

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

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Terrell County Government Building

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, Davina Driver, Sandra O'Stean

Others present: J. A. Driver, Linda Freeman, Janice Bryant, Seth McAllister, De'Marrion Pearman, Addison Ingram, Christie Cooper, Jack Pitts, Kelvin Brown, Jerry Seymour

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Commissioner Lucius Holloway

Approval of Agenda: *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the agenda of October 5, 2021. Ernest Johnson gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.*

Approval Minutes of September 14, 2021 regular meeting and September 24, 2021 special called meeting: *- Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of September 14 and September 24, 2021. Larron Copeland gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Lucius Holloway, and Brad Stafford. The motion carried.*

Chairman's Report: - Chairman Gamble –(1) Pipe Buck Jones, (2)Purchase Right of Way (David Moore), (3) Bids for tag reader for Sheriff Dept. *(1) Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve Zane Grace Construction installing a pipe under Buck Jones Road. Brad Stafford gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. (2) Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve providing and installing a pipe in lieu of easement of right of way for property owner David Moore of Buck Jones Rd. Brad Stafford gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried. (3) Ernest Johnson made the motion to table the bids for tag reader for the Sheriff's Department in order to get other bids. Larron Copeland gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Lucius Holloway, and Brad Stafford. The motion carried.*

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Administrator's Report: Bank balances, Vendor Activity, CI bank accounts, and CDBG funds were presented by Davina Driver. *Brad Stafford made the motion to use \$125,000 of ARP funds for the match to the CDBG funds. Larron Copeland gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Larron Copeland, Ernest Johnson, and Lucius Holloway. The motion carried.*

Clerk's Report: Fuel report and Jail Count were presented by Sandra O'Stean.

EMS/911/EMA Report: A written report was submitted.

Extension Service Report & Recognition of Members to Junior District Board for Southwest Georgia:

Margaret Halbrook/Seth McAllister – Seth reported on crops & announced the cover crop project in Terrell County will be featured in the November 2021 issue of the Southeast Farm Press. Margaret reported National 4-H Week and introduced Terrell County 4-Hers who were elected to the Southwest Georgia District Board of Officers, Addison Ingram and De'Marrion Pearman. A photo was taken.

Road Department Report: A written report was submitted.

Warden's Report: A written report was submitted.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'Stean presented the report.

Delinquent Tax Report: Christie Cooper submitted a written report and stated the next tax sale is planned for February 2022.

Sheriff's Report: A written report was submitted.

Recreation Department Report: A written financial report was submitted. Vandalism photos were presented to the Board members to see the damages to the recreation facility. The clerk informed the Board that a claim had been filed to ACCG insurance and the adjustor was on site this day. Ryan Cannon reported that security cameras are being worked on for the facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recreation Dept: Recommendations for Recreation Board and Director – Ryan Cannon asked the Board to advertise for position of Director of the Recreation Department. *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve advertising for the position at the recreation facility. Lucius Holloway gave the*

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second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, Brad Stafford, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.

Costs to place security camera monitor in front office of Armory Building: Ernest Johnson made the motion to abandon placing a monitor for the security cameras in the front office at the Armory. Larron Copeland gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, and Lucius Holloway. The motion carried.

Telephone problems at Tax Commissioner's Office: Ernest Johnson made the motion to get new cords for the telephones if needed and to place a new telephone set capable of two lines in the tax commissioners' office. Davina Driver reported she had ordered the phone set and it should arrive by Friday, October 8, 2021. Larron Copeland gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, and Lucius Holloway. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids for propane gas: Chairman Gamble opened the bids for propane gas. Bids were received from Driver Energies, LLC for \$2.00 per gallon and Modern Gas for \$1.999 per gallon. Brad Stafford made the motion to award the bid to Driver Energies, LLC. Ernest Johnson gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, and Lucius Holloway. The motion carried. James Driver recommended that the County purchase the tanks, maybe three or four, that were not already owned by the County. Larron Copeland made the motion to get bids on costs of purchasing the propane tanks not owned by the County. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Larron Copeland, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Brad Stafford. The motion carried.

Billing for garbage service fiscal year 2022: Sandra O'Stean asked the Board for permission to proceed with submitting the notice of garbage rate increase for the next annual billing period to the local paper. She asked the pleasure of the Board in regards to the billing cycle. The Board advised the clerk to proceed with the notice to paper of rate increase and to keep the billing period the same which is November 1st current year to October 31st of next year.

Road issues: Erwin Thomas of Old Field Road - Cancelled

Jack Pitts of Susan Mercer Road – The Board will have attention placed on Susan Mercer Road when weather permits.

NRA request to serve alcohol at event at 4-H pavilion on October 29, 2021 – Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the NRA to serve alcohol at their event at the 4-H Pavilion. Lucius Holloway gave the second. All in favor were Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, Larron Copeland, and Brad Stafford. The motion carried.

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Adjourn – Ernest Johnson made the motion to adjourn and Brad Stafford gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Ernest Johnson, Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.

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

Approved by: Wilbur T. Gamble, III
Wilbur T. Gamble, III Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Date: NOV 2, 2021