

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

DATE: MAY 5, 2020

TIME: 6:00 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, FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY DELAMBERT (NOTE: COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST WAS ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS AND ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER WAS NOT PRESENT DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS)

OTHERS PRESENT: JAY HARRELL, AMELIA GRINER, PAUL RAKEL, SANDRA WALKER

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – VICE CHAIRMAN LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 5, 2020 AGENDA, ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2020 REGULAR MEETING – LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2020 REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE GAVE THE LATEST STATISTICS AND UPDATES ON COVID-19 FOR TERRELL COUNTY AND THE STATE. HE ANNOUNCED THAT GOLDEN TRIANGLE HAD INITIATED OBTAINING FOGGING EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000. FOR THE COUNTY TO USE FOR DISINFECTING COUNTY FACILITIES. THE COUNTY WILL PAY THE COST AND WILL BE REIMBURSED IMMEDIATELY BY GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THE EMS HAS OBTAINED A WAND AND CHEMICALS THAT CAN BE USED TO TEST THE EMT VEHICLES. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT COVID-19 TESTING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC FOR TWO DAYS, MAY 7 AND MAY 10 AT TERRELL ACADEMY CAMPUS. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY ASKED QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE TESTING AND WAS VERY CONCERNED AS TO HOW THE PUBLIC WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE TESTS. HE STATED THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT KNOW THE TESTS WERE AVAILABLE NOR KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT REGISTERING FOR THE TEST. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED HE WILL PLACE TESTING INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE AN ARTICLE IN THE DAWSON NEWS. UPDATES ON THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE REPAIRS WERE GIVEN BY MR. GAMBLE. THE OUTSIDE WORK ON THE COURTHOUSE WAS COMPLETED; BUT THE INSIDE MOLD IS STILL AN UNRESOLVED ISSUE. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD SUGGESTED LOOKING INTO INSTALLING A DEHUMIDIFIER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ALSO REPORTED THAT FEMA HAD DENIED THE FULL AMOUNT FOR DAMAGE CLAIMS FROM HURRICANE MICHAEL FOR ROADS. THE CLAIM TOTALED MORE THAN \$300,000. AND ONLY \$150,000. HAS BEEN PAID OUT. THE COUNTY WILL BE REPEALING THE DENIAL.
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN FORM:

FINANCIAL REPORTS – BANK BALANCES, VENDOR ACTIVITY

CLERK'S REPORT –NO FUEL REPORT AVAILABLE, JAIL COUNT, APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION WERE HANDED OUT TO THE BOARD

EMS/911/EMA REPORT

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

WARDEN'S REPORT – THE WARDEN'S REQUEST FOR AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT IN DORM 5 WAS DENIED AND THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO WASHING MACHINES WERE DENIED BASED ON BUDGETARY OVERRUNS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – REQUEST TO FORGIVE PENALTY/INTEREST ON CENTER ST. REAL PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF ADOUPHUS OXFORD, JR. DECEASED. THE FORMER WIFE OF ADOUPHUS OXFORD, JR. DECEASED SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY TO FORGIVE PENALTY AND INTEREST LEVIED ON PROPERTY ON CENTER STREET. SHE HAD BEEN SENDING MR. OXFORD THE MONEY TO PAY THE TAXES AND BELIEVED THE TAXES WERE IN FACT PAID. AFTER THE DISCUSSION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN THE CASE; ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FORGIVENESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89.84 ON THE BASIS THAT THE TAXES WOULD BE PAID IN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC MEETING – 6:15 P.M. --- OPEN SEALED BIDS FOR MOTOR GRADER/SLOPER

CHAIRMAN GAMBLE OPENED THE SEALED BIDS RECEIVED FROM YANCEY BROTHERS AND FLINT EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD QUESTIONED IF FUNDS WERE IN THE BUDGET TO OBTAIN THE EQUIPMENT THIS YEAR. FINANCE OFFICER DELAMBERT STATED AT THE CURRENT TIME FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE DIFFERENT SIZES OF EQUIPMENT, THE DIRECT PURCHASE AND THE LEASE OPTIONS, AND THE DIFFERENT MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS. BRAD STAFFORD STATED THE BOARD NEEDED TO HAVE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE QUOTES DISSEMINATED TO EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS, TO TALK WITH CHAD A LITTLE FURTHER, AND TO ALLOW YANCEY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TRADE IN ON THE CATEPILLERS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THE BOARD CAN FURTHER REVIEW BIDS AND OBTAIN TRADE IN INFORMATION FROM YANCEY. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVE SIGNATURE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF DAWSON AND TERRELL COUNTY REGARDING USE OF INMATE LABOR IN CONNECTION WITH REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF DAWSON –LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DAWSON AND THE COUNTY REGARDING THE USE OF INMATE LABOR FOR

RENOVATION AND REPAIRS TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE CITY OF DAWSON ADMINISTRATION AFTER CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGNS IT.

