

MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2020

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD, COMMISSIONERS LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND ERNEST JOHNSON, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT, HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK KENNA PATE – COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO ILLNESS

OTHERS PRESENT: BO HAMBY, DEPUTY WARDEN FREDDY GRIMSLEY, SETH MCALLISTER, ALICE CARTER, GARY MCNEELY, JOE HUNKELE, SAVANNAH HUGHES, JAY HARRELL, GAIL FAUST, MOLLY MCMANUS, PAUL RAKEL, BERRY BARFIELD, BOBBY CARTER, JAMES DRIVER, DAVINA DRIVER, WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN, RIDGELY MU'MIN, EDWARD HARVEY, ART JOHNS, L. CARTER, K. WILKINSON

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 7, 2020 AGENDA. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OFFICERS FOR 2020 - BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO LEAVE THE OFFICERS FOR 2020 THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN WHICH ROTATES BY DISTRICT EACH YEAR. THEREFORE VICE CHAIRMAN WILL BE DISTRICT ONE COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, PURCHASING IS BRAD STAFFORD, PROPERTY IS ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CHAPLAIN IS LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SET COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES FOR 2020 - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO LEAVE THE COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR WHICH IS \$400./MONTH FOR CERTIFIED COMMISSIONERS AND \$600./MONTH FOR THE CHAIRMAN. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINT COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR 2020 - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO REAPPOINTED JAMES SKIPPER AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AT THE SAME RATE OF \$400./MONTH, RETAINER FEE OF \$5,000. & \$150./HOUR PER CASE WORK. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED REPAIRS TO HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JANUARY 20, 2020 BY NEW IMAGE ROOFING. HE ALSO REPORTED THE NEW AIRPORT BUILDING WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT – THE DECEMBER 2019 VENDOR ACTIVITY REPORT AND THE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT WERE PRESENTED AND READ BY COURTNEY deLAMBERT.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE DECEMBER 2019 FUEL REPORT AND THE JAIL COUNT WERE READ BY SANDRA O'STEAN. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE QUESTIONED THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF INMATES REPORTED. MRS. O'STEAN SAID SHE WOULD CHECK THE FORMULA ON THE EXCEL SPREADSHEET TO SEE IF IT IS IN ERROR THIS MONTH. BRAD STAFFORD REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF REPAIRS TO THE JOCKEY PUMP MOTOR AT THE JAIL. THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL IS EXTENDING THE DEADLINE TO HAVE THE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT COMPLETED.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT – THE DECEMBER 2019 REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY BO HAMBY. MR. HAMBY ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS AT A COST OF \$2900. HE HAS \$2000 IN HIS BUDGET FOR THE COMPUTERS. THE COST OF \$2900 WILL BE REIMBURSED FROM TRAUMA GRANT MONIES AFTER PROOF OF PURCHASE IS PROVIDED. HE ASKED FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM BUDGET LINE ITEM PATIENT SUPPLIES TO MAKE THE PURCHASES AND TO REPLACE THE \$2900 WHEN REIMBURSEMENT IS RECEIVED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION

TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE TWO COMPUTERS USING FUNDS FROM LINE ITEM PATIENT SUPPLIES AND REPLACE THE FUNDS WHEN REIMBURSEMENT IS RECEIVED FROM THE GRANT FUND. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – SETH MCALLISTER PRESENTED THE 4-H AND THE EXTENSION REPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - PRESENTED BY SAVANNAH HUGHES

WARDEN'S REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT - THE DECEMBER 2019 ROAD ACTIVITY REPORT WAS READ BY CHAD ROBERSON. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO THE 2014 KENWORTH DUMPTRUCK AT COST OF \$9,400. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIR TO THE DUMPTRUCK. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. PAUL RAKEL GAVE AN UPDATE THAT JOHN MARTIN ROAD PAVING PROJECT AND THE SAFETY GRANT PROJECT OF STRIPING AND SIGN REPLACEMENT TO SEVERAL COUNTY ROADS WERE BOTH COMPLETED SATISFACTORILY.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT - SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - NOT AVAILABLE

SHERIFF'S REPORT - NOT AVAILABLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.

PUBLIC MEETING:

AWARD CONTRACT FOR PROPANE GAS FOR 2020 - TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS SEEKING BIDS FOR PROPANE PER GALLON FOR 2020. THE TERM FOR THE 2020 CONTRACT IS NINE (9) MONTHS. THE BID WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2020 AND CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. THE TOTAL GALLONS USED BY TERRELL COUNTY FOR FY2019 WERE APPROXIMATELY 17,807 GALLONS. TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED: DRIVER ENERGIES SUBMITTED A BID AT \$1.25 PER GALLON AND MODERN GAS SUBMITTED A BID AT \$0.949 PER GALLON. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AWARD THE PROPANE GAS CONTRACT TO MODERN GAS AT A COST OF \$0.949 PER GALLON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON SECTION OF COX ROAD – PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. §32-7-2(B)(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTENDS TO ABANDON A SECTION OF COX ROAD LOCATED ENTIRELY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF TERRELL COUNTY AFTER DETERMINING THAT THE ROAD HAS CEASED TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC TO THE EXTENT THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC PURPOSE IS SERVED BY THE ROAD AND THAT THE ABANDONMENT OF SAID COX ROAD IS OTHERWISE IN THE BEST PUBLIC INTEREST. A PUBLIC HEARING IS TO BE HELD DURING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT 6:30 P.M. ON JANUARY 7, 2020 AT THE USUAL MEETING PLACE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES IN DAWSON, GA AT WHICH HEARING PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING SUCH MATTER WILL BE RECEIVED. THE SECTION OF COX ROAD TO BE CLOSED IS THE SECTION BETWEEN GEORGE JENNINGS ROAD AND HIGHWAY 118 EAST (BRONWOOD HWY). ONE PUBLIC OPPOSITION BY RESIDENT OF COX ROAD ARTHUR JOHNS WAS NOTED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF THE SECTION OF COX ROAD THAT CONNECTS HIGHWAY 118 TO GEORGE JENNINGS ROAD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE SIGNING RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF COX ROAD – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE SIGNING THE RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF COX ROAD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE - ROOF OVER OLD JAIL CELL AREA – DEPUTY WARDEN FREDDY GRIMSLEY SUBMITTED A QUOTE OF \$3100 FOR THE CORRECTIONAL INMATE WORK DETAIL TO CONSTRUCT A PITCHED ROOF OVER THE OLD JAIL SECTION OF THE COURTHOUSE. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE TERRELL COUNTY WORK DETAIL TO CONSTRUCT A PITCHED ROOF OVER THE JAIL AREA AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,100. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SEPARATION OF ROAD DEPARTMENT FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – WARDEN MCLAUGHLIN PRESENTED A PLAN TO SEPARATE THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO THE HIRING PROCESS FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPLY INMATES TO ASSIST THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. THE WARDEN WILL REMAIN AS THE AUTHORITY OVER THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO DIRECT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO SEPARATE THE CI AND THE ROAD AS TWO ENTITIES WITH RESPECT ONLY TO HIRING OF PERSONNEL AND TO STATE IN THE RESOLUTION THE LINE OF AUTHORITY WHICH IS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE WARDEN AND THEN TO THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT AND TO STATE LIMITS AS TO THE TYPE OF FELONY CONVICTION AN APPLICANT MAY HAVE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE DRAFTED RESOLUTION IS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

REVIEW QUOTES ON TWO (2) MOTOR GRADERS FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT – ROAD SUPERINTENDENT CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED QUOTES RECEIVED FROM YANCEY AND FLINT FOR MOTOR GRADERS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION OF THE MOTORGRADERS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CDL CLASSES AT ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THAT THIS MATTER BE TABLED UNTIL A LATER DATE.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE RENEWAL OF LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED ON BILLY STRONG ROAD TO JIM PAUL FOR FARMING – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND JIM PAUL FOR 13.5 ACRES AT A COST OF \$60.00 PER ACRE FOR A TOTAL OF \$810.00. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER TRAINING -- BOARD MEMBER BERRY BARFIELD PRESENTED INFORMATION HE RECEIVED FROM A RECENT TRAINING EVENT.

OUTSIDE WORK DETAIL CONTRACTS – WARDEN MCLAUGHLIN ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE TWO INMATE WORK DETAIL AGREEMENTS. ONE AGREEMENT BEING WITH THE CITY OF SHELLMAN AND ONE WITH THE CITY OF COLQUITT. THE WARDEN ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THE BOARD’S TERM “SLOW DOWN” ON CONTRACTING. THE WARDEN STATED CURRENTLY 95 INMATES ARE GOING OUT ON DETAILS. FUEL AND TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED BY THE ENTITY MAKING THE REQUEST. HE STATED THERE IS NO COST TO THE COUNTY. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TWO AGREEMENTS SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVING THE LANGUAGE IN THE CONTRACTS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SET AND PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR COUNTY OFFICES IN ELECTION YEAR AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR THE SAME – QUALIFYING FEES WERE SET AS FOLLOWS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>BASE PAY</u>	<u>QUALIFYING FEE (3%)</u>
CHAIRMAN TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 216.00
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	\$40,967.92	\$1,229.00
PROBATE JUDGE	\$40,967.00	\$1,229.00
MAGISTRATE JUDGE	\$40,967.00	\$1,229.00
SHERIFF	\$46,917.92	\$1,407.53
TAX COMMISSIONER	\$40,967.92	\$1,229.00
CORONER	\$11,962.16	\$ 358.86
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 144.00

ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUALIFYING FEES AS SET AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO FIX AND PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE RESOLUTION WILL BE PRINTED IN AN UPCOMING EDITION OF THE DAWSON NEWS.

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR 2020 – LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER ERNEST JOHNSON AND CITIZEN JACK POWELL TO THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR 2020. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean
SANDRA O'STEAN COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble III
WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III CHAIRMAN TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: February 4, 2020