

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: BRAD FOSTER, BO HAMBY, GREG WELSH, MAUREEN WELSH, BLAKE VANN, MARGARET HALBROOK, SEBASTIAN SHATTLES, JANYA SCOTT, BETTY SCOTT, HANNAH GRUBBS, LEON C. JOHNS, JUDY JOHNS, DEBORAH HALL, GAIL FAUST, RONDA BROCK, TRACY GRUBBS, JANICE BRYANT, MICKIE SHATTLES, PAUL RAKEL, EZEKIEL HOLLEY, DARLENE PAUL, CHAD ROBERSON, G W FREEMAN, GARY MCNEELY, LARRY HALL, BETTY HODGES, RIDGELY MU'MIN, WHITLEY HALL

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – THE AGENDA WAS AMENDED TO MOVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR 4-H TEAM UP ON THE AGENDA. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE AMENDMENT TO MOVE THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 4-H FOOD TEAM FOR STATE HONORS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 2, 2019 REGULAR MEETING – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2019 REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION OF 4-H FOOD DEVELOPMENT TEAM WINNING STATE COMPETITION AND PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE READ A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 4-H FOOD DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR WINNING THE STATE COMPETITION. EACH MEMBER AND TEAM COACHES WERE PRESENTED A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION AND A FRAMED PORTRAIT WAS PRESENTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THE PORTRAIT WILL BE HUNG IN THE HALL OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE THANKED ANNE BASS FOR THE PORTRAIT.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE MENTIONED THE FYE19 BUDGET END IS NEARING AND CAUTIONED SPENDING IN ALL DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE BUDGET TO THE END OF THE YEAR. HE REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT ANTICIPATING TAKING OUT A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. HE ALSO REPORTED THE COUNTY RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS OF THE RELEASE OF FEMA MONIES TOTALING \$131,000.

FINANCIAL CLERK'S REPORT – THE JULY 2019 EXPENDITURES, CHECK REPORT, VENDOR ACTIVITY, AND BANK BALANCES WERE PRESENTED BY COURTNEY deLAMBERT.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE JULY 2019 FUEL, JAIL COUNT, AUDIT STATUS, EQUIPMENT STATUS, AND ROADS ON WEBSITE WERE PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN. THE AUDITOR HAD RELATED TO THE CLERK THAT THE AUDIT WOULD BEGIN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2019. EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD BEING AUDITED WILL BE GIVEN AN AUDIT SCHEDULE.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - BO HAMBY READ REPORTS FOR EMS AND E911. HE STATED THE FEMA CATEGORY CLAIMS ARE COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CATEGORY Z (MANPOWER HOURS).

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – MARGARET HALBROOK SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT FOR SETH MCALLISTER.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – SAVANNAH HUGHES SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

WARDEN'S REPORT – WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE GAVE A REPORT ON THE VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE INMATE WORK DETAIL TO WORTH COUNTY.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED THE REPORT FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. HE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE REPAIR TO AUGUSTA STREET IN DISTRICT 3. HE ALSO PRESENTED A LIST OF EQUIPMENT THAT NEEDS REPAIR. THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE 5075 TRACTOR USED FOR MOWING (UNIT 115) WHICH WAS DOWN FOR TRANSMISSION AND CLUTCH REPAIR BE PUT IN SURPLUS AND USED FOR PARTS AND NOT BE REPAIRED. A SECOND TRACTOR (UNIT 117) HAS TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS. MR. ROBERSON ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE THE TRACTOR REPAIRED SHOULD THE COST BE OVER \$5,000.00. ALSO MR. ROBERSON REPORTED A CAT MOTORGRADER (UNIT 48) NEEDS A DIESEL PARTICULATE SYSTEM FILTER WHICH WOULD COST \$6500.00. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MANDATES THE REPLACEMENT OF THIS TYPE OF DIESEL FILTER SYSTEM. A MOTION TO TABLE THE REPAIR OF UNIT 117 WAS MADE BY LARRY FAUST. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE

LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO REPLACE THE CAT MOTORGRADER FILTER. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING: 6:35 P.M.

HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR TERRELL COUNTY FISCAL YEAR END 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. § 36981-5 (f) – THE REGULAR MEETING WAS PAUSED TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA FOR 6:30 P.M. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$9,402,748.87 AND OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MAGISTRATE JUDGE LINDA FREEMAN REQUESTED SECURITY FOR THE COURTHOUSE LOCATED ON ROUNTREE DRIVE. MR. GAMBLE SAID THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER THIS AND LOOK MORE AT THE BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS WHEN THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE CAN BE BETTER DETERMINED AND WILL ALSO CHECK WITH THE SHERIFF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING COURT SECURITY. CLERK OF COURT JANICE BRYANT ASKED IF BUDGET HAD CHANGED SINCE THE JULY BUDGET REQUESTS HEARING AND CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE BUDGET EXPENSES STAND THE SAME AS THE JULY 15, 2019 MEETING. HE SAID THE BOARD IS WAITING ON THE TAX COMMISSIONER FOR TAX REVENUE FIGURES TO DETERMINE THE TAX DIGEST. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M. AND THE MEETING RETURNED TO THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT CONTINUED: CHAD ROBERSON REPORTED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT COULD PUT PIPES IN TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM ON MONCUS RD. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WHETHER TO USE PLASTIC OR GALVANIZED PIPES AND WHAT SIZE PIPES TO USE. COUNTY FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT REPORTED \$10,110.06 HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM FEMA/GEMA FOR REPAIRS TO MONCUS ROAD AND TO DATE EXPENSES FOR PIPES WERE AT \$11,475.00. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT ALL FACTORS BEFORE PUTTING MONEY AND MANPOWER IN REPAIRING MONCUS ROAD OR ANY OTHER ROAD. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO GO AHEAD WITH MR. ROBERSON'S RECOMMENDATION AND REPAIR MONCUS ROAD. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE THE REPORT FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION. SHE STATED A TAX SALE IS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 1, 2019.

SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR TAX COLLECTION – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WILL DRAFT A PROPOSAL FOR MEASURES TO TAKE IN THE FUTURE FOR TAX COLLECTIONS AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY FOR DISTINCTION OF ROADS BEING PRIVATE VS. PUBLIC - THERE WAS NO CLEAR RULING ON THE DETERMINATION OF ROADS BEING PRIVATE OR PUBLIC. THE BOARD ASKED THE ROAD SUPERVISOR TO OBTAIN FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION A LIST OF COUNTY PUBLIC ROADS. THEY ALSO ASKED THE ROAD SUPERVISOR TO LOOK AT THE PAST ROAD MAINTENANCE RECORDS TO SEE IF THE COUNTY HAS ROUTINELY MAINTAINED THE ROADS OR NOT.

REPAIR TO CLUTCH ON LOANER TRACTOR TO ROAD DEPARTMENT BY FLINT EQUIPMENT – LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO DENY PAYMENT FOR CLUTCH REPAIRS ON THE JOHN DEERE TRACTOR THAT WAS LOANED TO THE TERRELL COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS LEE ST COURTHOUSE REPAIRS - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE COURTHOUSE REPAIR SITUATION. MR. GAMBLE SAID THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A LOSS OF THE \$10,400.00 WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY FRAUDED FROM THE COUNTY. NEW IMAGE WILL NOT CONTINUE WORK UNTIL THE INVOICES FOR THE \$10,400.00 IS PAID. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED THAT THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES THE FACIAL REPAIR. THE CLERK OF COURT REPORTED BAT AND PIGEONS WERE BACK IN THE COURTHOUSE. THIS PROBLEM WILL BE ADDRESSED LATER AFTER ROOF AND BUILDING REPAIRS. THE BOARD WAS ALL IN AGREEMENT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE COURT HOUSE REPAIR PROJECT WITH NEW IMAGE ROOFING UNDER THE INSURANCE CLAIM.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSAL TO REPLACE HVAC UNIT IN DORM 5 OF CORRECTION INSTITUTION – THE WARDEN HAD SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL FROM HOPKINS HEATING AND COOLING TO REPLACE THE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT IN DORM 5 AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR A COST OF \$8,183.00. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID MORE BIDS SHOULD BE OBTAINED. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL MORE REVENUE FROM THE INMATE WORK DETAIL CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE FROM BRANNEN MOTOR COMPANY FOR VEHICLE TO SHERIFF FLEET – AN INVOICE WAS SUBMITTED BY THE SHERIFF FOR A VEHICLE HE PURCHASED IN JUNE 2019. THE MONEY FOR THIS CAR WAS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. THIS CAR WILL REPLACE THE ONE WRECKED EARLIER IN THIS YEAR. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FROM BRANNEN MOTOR COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,595.00 FOR A 2011 FORD CROWN VICTORIA. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON NEW HORIZONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY -- LORI GADSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW HORIZONS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAS NOT PRESENT.

REQUEST TO INFORM BOARD OF MINISTRY OF FEEDING THE VALLEY AND REQUEST FOR VENUE –EZEKIEL HOLLEY GAVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS OF TERRELL COUNTY CALLED FEEDING THE VALLEY. HE STATED A VENUE HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD COMMODITIES. THIS VENUE WILL BE THE FORMER TERRELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ON CRAWFORD ST. MR. HOLLEY’S REQUEST TO THE COUNTY WAS TO PROVIDE INMATE HELP IN THE LOADING OF FOOD BOXES ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY MORNING IN AUGUST. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBJECT TO MEETING STATE LAWS AND APPROVAL OF THE WARDEN OF THE TERRELL COUNTY PRISON.

ADJOURN – LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble
WILBUR T. GAMBLE CHAIRMAN

DATE: 9-3-19