

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

DATE: APRIL 3, 2018

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN W. T. GAMBLE, III, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, BRAD STAFFORD, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, AND ASSISTANT SANDRA O'STEAN

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BLAKE VANN, KATHY WADE, STEWART SHORT, DARLENE TAYLOR, CAROL HOPPER, MARGARET HALBROOK, GREG WELSH, MAUREEN WELSH, SETH MCALLISTER, BILLY MCCLUNG, HOWARD DENNARD, JERILYN MORGAN, GARY MCNEELY, DOROTHY TOMLIN, HERBERT TOMLIN

**CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III
PRAYER - HERBERT TOMLIN**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 3, 2018 - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 3, 2018 AGENDA. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2018 AS WRITTEN WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THAT CERTAIN GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND (ADM), SUMTER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP (SEMCO), FIREHOUSE SUB, AND BUCKET BRIGADE. THEY ARE ALL BEING PERSUED. HE REPORTED LEE STREET IS ON THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT LIST AND IS IN PROCESS OF BEING STRIPED, PAVING IS UNDERWAY IN THE SASSER AREA, AND FIRE SUBSTATIONS ARE BEING LOOKED INTO FOR THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE COUNTY FLEET IS IN THE BEST SHAPE IT HAS BEEN FOR A WHILE. ALSO STATED WAS THE BUDGET LOOKS GOOD AT THE SIX MONTH POINT AND NEW BUDGET PLANS WILL BEGIN AS EARLY AS MAY THIS YEAR.

CLERK'S REPORT - THE MARCH 2018 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, VENDOR ACTIVITY, FUEL REPORT, AND JAIL COUNT WERE PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911 REPORT - DIRECTOR BO HAMBY READ THE EMS/911 REPORT FOR MARCH 2018. HE ANNOUNCED THE COUNTY INTERIM CLERK HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY A COMPANY TO PURCHASE OLD ANALOG TWO WAY RADIOS AND PAGER EQUIPMENT THAT IS IN THE COUNTY. DIRECTOR HAMBY MADE A REQUEST TO DECLARE ANALOG EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS IN ORDER TO SELL. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO DECLARE THE OLD UNUSED ANALOG EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND TO SELL SAME TO ALL SEASON DISTRIBUTION.

MINUTES APRIL 3, 2018 CONTINUED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY DIRECTOR SAVANNAH HUGHES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE LETTERS MOUNTED ON THE SIDE OF THE CHAMBER BUILDING THAT HAD BROKEN AND FALLEN OFF HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND REMOUNTED.

EXTENSION SERVICE – MARGARET HALBROOK GAVE REPORT ON THE 4-H ACTIVITIES. SHE REPORTED THE VAN HAD BEEN PURCHASED WITH THE GRANT OF \$30,000. RECEIVED FROM SABAL TRAIL. A GRANT FROM NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA) HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND WILL BE USED FOR EQUIPMENT AND TARGETS FOR THE ARCHERY PROGRAM. SHE ANNOUNCED AN UPCOMING ARCHERY TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 21, 2018 WHICH TERRELL COUNTY 4-H WILL HOST. PARTICIPATION OF APPROXIMATELY 100 ARCHERS IS EXPECTED. ALSO THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT IS PARTNERING WITH ANIMAL CONTROL TO SET UP THE PAVILLION AS A COMMUNITY VENDOR SITE FOR THE MAY 2018 HIGHWAY 82 YARD SALE. SETH MCALLISTER GAVE A CROP REPORT AND STATED THAT AN AGENT HAD BEEN HIRED FOR CALHOUN COUNTY WHICH MEANS HE WILL HAVE MORE TIME FOR TERRELL COUNTY. HE ANNOUNCED A CORN PROJECT IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN TERRELL COUNTY.

WARDEN & ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORTS - BILLY MCCLUNG GAVE A REPORT ON THE STRIPING OF THE COUNTY ROADS. HE REPORTED WINDSTREAM HAD MOVED THEIR CABLES AND HAS CLEARED THE COUNTY TO GO AHEAD WITH THE DITCH PROJECT IN SASSER ON GEORGIA STREET IN FRONT OF THE FLEA MARKET. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERVISOR HAD BEEN HIRED. CHAD ROBERSON WILL BEGIN DUTIES APRIL 9, 2018.