UPDATES ON 2020 LMIG ROAD IMPROVEMENT LIST – ADDING SECTION CALLIS RD – TAMMY LANE -
PAUL RAKEL EXPLAINED THE AMENDING OF THE 2020 LMIG PROJECT TO NOW ADD CALLIS ROAD CULVERT REPAIRS. THE PROPOSED COST FOR THE CULVERT AND SURROUNDING AREA ROAD REPAIRS IS APPROXIMATELY \$45,000. GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) WAS ASKED TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO USE THE SURPLUS FUNDS REMAINING FROM A PREVIOUS SAFETY GRANT FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON CALLIS ROAD TO REPAIR THIS SECOND CULVERT SITUATION. GDOT DENIED THE REQUEST AND ASKED THE COUNTY TO REMIT THE UNUSED FUNDS AND IN TURN SUBMIT A NEW REQUEST FOR A GRANT IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE SECOND CULVERT AND ROAD REPAIRS ON CALLIS ROAD. MR. RAKEL REPORTED TAMMY LANE IS A SEPARATE PROJECT AND WILL BE THE NEXT PLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY ASKED FOR A TIME FRAME ON THE TAMMY LANE PROJECT. MR. RAKEL REPLIED THE PROJECT SHOULD BEGIN IN APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE REPAIRS ON CALLIS ROAD TO THE 2020 LMIG PROJECT AND FOR THE COUNTY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE PROJECT. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. MR. RAKEL STATED THE GDOT WILL OPEN THE 2021 LMIG REQUESTS IN JULY AND THE STATE BUDGETS ARE BEING CUT BY FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%).

NEW BUSINESS:

VIRTUAL AUDIO SYSTEM FOR JAIL – JAIL ADMINISTRATOR SANDRA WALKER PRESENTED A REQUEST TO INSTALL AN AUDIO SYSTEM AT THE COUNTY JAIL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THIS SYSTEM WILL TIE IN WITH THE EXISTING CAMERA SYSTEM. THE BOARD PARTICIPATED IN AN ONLINE PRESENTATION BY BEN ANTHONY OF LIGHT SPEED OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA WHO EXPLAINED THE SYSTEM AND HOW IT WORKS ALLOWING PERSONS TO VISIT INMATES REMOTELY FROM A WEBSITE FOR A PER MINUTE FEE. LIGHT SPEED SUBMITTED A QUOTE OF \$43,000 FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND ASKED FOR A \$9,500. UP FRONT INVESTMENT FROM THE COUNTY AND THEN PARTICIPATE IN REVENUE SHARE FOR THE PRODUCT. THE BOARD ASKED SANDRA WALKER TO TRY TO OBTAIN A BETTER OFFER FROM LIGHT SPEED, ONE WITHOUT AN INVESTMENT FROM THE COUNTY. MRS. WALKER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE JAIL JOCKEY PUMP REPAIRS.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF SHANE BELL TO DFACS BOARD – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO REAPPOINT SHANE BELL TO THE BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT 50TH BIRTHDAY EVENT AT 4-H PAVILION –
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM TOWANA HUMPHRIES OF
DAWSON, GEORGIA TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE 4-H PAVILION FOR A 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE RENTAL OF THE FACILITY BUT DENY THE
REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE 4-H PAVILION. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE
IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS RENEWAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE (10% INCREASE FOR EXISTING PLAN)- CHAIRMAN
GAMBLE WANTED TIME TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MIKE PEARSON INSURANCE BROKER
REGARDING A LESSER INCREASE IN INSURANCE RATES.

MEETING ADJOURNED- ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 5, 2020
MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING WERE ERNEST
JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, 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: 6-2-2020