

MINUTES OF  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN BRAD STAFFORD, COMMISSIONERS LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LARRY FAUST, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK KENNA PATE

OTHERS PRESENT: BO HAMBY, G. PATEL, GREG WELSH, GAIL FAUST, LINDA FREEMAN, JOE HUNKELE, EDWARD HARVEY, SAVANNAH HUGHES, DARLENE PAUL, RHONDA GORDON, MARGARET HALBROOK, AGRIM ANGIRA, FREDDY GRIMSLEY, RIDGELY MU'MIN, M. PATEL

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – PASTOR JOSEPH MORELAND

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2019 AGENDA. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESOLUTION TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF HOOKS-HANNER BUILDING TO TERRELL COUNTY – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE STATE AGREED TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE HOOKS HANNER ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING LOCATED AT 4344 ALBANY HWY OVER TO THE COUNTY. THERE WAS A CAVEAT WITH THE TRANSFER WHICH WAS THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REMAIN TO BE HOUSED IN THIS BUILDING. ALSO THE BUILDING WOULD BE USED TO HOUSE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WHO WILL RELOCATE THEIR OFFICE TO TERRELL COUNTY. HE STATED A RESOLUTION IS NECESSARY TO PRESENT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE PREPARING A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE HOOKS HANNER BUILDING FROM THE STATE TO TERRELL COUNTY WITH THE STIPULATIONS THEY MADE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION AND HAVE IT SIGNED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THE DAWSON/TERRELL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE SCHEDULED DECEMBER 7, 2019 AT 6 P.M. HE REPORTED NATIONWIDE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE PAID OUT FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 2019 TO CURRENT AND THE FINANCIAL CLERK IS STILL WORKING ON CORRECTING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BACK YEARS. HE STATED THE FINANCIAL SITUATION FOR THE COUNTY IS IN GOOD STATUS. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,709.49 HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A PART OF THE CLAIMS SUBMITTED AFTER HURRICANE MICHAEL FOR DAMAGES TO THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE.

FINANCIAL CLERK'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2019 EXPENDITURES, CHECK REPORT, VENDOR ACTIVITY, BANK BALANCES, NATIONWIDE UPDATE – SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE BANK BALANCES AND GAVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2019. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD MENTIONED PAST DUE ACCOUNTS NOT BEING PAID AND THE TAX ASSESSOR MENTIONED THREE PARTICULAR ACCOUNTS. THE VENDOR REPORT CONFIRMED THE THREE ACCOUNTS HAD BEEN PAID. AT THIS TIME, CHAIRMAN GAMBLE RECOGNIZED AND PRESENTED AWARDS TO BO HAMBY AND NATHANIEL SCOTT FOR 30 YEARS AND 15 YEARS SERVICE RESPECTIVELY.

CLERK'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2019 FUEL, JAIL COUNT – SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE FUEL AND JAIL COUNT REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FIRE PUMP SYSTEM AT THE JAIL.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT – BO HAMBY PRESENTED THE EMS, E911, AND EMA REPORTS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED ON FEMA/GEMA REIMBURSEMENT STATUS.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – THE AGRICULTURE REPORT AND THE 4-H REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY MARGARET HALBROOK.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – SAVANNAH HUGHES GAVE THE REPORT FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019.

WARDEN'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY WARDEN MCLAUGHLIN.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – BOBBY O'STEAN READ THE REPORT FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019. COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE COUNTY WORK DETAIL THAT COMPLETED A WORK ORDER THAT HE SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PROGRAM.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT – THE NOVEMBER 2019 DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – THE REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

SHERIFF REPORT – THE REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT –THE REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

OLD BUSINESS:

LMIG 2020 PROPOSED ROADS LIST – IVY MILL BRIDGE – ADDITIONAL LMIG GRANT – Tabled FROM NOVEMBER MEETING AND SIGN CHANGE ORDER ON SAFETY LMIG PROJECT – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2020 ROAD RESURFACING LIST WHICH CONSISTS OF 1.95 MILES OF BILLY LARK ROAD (CR 22) AND 1.94 MILES HEROD-DOVER ROAD (CR 167). LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAD AWARDED THE COUNTY \$40,500.00 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON SIX (6) COUNTY ROADS. AFTER COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT BY PEEK PAVEMENT MARKING, LLC, THERE WAS AN EXCESS OF MONIES. THE BOARD HAD APPROVED IN A PREVIOUS MEETING TO USE THE EXTRA FUNDS TO STRIPE A PORTION OF WEST LEE STREET. PEEK REQUIRED THE COUNTY TO SIGN A CHANGE ORDER FOR RECORDS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CHANGE ORDER TO THE SAFETY LMIG PROJECT. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE - ROOF OVER OLD JAIL CELL AREA – NEW IMAGE ROOFING SUBMITTED A QUOTE OF \$9,900.00 TO REPLACE THE FLAT ROOF AT THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE WHICH IS OVER THE AREA CALLED JAIL HOLDING CELL. THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED HAVING THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DETAIL PLACE A PITCHED STYLE ROOF OVER THIS AREA. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO DENY THE QUOTE FROM NEW IMAGE AND TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND TO HAVE THE WARDEN TAKE A LOOK AT THE ROOF AND DETERMINE IF THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CARPENTRY DETAIL CAN REPLACE THE FLAT ROOF WITH A PITCHED ROOF. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED. THE CLERK REPORTED THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT MANAGER JONELL BRAIN HAD CONTACTED THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE AND STATED THEIR COMPANY WAS READY TO BEGIN THE RESTORATION OF THE BUILDING AND NEEDED PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO BEGIN WORK. MS. O'STEAN REPORTED ALSO THAT \$81,000.00 HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR PART OF THE CLAIM OF DAMAGES TO THE COURTHOUSE. SHE ASKED THE BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO RELEASE FUNDS TO NEW IMAGE FOR MATERIALS TO BEGIN. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID HE WANTED TO LOOK OVER THE CONTRACT WITH NEW IMAGE BEFORE ANY PAYMENT IS MADE. THE BOARD ALL AGREED THAT THE CONTRACT NEEDED TO BE REVIEWED.

