

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

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2018

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BLAKE VANN, LARRY HAGAN, CAROLYN R. SOLOMON, ATTORNEY HOMERO LEON, DARLENE PAUL, CHAD ROBERSON, MELLEAN DAVIS, WALT DAVIS, ASIYA WILLIAMS, MARY ELLEN HARNAGE, NORMA MITCHELL, FRANK MITCHELL

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – PASTOR LARRY HAGAN

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNTY HAD RECEIVED A REDUCTION IN THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00. HE GAVE CLARIFICATION ON THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY STIPEND THAT WAS APPROVED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ALSO STATED THE CURRENT BUDGET STATUS IS GOOD.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE NOVEMBER 2018 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, THE VENDOR ACTIVITY, THE FUEL REPORT, AND THE JAIL COUNT WAS PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING TERRELL COUNTY JAIL NOW HOUSING THE CALHOUN COUNTY INMATES.

EMS/911 REPORT AND GEMA/FEMA REPORT - BO HAMBY GAVE THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR EMS/911. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD JUST RECENTLY ATTENDED A GEMA/FEMA MEETING AND GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE STORM CLEANUP WHICH IS AT ABOUT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT COMPLETE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY LED A DISCUSSION OF THE ROADS THAT HAD BEEN SKIPPED OVER BY THE DEBRIS RECOVERY TEAMS. BO HAMBY IS WORKING WITH THE CORP OF ENGINEERS TO INSURE ALL ROADS ARE WORKED.

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

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE THIS MONTH.

WARDEN REPORT – WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE RENOVATIONS THAT WERE BEING MADE TO THE COUNTY WARDEN'S RESIDENCE. HE STATED POSITIONS AT THE CORRECTION FACILITY WERE BEING FILLED AND ALSO THE REPAIRS TO THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON GAVE A REPORT ON THE ROAD CONDITIONS AND STATED THE CREWS ARE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE DAMAGES DONE FROM THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS. HE PRESENTED A PICTURE OF THE WASHOUT AROUND THE BRIDGE ON JUDGE LAY ROAD AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DEALING WITH ON MANY OF THE COUNTY'S ROADS.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT – SANDRA O’STEAN READ THE REGULAR REPORT AND NOTED THAT THE 2018 ANNUAL BILLING STATEMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE HAD BEEN MAILED IN NOVEMBER AND ARE DUE JANUARY 14, 2019.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – LINDA ANN SPILMAN REPORTED COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH AND NOTED THAT LEGAL ADS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE DECEMBER 6, 2018 LOCAL NEWSPAPER. THE ADS ARE FOR ACCOUNTS WITH LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH A AND GOING THROUGH TO M.

SHERIFF REPORT – SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE BY MEETING TIME.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH FLINT FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT RECENTLY LEASED FOR THE ROAD DEPT – ROAD SUPERINTENDENT CHAD ROBERSON RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPOSED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY BE CANCELLED. THE BOARD AGREED.

COLLECTION OF OVERDUE PROPERTY TAXES BY COUNTY ATTORNEY – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE MOVED PAST THIS ITEM DUE TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE DELINQUENT TAX REPORT.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT SANDRA O’STEAN AS THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT BEVERLY WADDELL TO THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT BEVERLY WADDELL TO THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COUNCIL (SWGRC) – ERNEST JOHNSON STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO COME OFF THE SWGRC COUNCIL DUE TO OTHER OBLIGATIONS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS THIS ITEM TO THE JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REAPPOINTMENT OF D U PULLUM FOR A TWO YEAR TERM AND AL BREEDLOVE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TERRELL COUNTY ZONING BOARD – BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF D U PULLUM FOR A TWO YEAR TERM AND AL BREEDLOVE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TERRELL COUNTY ZONING BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AND DISCUSSION OF SALARY – INTERIM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR (EMA) BO HAMBY HAD REQUESTED AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF \$500.00 PER MONTH FOR THIS POSITION FOR HIM TO CONTINUE AS EMA DIRECTOR. THE REQUEST WAS FOR \$1,000.00 PER MONTH. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THAT JEFF HANNER HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE POSITION AT THE CURRENT RATE. ERNEST JOHNSON

MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO THE JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO TALK WITH MR. HANNER AND TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE MATTER.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO TERRELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD – JANE EUBANKS WITHDREW HER RECENT APPOINTMENT TO THE TERRELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO THE JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING DUE TO NO OTHER RECOMMENDATION BEING MADE AT THIS TIME FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE TERRELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AND DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE HEALTH BOARD IS MEETING IN TWO DAYS AND MAY HAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO PRESENT. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ON PAVING OF TEN ROADS IN TERRELL COUNTY BY HOMERO LEON OF TERRELL COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS – ATTORNEY HOMERO LEON REPRESENTING THE TERRELL COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN REGARDS ROAD CONDITIONS AND PREVIOUS REQUESTS TO PAVE CERTAIN ROADS. THE PAVING OF TAMMY LANE WAS QUESTIONED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED PLANS FOR PAVING TAMMY ROAD WERE MOVING FORWARD AND COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER HAD PREPARED THE REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS RIGHT-OF-WAYS FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THIS ROAD AND HAS SUBMITTED THEM TO THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING. QUESTIONS REGARDING KING ROAD WERE ASKED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS ROAD. DISCUSSION ON PAPERS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY TO OBTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY WAS LED BY MRS. MELLEAN DAVIS. MRS. CAROLYN R. SOLOMON OF THE TERRELL COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS ASKED THE COUNTY TO PAVE THE TWO-TENTHS OF A MILE OF MAYHAW POND ROAD FROM NEW HOPE ROAD TO HER RESIDENCE. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS ASKED FOR THEIR PLAN TO IMPROVE ROADS IN THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED ONE THING IS THAT THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST) REFERENDUM WAS VOTED IN AT THE RECENT NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION. THE ONE-PERCENT SALES TAX WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO TERRELL COUNTY TO BE USED ONLY FOR PAVING ROADS AND THE AMOUNT IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$400,000.00 PER YEAR. HE STATED THAT IT WILL BE APRIL OF 2019 BEFORE MONIES WILL BE COLLECTED AND IT WILL BE APRIL OF 2020 BEFORE IT IS TURNED BACK TO THE COUNTY. HE REPORTED TERRELL COUNTY HAD INQUIRED ON POSSIBLE GRANT MONIES AND THE COUNTY DID NOT QUALIFY FOR GRANTS REGARDING DIRT ROADS. ANOTHER THING STATED BY MR. GAMBLE WAS THAT IF THE DELINQUENT TAXES WOULD BE COLLECTED IN FULL THE MONIES FROM THAT COULD BE USED IN PART TO PAVE ROADS. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED HOW HEAD ROAD GOT PAVED WHEN NO RESIDENCES ARE ON THIS ROAD. THE CURRENT BOARD COULD NOT ANSWER THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME. MRS. SOLOMON REQUESTED THAT THE NAME OF MAYHAW POND ROAD BE CHANGED TO LEVI/FLOYD ROBINSON ROAD. SHE STATED SHE WOULD PAY ANY DEED FEES, POSTAL FEES, AND OTHER LEGAL FEES INVOLVED IN THE CHANGING OF THE ROAD NAME AS SHE IS THE ONLY RESIDENT ON THE ROAD. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE TO THE JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING THE MATTER OF CHANGING MAYHAW POND ROAD TO LEVI/FLOYD ROBINSON ROAD. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE PAVING OF THE COUNTY ROADS WHICH WERE PRESENTED BY MR. LEON.

RELEASE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUNDS TO RENOVATE WARDEN RESIDENCE AND EXPAND SANITATION FACILITIES AT COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP – A WRITTEN REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED BY CHARLENE FARMER INTERIM CLERK TO APPROVE USE OF SPLOST FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE WARDEN’S RESIDENCE AND INSTALL SANITATION FACILITIES AT THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE BUILDING. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO RELEASE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUNDS TO PAY EXPENSES TO RENOVATE THE WARDEN RESIDENCE AND TO EXPAND SANITATION FACILITIES AT THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE SHOP. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SET DATE FOR JANUARY 2019 COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAY - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO SET THE DATE OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 6 P.M. FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean

SANDRA O'STEAN, ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

DATE APPROVED: 1-9-19