

MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE-CHAIRMAN BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, GREG WELSH, MAUREEN WELSH, GAIL FAUST, MOLLY MCMANUS, GARY MCNEELY, DARLENE PAUL, PAUL RAKEL, SETH MCALLISTER

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND THE AUGUST 20, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO ADOPT THE BUDGET. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED IT WAS THE END OF BUDGET YEAR 2019 AND THE COUNTY FUNDS ARE LOW; BUT NO BANK NOTE IS NEEDED. HE ALSO REPORTED THE BUDGET PROCESS IS GOING WELL. HE SAID HURRICANE DORIAN IS NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE TERRELL COUNTY ANY DAMAGE.

FINANCIAL CLERK'S REPORT – THE AUGUST EXPENDITURES, CHECK REPORT, VENDOR ACTIVITY, AND COUNTY BANK BALANCES WERE PRESENTED BY COURTNEY deLAMBERT.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE AUGUST 2019 FUEL, JAIL COUNT, AND AUDIT STATUS WAS PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - BO HAMBY READ THE REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2019. HE STATED THAT AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR HE HAD RECEIVED SECURITY CLEARANCE FROM THE STATE AND HAD ATTENDED THE EMA DIRECTOR'S ACADEMY.

REPAIR BIDS FOR CALLIS ROAD (FEMA) - PAUL RAKEL PRESENTED COPIES OF MATERIALS RECEIVED IN THE TWO BIDS THAT WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE REPAIR OF A CULVERT LOCATED ON CALLIS ROAD. SOUTHERN CONCRETE SUBMITTED A BID FOR \$49,325.00 AND TRI COUNTY READY MIX SUBMITTED A BID OF \$11,860.00. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AWARD THE PROJECT TO THE LOW BIDDER FOR \$11,860.00. TERRELL COUNTY RECEIVED \$30,000 GRANT FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO PAY SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE COST. THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING COST OF \$1,500 IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST BUT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN A PACKAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT. A SECOND CULVERT OF WHICH THE SURFACE HAS BEEN PAVED OVER IN TIME PAST AND WHICH IS LOCATED ON CALLIS ROAD CLOSER IN TO THE CITY OF BRONWOOD LIMIT IS IN NEED OF REPAIR. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE APPROACHED CONCERNING REDIRECTING THE BALANCE OF THE \$30,000 GRANT TO REPAIR THIS SECOND CULVERT. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO TRI COUNTY READY MIX FOR THE BOX CULVERT REPAIR ON CALLIS ROAD FOR \$11,860.00. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY MARGARET HALBROOK AND SETH MCALLISTER GAVE THE AGRICULTURE REPORT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY SAVANNAH HUGHES.

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

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT.

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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER GAVE UPDATE ON THE SEVEN IN REM CASES FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES. ONE ACCOUNT FILED BANKRUPTCY, ANOTHER ACCOUNT WAS PAID, AND OTHERS ARE BEING WORKED ON. ONLY ONE CASE WAS PRESENTED TO THE COURT ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

OLD BUSINESS:

LEE ST COURTHOUSE REPAIRS UPDATE - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED A MEETING WAS HELD WITH NEW IMAGE ROOFING AND THE INSURANCE ADJUSTOR FOR WORK TO RESTART ON COURTHOUSE PROJECT. BIDS WILL BE SOUGHT FOR REPLACING MORTAR TO BRICKS AROUND TOP OF THE COURTHOUSE.

PROPOSAL OF SYSTEM FOR TAX COLLECTION - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED A DRAFTED PROPOSAL OF A POLICY FOR COUNTY OFFICES TO FOLLOW IN THE COLLECTION OF ADVALOREM TAXES BEGINNING THIS TAX YEAR. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO MAKE THE PROPOSAL A POLICY FOR THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES. IF THE POLICY IS NOT FOLLOWED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ANSWER AS TO WHY TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE MATTER WAS TABLED TO THE OCTOBER MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE ATTORNEY TO DRAW UP THE PROPOSAL IN PROPER LEGAL ORDER.

5 YEAR HISTORY/MILLAGE RATE/TAX LEVY UPDATE - COURTNEY deLAMBERT GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE 5 YEAR HISTORY PREPARATION AND REPORTED THE MILL RATE WILL REMAIN AT 13.5 FOR THE COUNTY. THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETS SEPTEMBER 16 TO SET THEIR MILL RATE. A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO SET TOTAL MILL RATE FOR THE COUNTY WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

REPAIR OF ROAD DEPARTMENT TRACTOR (UNIT 117) TRANSMISSION – CHAD ROBERSON ROAD SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTED INFORMATION ON A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR WHICH NEEDS REPAIR. THE REPAIR ESTIMATE IS \$6,500 TO \$7,000. THE TRACTOR IS USED AS A PACKING TRACTOR BUT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. THE TRACTOR CAN BE USED FOR PARTS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO NOT REPAIR THIS TRACTOR AND USE FOR IT FOR PARTS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR INMATE WORK DETAIL – THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR INMATE WORK EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND THE COLLEGE ASKED THAT THE COUNTY AMEND THE CONTRACT FOR A NEW TERM. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE INMATE WORK DETAIL CONTRACT TO READ OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADDRESS ROAD ISSUES ON FEATHERFIELD COURT - JIM WRIGHT WITHDREW HIS REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA. CHAD ROBERSON MET WITH MR. WRIGHT PRIOR TO THE MEETING PAVED OVER REGARDING THE ISSUES.

REQUEST TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON NEW HORIZONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – EDWARD JACKSON OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE OFFICE HABITAT HAS IN DAWSON AND THE SERVICES NEW HORIZONS PROVIDES TO TERRELL COUNTY. THE OFFICE IN DAWSON IS OPEN AT CITY HALL ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

ADJOURN: THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRAD STAFFORD. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. 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

DATE APPROVED: 10-1-19