COUNTY TRAVEL POLICY – REVISION ON LODGING EXPENSES – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION TO CURRENT TRAVEL POLICY. THE REVISION TO THE POLICY IS THAT LODGING WILL NOT BE PAID IF TRAINING IS WITHIN 65 MILES FROM PLACE OF WORK UNLESS CLASSES ARE FOR TWO OR MORE DAYS. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS' STAFF TO BEGIN LEGAL PROCESS TO CLOSE PORTION COX ROAD - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS' STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CLOSING A PORTION OF COX ROAD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH THE JANUARY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR 2020 FOR SK FOODS, ABC PACKAGE, BOOMERANG, KOUNTRY KORNER, AND KOUNTRY LIQUORS - THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SK FOODS, ABC PACKAGE, BOOMERANG, KOUNTRY KORNER, AND KOUNTRY LIQUORS REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THEIR ALCOHOL LICENSES. CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE REPORTED ALL OWNERS HAD MET THE REQUIREMENTS AND HER OFFICE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSES. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR SK FOODS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR ABC PACKAGE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR BOOMERANG. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE TO KOUNTRY KORNER. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR KOUNTRY LIQUORS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. ALL OF THE ABOVE APPROVALS ARE BASED ON THE PROPERTY OWNERS PAYING THE CURRENT YEAR PROPERTY TAXES AND LICENSE FEES.

POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TRAINING TO ALBANY TECH CDL CLASSES – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED HE HAD MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND DISCUSSED THE EIGHT WEEK PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS TO OBTAIN CDL LICENSES. THEY DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF TRANSPORTATION FROM TERRELL COUNTY TO THE CAMPUS OF ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE WAS NEEDED. THE NEXT CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 2020. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER PROVIDING THE TRANSPORTATION IF AT LEAST FOUR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CLASSES. HE STATED REQUIREMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THE STUDENTS TO HAVE TRAVEL PROVIDED. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY RECOMMENDED THAT AN AGREEMENT BE SIGNED THAT THE STUDENTS WOULD COMPLETE THE EIGHT WEEK COURSE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID A MOTION WAS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME AND HE WANTED TO CHECK FURTHER INTO SHARED TRANSIT SYSTEM WITH OTHER COUNTIES.

SEPARATION OF ROAD DEPARTMENT FROM CORRECTION FACILITY – COMMISSIONER FAUST REQUESTED THE SEPARATION OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (CI) AND THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. HE RECOMMENDED HIRING FREE WILL MACHINE OPERATORS IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE TIME SPENT ON THE ROADS AND HAVING THE EQUIPMENT BETTER TAKEN CARE OF. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPRESSED CONCERN OF INCREASED EXPENSES THAT WOULD GO WITH HIRING THESE MACHINE OPERATORS. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD COMMENTED ON THE CRITERIA THE COUNTY SHOULD REQUIRE FOR HIRING EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE MATTER. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF TABLING THE MATTER WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. LARRY FAUST WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF TABLING THE ITEM STATING HE WANTED SEPARATION OF THE CI AND THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

INVOICE OVER \$5,000 FOR CAMERAS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT – AN INVOICE FROM NAFECO WAS SUBMITTED FOR CAMERAS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE AMOUNT WAS \$5,006.29. THESE CAMERAS WERE APPROVED IN THE BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; BUT BECAUSE THE AMOUNT EXCEEDED THE BUDGET AMOUNT, CHIEF HARVEY PRESENTED THE INVOICE FOR APPROVAL. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FROM NAFECO. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION MEMBERS NELLIE PARRIS AND GEORGE GRAHAM – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO REAPPOINT NELLIE PARRIS AND GEORGE GRAHAM TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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APPROVE CLOSING COUNTY OFFICES FOR TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS – OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2020 / COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 12, 2020 – THE ELECTED OFFICIALS REQUESTED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF THEIR OFFICES FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL DAYS. THESE TWO DAYS WERE FEBRUARY 17, 2020 FOR PRESIDENTS’ DAY AND OCTOBER 12, 2020 FOR COLUMBUS DAY. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT ARE APPROVED AND SHOULD THESE TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS BECOME PAID HOLIDAYS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE TWO ADDITIONAL DAYS (PRESIDENTS’ DAY AND COLUMBUS DAY) AND HAVE THESE DAYS AS PAID HOLIDAYS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNED MEETING – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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

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

DATE: 1-7-20