RECOGNITION OF DAVID WEIL FOR TWENTY YEARS SERVICE – A PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO DAVID WEIL RECOGNIZING HIM FOR TWENTY (20) YEARS OF SERVICE TO TERRELL COUNTY.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT - SANDRA O'STEAN GAVE THE GARBAGE REPORT FOR MARCH 2018.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE THE REPORT AND PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM THE NEW OWNER TO FORGIVE PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON PROPERTY AT 102 WILLOW LANE WHICH WAS PURCHASED AT DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE SALE IN JANUARY 2018. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO DENY THIS REQUEST. A SECOND WAS GIVEN BY ERNEST JOHNSON. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF A DATE FOR DELINQUENT TAX SALE HAD BEEN SET AND MS. SPILMAN ANSWERED A DATE WOULD BE GIVEN AT NEXT MONTH MEETING.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2018 WAS SUBMITTED.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT -THE MARCH 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE NOTED THAT ONE OF THE GRANTS HE MENTIONED EARLIER WAS FOR THE SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PROGRAMS AND INVOLVED OBTAINING TEAMS EQUIPMENT. SOMEONE WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT WILL CHECK INTO THIS.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018 LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) ROAD RESURFACING LIST SUBMISSION – A LIST OF COUNTY ROADS WHICH NEEDS TO BE RESURFACED WAS PRESENTED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION TO ENGINEER PAUL RAKEL IN ORDER TO SEND OUT REQUESTS FOR PROPSAL (RFP’S) TO VENDORS FOR THE RESURFACING WORK. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO SUBMIT FOR LMIG THE LIST OF HIGHLIGHTED ROADS FOR RESURFACING TO PAUL RAKEL. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW EQUIPMENT/DRIVE PROGRAM FOR TAX COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE – MARY ELLEN HARNAGE – TAX COMMISSIONER MARY ELLEN HARNAGE PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING MANDATED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR USE IN THE TAX OFFICE. SHE STATED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WILL PAY FOR THE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY. SHE GAVE A QUOTE FROM COMPUTER GENERATIONS, ANDY EVENSEN, OF \$4,893.84 TO INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE OF \$4,893.84 FROM COMPUTER GENERATIONS TO INSTALL THE PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT AT THE TAX OFFICE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE CONGRATULATED THE TAX COMMISSIONER ON THE COLLECTION OF 2016 AND 2017 FOREST LAND PROTECTION ACT (FLPA) FUNDS. THESE FUNDS WERE WELL OVER THE ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF REVENUE EXPECTED IN THIS YEAR’S BUDGET.

6:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

2018-002: CONDITIONAL USE ON A CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT IS ZONED AG AND CONSISTS OF .70 ACRE (+ OR -) LOCATED IN LAND LOT 172 OF THE 4TH LAND DISTRICT OF TERRELL COUNTY. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 3987 GRAVES HIGHWAY, AND IS OWNED BY JERILYN N. JACKSON MORGAN. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE IS TO ESTABLISH A PRODUCE STAND TO INCLUDE SALE OF HAND MADE CRAFTS. – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE READ THE ZONING REQUEST BEING PRESENTED. SANDRA O’STEAN READ THE NINE (9) STATEMENTS FOR ZONING CRITERIA. JERILYN MORGAN PRESENTED HER REQUESTS AND GAVE INFORMATION REGARDING PLANS FOR HER BUSINESS, MORGAN FARMS. MEMBERS OF THE ZONING BOARD GAVE RESPONSE TO MRS. MORGAN’S COMMENTS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND ADVICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING IN PLACE ORDINANCES AND VARIANCES, BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD TO DENY THE ZONING REQUEST. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE STATEMENTS OPPOSING THE RECOMMENDATION. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO DENY REQUEST WAS BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE IN FAVOR AND ONE OPPOSED.

