY THE STATE FOR 2017. THE RATE FOR AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL IS .535 CENTS PER MILE, MOTORCYCLE RATE IS .505 CENTS PER MILE, AIRCRAFT IS \$1.15 PER MILE, AND GOVERNMENT OWNED AVAILABLE RATE IS .17 CENTS PER MILE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY.

APPOINTMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED ALL APPOINTMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD HAVE EXPIRED; BUT COULD BE HELD OVER. CRIS WEBB MADE A MOTION TO LEAVE THE BOARD AS IS WITH THE NINE MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE READ THE NAMES OF THE NINE MEMBERS. THERE WAS NO SECOND TO THIS MOTION. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF THE SECOND. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY STATED HIS OPINION THAT SOME MEMBERS SHOULD BE REPLACED. HE MADE A MOTION TO CLEAR OUT ALL CURRENT MEMBERS AND APPOINT THE FOLLOWING TO SERVE FOR 2017: ED DUSKIN, MAX SELLERS, ROBERT AARON, ED COLLIER, SAMMIE JENKINS, NEIL LEE, HAL WIGGINS, ED WADE, AND JACK POWELL. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. COMMISSIONER WEBB ASKED IF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS AN AUTOMATIC MEMBER ON THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. ED DUSKIN AND EURIE LEGATE WHO BOTH SERVED ON THE AUTHORITY BOARD RESPONDED WITH AN ANSWER OF NO. CRIS THEN ASKED IF NEW APPOINTMENT NOMINEES HAD BEEN CONTACTED IN REGARDS TO SERVICE ON THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY STATED HE DID NOT TALK WITH THEM BUT PERSONS THAT HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN DID SPEAK TO EACH ONE.YES. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD. CRIS WEBB DID NOT APPROVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK HUFSTETLER AND SETH MCALLISTER TO GOLDEN TRIANGLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL - BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF JACK HUFSTETLER AND SETH MCALLISTER TO THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR PROCLAMATION OF FEBRUARY 2017 AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2017 AS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN THE PROCLAMATION. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ASPIRE BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECOGNITION OF SERVICES AND STAFF AT T & L CENTER ON OAK STREET AND APPROVAL FOR PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 2017 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH - THE T & L COMMUNITY SUPPORT DAY COORDINATOR, CRYSTAL RAMUS, GAVE A REPORT ON THE FACILITY AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLIENTS, AND THE RESOURCES PROVIDED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. SHE REMINDED EVERYONE TO USE THE CENTER FOR RECYCLING. ONE OF THE CLIENTS GAVE A REPORT ON PARTICIPATING IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL HELD IN ATLANTA. THE STAFF AND CLIENTS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY TO THEIR FACILITY AND PROGRAMS. IN OVERSIGHT, THERE WAS NO MOTION MADE.

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ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean
SANDRA O'STEAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED BY: W. T. Gamble III
W. T. GAMBLE, III
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: April 13, 2017