

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

**DATE: AUGUST 4, 2020
TIME: 6 P.M.
PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING**

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, COMMISSIONERS ERNEST JOHNSON AND BRAD STAFFORD, COUNTY CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, FINANCE OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER (COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST DECEASED IN JULY)

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

COMMISSIONER ERNEST JOHNSON ASKED THE BOARD TO HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THAT THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO ADD DISCUSSION OF CARES ACT UNDER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND TO REMOVE THE REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA FROM JAN JONES. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 4, 2020 AGENDA WITH THE AMENDMENTS OF ADDING THE DISCUSSION OF THE CARES ACT IN THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REMOVING THE REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA BY SASSER MAYOR JAN JONES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 7, 2020 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 14, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR BUDGET REVIEW, JULY 20, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR BUDGET REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING, JULY 23, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, JULY 14, JULY 20, AND THE JULY 23, 2020 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE CARES ACT COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM AND HOW TERRELL COUNTY COULD BENEFIT BY PARTICIPATING. THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE STAFF WOULD ADMINISTER THE FUNDS IN AND OUT OF THIS PROGRAM. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CARES ACT AND APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – BANK BALANCES, VENDOR ACTIVITY – COURTNEY deLAMBERT PRESENTED THE REPORTS.

CLERK'S REPORT –FUEL REPORT, JAIL COUNT - SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE REPORTS. SHE GAVE AN UPDATE TO THE BOARD ON HAVING THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE CHECKED BY VARIOUS COMPANIES FOR PLACING A DEHUMIDIFIER IN THE BUILDING AND ON HAVING ADDITIONAL MOLD TESTING PERFORMED.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING CONTINUED

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED - COMMISSIONER STAFFORD NOTED FROM THE CHAMBER REPORT THAT THE CHAMBER BUILDING ROOF IS IN NEED OF REPAIR. CHAMBER MEMBER LANCE SHERNISKY WAS TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL ON HOW TO RESOLVE THE LEAKING ISSUES. SAVANNAH HUGHES AND MR. SHERNISKY WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND WILL PRESENT THE MATTER AT A LATER MEETING. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED THE ROOF HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPLACED BY A SKILLED INMATE WORK DETAIL AND HE WOULD CHECK INTO USING INMATE LABORERS TO FIX THE LEAK PROBLEMS.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED THE REPORT. HE PRESENTED A QUOTE OF \$ 4,742.17 TO HAVE A BACKHOE (COUNTY OWNED) REPAIRED. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BACK HOE REPAIRS FOR \$4,742.17. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. MR. ROBERSON PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT OF 5563 FLORIDA SHORT ROUTE TO HAVE HER DRIVEWAY REPAIRED. HE SHOWED PICTURES OF THE EROSION PROBLEMS AT THE RESIDENT'S DRIVEWAY. HE EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REITERATED THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT PERFORM REPAIRS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF PARROTT REQUESTING MOWING AND CUTTING BACK OF OVERGROWTH OF TREES AND SHRUBBERY WAS DISCUSSED. THE BOARD AGREED THE BOARD SHOULD REACH OUT TO THE MAYOR OF PARROTT AND GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCOPE OF THEIR REQUESTS. MR. ROBERSON GAVE A REPORT ON THE BAT WING MOWER. HE ASKED PERMISSION OF THE BOARD TO RENT A TRACTOR AND A MOWER FOR CUTTING GRASS UNTIL THE COUNTY UNIT COULD BE REPAIRED. BRAD STAFFORD ASKED MR. ROBERSON TO CHECK ON PRICES TO BUY A NEW BAT WING VERSUS RENTAL PRICES OF THE SAME. MR. ROBERSON ALSO MENTIONED THE COUNTY MACK DUMP TRUCK IS IN NEED OF REPAIRS. HE GAVE AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,800 TO REPAIR THE TRUCK. HE ASKED PERMISSION OF THE BOARD TO USE CDL DRIVERS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN NECESSARY FOR ROAD WORK. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED HE WOULD HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH FIRE CHIEF EDWARD HARVEY. MR. STAFFORD ALSO STATED THAT IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE BOARD LOOKS INTO OBTAINING A DUMP TRUCK, THEY SHOULD GET A SINGLE AXLE TRUCK.