KINCHAFOONEE REGIONAL LIBRARY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE WITH PURCHASE OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM – KINCHAFOONE REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR GARY MCNEELY PRESENTED THE COST OF \$4,800. TO REPLACE AN AIR CONDITIONER AT THE LIBRARY ON THE REGIONAL SIDE OF THE BUILDING. HE ASKED FOR TERRELL COUNTY TO PAY ONE-HALF OF THE COST. THE BOARD ASKED HIM TO CONTACT THE OTHER COUNTIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL LIBRARY AND ASK THEM FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXPENSE. MR. MCNEELY AGREED TO DO THIS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO PAY UP TO \$2,400. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE AIR CONDITIONER; BUT AFTER THE OTHER COUNTIES HAD BEEN PETITIONED FOR THEIR PART. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. MR. MCNEELY ANNOUNCED THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW CONFERENCE ROOM WHICH WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM SABAL TRAIL.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROJECT – STEWART SHORT ASKED PERMISSION TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN OFFERING ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR INSURANCE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES. DARLENE TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR OF A SELF FUNDED PROGRAM WHICH IS BASED IN THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, GAVE HIGHLIGHTS AND AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR SERVICES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE BOARD WILL NEED TIME TO LOOK AT THE MATERIAL PRESENTED, ABSORB IT, AND TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING IT. HE WILL CONTACT HER CLIENTS IN THOMAS COUNTY AND CHECK INTO THEIR SERVICES. THE MATTER WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC SIGNS ON CALLIS ROAD – KITTY LOFTON, WHO BROUGHT THIS MATTER UP AT THE MARCH MEETING, WAS NOT PRESENT. ROAD SUPERVISOR BILLY MCCLUNG WAS ASKED TO MOVE THE 35 MPH SIGN BACK FURTHER DOWN TO WHERE THE 45 MPH SIGN IS LOCATED ON CALLIS ROAD GOING TOWARD HWY 32 AND TO BUILD WHITE BAR STOPS ON BETTY WISE ROAD ON THE APPROACH TO CALLIS ROAD.

DISCUSSION ON 911 ADDRESS SIGNS FOR COUNTY RESIDENCES – CRIS WEBB GAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEED FOR PLACING E-911 ADDRESS SIGNS ON PROPERTIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TERRELL COUNTY. SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED INFORMATION AND QUOTES RECEIVED FROM FOUR (4) VENDORS FOR MATERIAL COST TO MAKE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TWO SIDED ALUMINUM SIGNS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM THE EARLY COUNTY 911 CENTER FOR \$12.60 PER SIGN. THE COUNTY WILL PURCHASE THE POSTS AND THE SIGN MATERIALS. COUNTY WORKFORCES WILL BE USED TO ATTACH THE SIGNS TO THE POSTS AND TO INSTALL THEM IN A UNIFORM MANNER IN THE COUNTY BASED ON THE GARBAGE SERVICE LIST OF ADDRESSES. THE COUNTY WILL PAY COST FOR THE FIRST COUNTY WIDE DEPLOYMENT OF THE SIGNS AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY A COST OF \$25.00 IF REPLACEMENT SIGN SHOULD BE NEEDED. OWNERS OF NEW CONSTRUCTED HOMES OBTAINING A NEW ADDRESS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THEIR E-911 SIGN FROM THE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO STATE THE COLOR OF THE SIGN AS BLUE WITH WHITE NUMBERING. CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE STATED THE COUNTY ORDINANCE ALREADY REQUIRES THAT EACH LAND AREA SHOULD BE DEFINED BY PHYSICAL MARKERS AND TO BE GIVEN A NUMERICAL ADDRESS AND LOCATION DESIGNATION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE SIGNS WILL BE HORIZONTAL.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY (SGRITA) AND PROMISSORY NOTE TO PEOPLES SOUTH BANK - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED PEOPLES SOUTH BANK DID NOT ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY AND THE GEORGIA REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY (SGRITA). THE COUNTY WILL SUBMIT A CHECK FOR \$50,000. AS AN INSTALLMENT AND WAIT FOR RESPONSE FROM THE BANK REGARDING THE BALANCE OF THE NOTE.

CLARIFICATION OF LETTER OF JANUARY 25, 2008 REGARDING REQUESTS FOR INMATE LABOR WORK DETAILS - A DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING CONSISTENCY IN ENFORCING THE POLICY, CONSIDERING THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT, AND LOOKING INTO THE IMPACT THE COST HAS ON THE COUNTY BUDGET. WARDEN MCCLUNG AND INVOICING CLERK O'STEAN REPORTED THAT NO BILLING HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR WORK DONE BY DETAILS TO THE CITIES AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE PAST ELEVEN (11) YEARS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL FACTS AND FIGURES CAN BE PUT TOGETHER BY THE INTERIM CLERK AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR INMATE WORK DETAIL FOR OLD MARTIN BUILDING IN BRONWOOD - HERBERT AND DOROTHY TOMLIN, DIRECTORS OF POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH, REQUESTED INMATE LABOR TO ASSIST IN CONVERTING THE OLD MARTIN BUILDING IN BRONWOOD TO AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR THE COUNTY. MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED BY THE CENTER. THE REQUEST WAS DENIED DUE TO GEORGIA STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE USE OF STATE INMATES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THE REQUEST FROM LIFE LINK OF GEORGIA FOR TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMTION AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN IT. ERNEST JOHNSOSN GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

**RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**APPROVED BY: Willie J. Gamble III
CHAIRMAN**

DATE: 5-1-18