

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

DATE: MARCH 6, 2018

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

PRESENT: HOWARD DENNARD, JACK POWELL, DOUGLAS POWELL, PAULINE HOLLEY, EZEKIEL HOLLEY, WANDA GRIER, MARGARET HALBROOK, CAROLYN H. WILLIAMS

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE

PRAYER - REV. DICK GILL AFTER THIS PRAYER, COMMISSIONER ERNEST JOHNSON ASKED FOR MOMENTS OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF FORMER TAX COMMISSIONER PEGGY PRITCHARD AND FORMER DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER WARREN ANTHONY, BOTH WHO RECENTLY DECEASED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DELETION OF ONE OLD BUSINESS ITEM REGARDING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND DELETION OF ONE NEW BUSINESS ITEM REGARDING EMPLOYEE INSURANCE INFORMATION. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DELETIONS AS STATED AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2018 MINUTES. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THAT THE TERRELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM MADE THE FINAL FOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE TEAM RECOGNIZED FORMALLY AT A LATER MEETING.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE FEBRUARY 2018 BANK BALANCES AND EXPENDITURES REPORT, THE VENDOR ACTIVITY, THE FUEL REPORT, AND THE JAIL COUNT REPORT WERE ALL PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911 REPORT - DIRECTOR BO HAMBY WAS NOT PRESENT. A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT - MARGARET HALBROOK REPORTED THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 WHICH WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A VAN FOR 4-H.

WARDEN & ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORTS - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. WARDEN AND ROAD SUPERVISOR, BILLY MCCLUNG, REPORTED SEVERAL PIPES OF VARIOUS SIZES WERE NEEDED TO DO IMPROVEMENTS ON SOME COUNTY ROADS. HE ASKED THE BOARD FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER THE PIPES AND USE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS. A MOTION TO PURCHASE THE NEEDED PIPES AND TO USE THE SPLOST FUNDS WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT - SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - LINDA ANN SPILMAN PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE DELINQUENT TAXES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED IF A DATE HAD BEEN SET FOR A TAX SALE. NO DATE HAD BEEN SET.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS ANNOUNCED A DINNER HAD BEEN PLANNED TO RECOGNIZE FIRST RESPONDERS. THE DATE OF THE DINNER WAS SET FOR MARCH 22, 2018. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF THE MEAL WHICH WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$17.50 PER PLATE. AFTER DISCUSSION OF OBTAINING OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL, ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING ONE-HALF (½) OF THE COST AFTER OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECEIVED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE SHERIFF STATED HE HAD A FEW VEHICLES TO REMOVE FROM FLEET. HE STATED HE COULD SELL THE VEHICLES HIMSELF OR THE BOARD COULD DECIDE IF THEY WANTED TO CONTINUE PLACING THE CARS ON THE GOV.DEALS WEBSITE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER THIS.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN FINANCIAL REPORT WAS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE HIRING OF A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – THIS ITEM WAS EARLIER WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

REVIEW DRAFT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY AND THE GEORGIA REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY (SGRITA) – COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER HAD PREPARED AN AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY AND SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY. THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO REPAY THE NOTE TO PEOPLES SOUTH BANK IN A THREE (3) YEAR TIME FRAME AT APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 A YEAR WITH THE FIRST INSTALLMENT BEING MADE MAY 15, 2018. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT, ADOPT IT, AND MOVE FORWARD IN PRESENTING IT TO THE BANK FOR THEIR APPROVAL. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENT, HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN IT, AND HAVE IT PRESENTED TO THE BANK FOR THEIR APPROVAL. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEAR REQUEST FROM MAYOR ELIJAH JORDAN REGARDING THE HEATING AND COOLING EXPENSES FOR THE BRONWOOD CITY HALL THAT THE COUNTY USES FOR ELECTIONS - MAYOR JORDAN WAS NOT PRESENT.

PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 2018 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH FOR TERRELL COUNTY - JENNIFER STEPHENS, DAY PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES WAS PRESENT ALONG WITH SOME STAFF AND CLIENTS TO REQUEST THE BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE PROCLAMATION STATING MARCH AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVED THE PROCLAMATION AND FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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6:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

2018-001: CONDITIONAL USE ON A CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT IS ZONED AG AND CONSISTS OF 469.80 ACRES LOCATED IN LAND LOT 258-259 OF THE 11TH LAND DISTRICT OF TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6675 GOOSE HOLLOW ROAD AND OWNED BY JACK H. POWELL. THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE IS TO CONSTRUCT AND PLACE A PRIVATE FAMILY CEMETERY. AT THIS TIME, THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS PAUSED TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. THIS WAS THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED REGARDING MR. POWELL'S APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE OF HIS PROPERTY TO CONSTRUCT A PRIVATE FAMILY CEMETERY. THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD AT THE ZONING BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 AT WHICH TIME THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE WAS ACCEPTED. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A PRIVATE FAMILY CEMETERY TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON MR. POWELL'S PROPERTY. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION THAT A PRIVATE FAMILY CEMETERY BE ALLOWED TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON A CERTAIN PART OF THE 469.80 ACRES OF LAND LOT 258-259 OF THE 11TH LAND DISTRICT OF TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 6675 GOOSE HOLLOW ROAD WHICH IS OWNED BY JACK H. POWELL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING RESUMED TO ADDRESS OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE INFORMATION - STEWART SHORT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. - STEWART SHORT WAS NOT PRESENT AND THIS ITEM WAS EARLIER WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE, KITTY HAMMACK, ASKED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. SHE HANDED OUT DRAWINGS TO EACH COMMISSIONER SHOWING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND SAFETY PROBLEMS ON CALLIS ROAD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT THIS MATTER HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MONTH. HE SAID THERE ARE SOME LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKED INTO AND THERE ARE SOME ROADS IN THE COUNTY OF WHICH THE SPEED LIMIT CANNOT BE CHANGED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS ITEM TO THE APRIL AGENDA. 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 GAMBLE ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

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

APPROVED BY Willow J. Gamble III
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 4-3-18