

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

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Terrell County Government Building

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

Others present: Seth McAllister, Janice S. Bryant, Bobby O'Stean, Jeff DeMott, Lisa DeMott, Linda Freeman, Christie Cooper, Molly McManus, Kyle Law, Ezekiel Holley, Jim Brinkley, Edward Harvey, Sandra Bowens, Sandra Walker

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Commissioner Lucius Holloway

Approval of Agenda: *Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the agenda after making a change in order of items – moved Clerk of Court discussion on time clock and employee raises up prior to budget discussion. Brad Stafford gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, and Ernest Johnson. The motion carried.*

Approval Minutes of July 29, 2021 special budget meeting and August 3, 2021 regular meeting: - *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2021 and the August 3, 2021 meetings. Lucius Holloway gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, Ernest Johnson, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.*

Chairman's Report: - Chairman Gamble gave updates on COVID numbers for the County and the vaccine rate for the County.

Administrator's Report: The Bank balances, Vendor Activity, and CI bank accounts were presented by Davina Driver.

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

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

Extension Service Report: Seth McAllister gave the ag report for the month. Chairman Gamble recognized Seth for his 3rd place award for articles submitted to the local newspaper.

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Road Department Report: Bobby O'Stean submitted a written report. Resident of Goose Hollow, Kyle Law, asked for action to maintain Goose Hollow and Gander Lane.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby gave the report for the correctional institution.

Fire Department: Edward Harvey submitted a written report and proposals for breathing apparatus needed for the Fire Department. Quotes for ten (10) SCBA breathing apparatus were received from MES for \$100,700, NAFECO for \$130,200, and FireLine for \$151,190. It was noted by the Administrator that funds from the ARP could be used in the purchase of this equipment. ***Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the bid from MES for ten (10) units at cost of \$100,700 if delivered in 30 days. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.***

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

Delinquent Tax Report: Christie Cooper presented a written report and stated the next tax sale would be after January 1, 2022.

Sheriff's Report: John Bowens submitted a written report and a security policy for the Courthouse at the Armory for the Commissioners to review. The Sheriff asked for monitors for the security cameras at the Armory to be moved to the front office with the security deputy. ***The Board asked the Administrator to check on costs of installing the monitor for the security cameras in the front office of the Armory building and bring back to the October meeting.***

Recreation Department Report: A written financial report was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historical Courthouse – Roof repair – Review quotes from Anderson Contracting & Roofing and Helen's Vinyl Siding & Roofing – A discussion was held as to the installation of an access ladder to the roof. ***This was tabled to an October special called meeting in order to allow the administrator to ask the vendors about installation of an access ladder to the roof. The Warden will check on the ladder also.***

Road Dept- Quotes for repairs to Sellers Road and West Lee St – Review quotes from Zane Grace Construction and Tri County Ready Mix – ***The Sellers Road repair matter was tabled to the October special called meeting in order to get quotes equal in specifications. – Jim Boyd Construction submitted a quote of \$88,360 and Zane Grace submitted a quote of \$63,104 for repairs to W Lee Street. Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the low bid from Zane Grace Construction for***

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\$63,104 and in mean time County Road crews make repairs to bad areas to improve public safety on this road. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Larron Copeland, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Brad Stafford. The motion carried.

Tammy Lane paving project – Results of bids and recommendation from SOWEGA Engineers – SOWEGA Engineers presented bid results for the paving of Tammy Lane project which were Jim Boyd Construction \$456,950, Oxford Construction \$462,600, and Reeves Construction \$579,325. SOWEGA Engineers recommended the award be given to Jim Boyd Construction. Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the low bid from Jim Boyd Construction for \$ 456,950 and stated a time line should be placed on bid projects and if company cannot start on time, rebid the project. Lucius Holloway gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, Larron Copeland, and Ernest Johnson. The motion carried.

LMIG – Road considerations for 2022 LMIG application – This was tabled to a later Commissioners meeting.

Recreation Dept – Recommendations for Recreation Board and Director – This was tabled to the October meeting agenda.

Time clock and employee raises – Superior Court Clerk Janice Bryant – This item was moved up on agenda. – Brad Stafford made the motion to deny the request to raise Chief Deputy Clerk pay by \$3.00/hr and Clerk pay by \$2.00/hr. Lucius Holloway gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Lucius Holloway, Larron Copeland, and Ernest Johnson. The motion carried. Time clock issues – Administrator corrected the problem 9-14-21.

Vehicle for Constable – Judge Linda Freeman asked to discuss a vehicle for the Constable at this time – Two used vehicles from other departments were offered; but were refused. The Warden stated he wanted to keep the Chevrolet Impala if Magistrate did not accept it. This matter was tabled.

Budget – Approve proposed budget and sign resolution – Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2022 for \$10,843,635 and to have the Chairman sign the Resolution to Adopt the Budget FYE22. Ernest Johnson gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.

Budget – Set millage rate and sign resolution to levy taxes for 2021 – Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the mill rate for the County of 30.984 and to have the Chairman sign the Resolution to set the tax levy for 2021. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.

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Health care for inmates at correction institution and the jail – *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the renewal of contract with Southern Health Partners for medical services to the inmates at Terrell County Correction Institution and the Terrell County Jail. Ernest Johnson gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.*

Security cameras for correction institution - Review additional quotes – Quotes were received from Security Tech Solutions, LLC and Electronyx. *This matter was tabled to get one more bid.*

Vehicle for Constable – Judge Linda Freeman – Discussed previously on agenda

Time clock and employee raises – Superior Court Clerk Janice Bryant – Moved up on the agenda

Decision regarding door repair at Sasser Fire Station – Mayor Jan Jones – *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve paying one-half the cost of the invoice of \$2,450. from Overhead Door Company for repairs to the door at the fire station located in Sasser. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Those in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Water sampling services – A letter from David Myler announcing his retirement as certified water sampler as well as a list of certified water and wastewater operators was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Myler monitored the water samples for the County Correction Institution and the Recreation Department. *Brad Stafford made the motion to approve Jeff Hanner as replacement of David Myler as water operator for the County. Ernest Johnson gave the second. All in favor of the motion were Brad Stafford, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, and Larron Copeland. The motion carried.*

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

Respectively submitted by: Sandra O'Stean

Sandra O;Stean County Clerk

Approved by: Wilbur T. Gamble III

Wilbur T. Gamble, III Chairman

Date: 10-5-2021