WARDEN'S REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT – SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE REPORT.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - NOT AVAILABLE

SHERIFF'S REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED

OLD BUSINESS:

LIST ROADS FOR LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) 2021 PROJECT –

COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ADDED CALLIS ROAD FROM TOWN OF SASSER CITY LIMITS TO THE POINT OF RESURFACING FROM PAST YEARS. HE MENTIONED THE SECTION JUST OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS OF BRONWOOD GOING EAST TOWARD SASSER WILL BE REPAIRED IN THE LMIG 2020. COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST HAD SUBMITTED HIS LIST AT THE JULY MEETING. THE ROADS HE LISTED FOR LMIG 2021 WERE PLEASANT HILL, METTS, AND MORRIS FLEMING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD KING ROAD TO THE ONGOING LIST. CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED TERRELL COUNTY HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) THAT LMIG FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 395,145.83 TOWARD ROAD RESURFACING WAS ALLOTTED TO THE COUNTY. TERRELL COUNTY IS REQUIRED TO DO A THIRTY PERCENT (30%) MATCH OF FUNDS. THIS WILL MAKE THE TOTAL 2021 RESURFACING COSTS \$513,689.58. SHE ALSO REMINDED THE BOARD THAT APPROVAL WAS VOTED IN THE FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING FOR THE PAVING OF TAMMY LANE. THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED THAT AS SOON AS THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND (T-SPLOST), THE TAMMY LANE PAVING PROJECT WILL BEGIN. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID HE WILL REACH OUT TO ENGINEER PAUL RAKEL TO GET AN EXACT COST FOR THE TAMMY LANE PROJECT. THE MATTER WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA WHEN COSTS AND FUNDS ARE DETERMINED. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE ADDING CALLIS ROAD, PLEASANT HILL ROAD, MORRIS FLEMING ROAD, METTS ROAD, AND KING ROADS TO THE 2021 LMIG RESURFACING LIST TO SUBMIT TO GDOT.

DISCUSSION COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – BRAD STAFFORD LED THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COUNTY PAYING FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. HE SAID HE REALIZED AT THE PREVIOUS MONTHS' BUDGET MEETINGS THE LARGE EXPENSE THE COUNTY PAYS FOR THE INSURANCE. IT WAS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AFTER THE BUDGET MEETINGS THAT A STIPEND IS BEING PAID TO EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE OTHER THAN WHAT THE COUNTY OFFERS. PAYMENTS FOR INSURANCE IS BEING MADE FOR THE SPOUSES OF THREE EMPLOYEES. A SURVEY THAT WAS TAKEN FROM OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTIES AND COUNTIES THE SIZE OF TERRELL IN REGARDS TO HOW THEY HANDLE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS WAS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED THE COUNTY CANNOT CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN THIS COSTS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS MATTER TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS PROPOSAL BETWEEN CITY OF DAWSON AND TERREL COUNTY FOR WORK PROJECTS –

THE CITY OF DAWSON MANAGER TRACY HESTER HAD REQUESTED PIPES TO BE INSTALLED AT THE CITY CEMETERY BY THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT. IN RETURN, THE COUNTY HAD A WATER LINE LEAK AT COUNTY PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY AND THE CITY MANAGER AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM. A PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE WORK PROJECTS WAS SUBMITTED TO

THE BOARD FOR AGREEMENT. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DAWSON AND TERRELL COUNTY. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD REGARDING ABANDONED PROPERTY IN SASSER – MAYOR JAN JONES - WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA BY MAYOR JONES

REQUEST TO PRESENT SLIDE REGARDING CONDITIONS ON OLD FIELD ROAD – ERWIN THOMAS, A RESIDENT OF OLD FIELD ROAD, GAVE A SLIDE PRESENTATION OF THE ROAD CONDITIONS ON OLD FIELD ROAD. HE MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO FIX THE PROBLEMS.

ADJOURNED – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. 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 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: September 1, 2020