

SUMMARY OF ACTION
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 12, 2021 REGULAR MEETING 3:30 P.M.

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Commissioner Lucius Holloway

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval Minutes of December 1, 2020 regular meeting and December 21, 2020 special called meeting: Approved

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble had nothing at this time

Appointment of commissioner officers for calendar year 2021 (Vice-Chairman, Chaplain, Purchasing, & Property) Vice-Chairman Ernest Johnson of District 2, Purchasing Commissioner Stafford, Property Commissioner Johnson, and Chaplain Commissioner Holloway

Set Commissioners salaries – Non-certified commissioner \$300 per month, certified \$400 per month, and chairman \$600 per month.

Appoint/Reappoint County Attorney and set salary: Re-appointed attorney Jimmy Skipper at a rate of \$400 per month, retainer fee \$5,000, and \$150 per hour for case work.

Appoint/Reappoint County Legislative Co-ordinator: Re-appointed Clerk Sandra O'Stean

Elections- Vacancy in office (Diane Martin retiring) – approved hiring Brenda Kennedy as part time, no benefits, within rate of pay as current clerk

Administrator's Report: Bank balances, Vendor Activity, Budget by departments - Administrator Davina Driver

Clerk's Report: Fuel report, Jail Count - Sandra O'Stean

EMS/911/EMA Report: Written report submitted – Bo Hamby

Extension Service Report: Written submitted - Margaret Halbrook

Chamber of Commerce: Not available

Road Department Report: Not available

Warden's Report: Written report submitted

Fire Department: Written submitted

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'stean

Delinquent Tax Report: For review – Letter from Attorney Skipper to the local legislators to introduce legislation to the 2021 General Assembly – Resolution to authorize Tax Commissioner to serve as *Ex Officio Sheriff* to collect Terrell County taxes – Chairman Gamble and Commissioner Lucius Holloway discussed tax notice letters sent out to property owners

Adopt Resolution to authorize Terrell Tax Commissioner to sell property for less than amount owed and demolition costs incurred - Approved

Adopt Resolution to allow Tax Commissioner to conduct judicial *in rem* tax foreclosures -Approved

Adopt Resolution to authorize Tax Commissioner to waive certain amounts of tax owed-Approved

Adopt Resolution approving waiver of certain penalties and interest by Tax Commissioner-
Approved

Sheriff's Report: Written report submitted

Recreation Department Report: Written submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt agreement amendment #1 to ACCG 457 (b) deferred compensation plan for Terrell County Employees –Approved

Correctional Institute – Commissioner Larron Copeland asked specific questions regarding warden Chairman Gamble related results of lengthy meeting he had previously with the warden.

Voya Financial proposal regarding employee benefit programs - David Ward – Did not attend

NEW BUSINESS:

New York Life present information regarding employee benefits – Harlee Copeland Rutland – Did not attend

Renewal of lease 524 Oak St Building for Positive Direction Youth – Requests from Dorothy and Herbert Tomlin - Note: Currently \$325 per month – Renewed lease the same as prior

Separation of Correction Institute and Road Department – Approved

Special Purpose Local Option Tax (SPLOST) concerns Town of Sasser – Mayor Jan Jones – Did not attend

USDA request for renovations to leased space in Government Building – Written request submitted by Director Michelle Slappey – Approved painting leased space and requested Administrator to evaluate the need for other renovations and check on costs

Indigent Burial (Pauper Fund) – Davina Driver requests clarification – approved \$3,600 per year with a maximum of three (3) individual cases and to carry this forward in each year's budget

Notice of intent to introduce local legislation to 2021 General Assembly to repeal the Act creating South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority (SSGRITA) – Letter for Board review

Motion approved to enter executive session to discuss four or five personnel issues

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Motion approved to return to regular session of the Board of Commissioners

Motion approved to accept resignation of Road Superintendent Chad Roberson effective immediately

Motion approved to hire Assistant Road Supervisor Bobby O'Stean as Road Superintendent at the same rate of pay as the former road superintendent

Motion approved to ask Fire Chief Edward Harvey to vacate his relatives from the home that is on the County's property by Monday, January 18, 2021

Motion approved to fire or accept resignation of Laquasha Carter of the correction facility effective immediately

Motion approved to accept resignation of Warden Gregory McLaughlin effective immediately

Motion approved to appoint Deputy Warden Freddy Grimsley to fill the warden position as interim at this time and to offer him housing on County property

Adjourn - Approved