

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2018

TIME: 6:01 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, MARTHA ANN COE, BLAKE VANN, MATT KISBER, LUKE WILKINSON, ED DUSKIN, DARLENE PAUL, JANICE BRYANT, GARY FREEMAN, HOWARD DENNARD, JAN JONES, SANDRA ROWE, ALI WEAVER, MILES BIGGS, PAULINE HOLLEY, EZEKIEL HOLLEY, MARGARET HALBROOK, ERWIN THOMAS, TINA THOMAS, SAVANNAH HUGHES

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER CRIS WEBB

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE OF MOVING THE SOLAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM THE NEW BUSINESS SECTION OF THE AGENDA TO THE FIRST ITEM UNDER OLD BUSINESS DUE TO ATTORNEY'S FLIGHT SCHEDULE. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE OF MOVING THE ITEM RELATING TO THE SOLAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FROM NEW BUSINESS TO FIRST BUSINESS MATTER UNDER OLD BUSINESS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A 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 FLU SHOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND CHARGES CAN BE FILED WITH INDIVIDUALS'S INSURANCE.

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

EMS/911 REPORT - DIRECTOR BO HAMBY PRESENTED THE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT - MARGARET HALBROOK SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT FOR THE MONTH. SHE ASKED THE BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO ALLOW THE 4-H PROGRAM TO ADOPT THE TREE AND THE AREA AROUND IT THAT IS IN FRONT OF THE LARGE PARKING AREA. THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN THIS AS A SERVICE GARDENING PROJECT. PERMISSION WAS GRANTED.

WARDEN'S/ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY BILLY MCCLUNG. HE GAVE REPORT ON TRASH PICK UP BY INMATES ON CERTAIN ROADS.

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DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT - SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THIS REPORT.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - LINDA ANN SPILMAN PRESENTED THE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN FINANCIAL REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION ACCOUNTANT.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SOLAR PROJECT – THIS ITEM WAS MOVED UP ON THE AGENDA. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE ED DUSKIN GAVE A HISTORY OF PREVIOUS PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN TERRELL COUNTY. THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MET ON JANUARY 30, 2018 AND APPROVED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) EXECUTED BY SR TERRELL, LLC (SILICON RANCH) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITY IN THE COUNTY. MATT KISBER, PRESIDENT OF SILICON RANCH GAVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY. MR. DUSKIN ON BEHALF OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ASKED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE MOU WHICH HAD BEEN REVISED FROM AN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT AN EARLIER TIME. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WENT OVER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEMORANDUM AND THE CHANGES THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SHELL OIL COMPANY WAS THE LARGEST SHAREHOLDER IN THE COMPANY OF SILICON RANCH. THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION. PROPERTY TAXES (ADVALOREM) WILL BE PAID BY THE SOLAR COMPANY ON THE LAND PURCHASED. THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL OWN THE PERSONAL PROPERTY. THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IS UNDER A TAX SAVINGS INCENTIVE OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VALUE OF THE TAXES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND SILICON RANCH SHALL MAKE PILOT PAYMENTS (PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES) FOR EACH YEAR OF THE TERM. COMMISSIONER WEBB OF DISTRICT 3 ASKED THAT THE RECORDS BE NOTED THAT HE STATES SOLAR ENERGY WILL GO UNDER IN THE YEARS TO COME. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. CRIS WEBB WAS NOT IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED THREE TO ONE IN FAVOR.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CLERK/INTERIM CLERK TO VIEW ALL TERRELL COUNTY FUNDS BANK ACCOUNTS – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE CLERK/INTERIM CLERK TO VIEW ALL TERRELL COUNTY FUNDS IN THE BANK OF TERRELL. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TERRELL COUNTY ORDINANCE REGARDING UNFIT DWELLINGS AND PROCEDURES FOR SECURING STRUCTURES – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES REGARDING UNFIT DWELLINGS AND SECURING THOSE STRUCTURES. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE DOCUMENT STATING COUNTY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES OCCURRING FROM ROCKS PLACED ON COUNTY ROADS - BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE STATING THE COUNTY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES OCCURRING FROM ROCKS PLACED ON COUNTY ROADS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT ON ROAD ISSUE REGARDING FLORIDA SHORT ROUTE AND DECISION ON CLAIM FROM RICHARD MARKHEIM – ROAD SUPERVISOR BILLY MCCLUNG REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT THERE WAS A PART OF THE ROAD BROKEN OFF AND THERE WAS A DROP OFF BOTH OF WHICH WERE BEYOND THE WHITE LINE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO DENY THE CLAIM SUBMITTED BY RICHARD MARKHEIM. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT ON WINDSTREAM RESPONSE REGARDING DITCH PROJECT ON GEORGIA STREET IN SASSER – ROAD SUPERVISOR BILLY MCCLUNG REPORTED ON HIS EFFORTS AND CONTACTS TO WINDSTREAM REPRESENTATIVES. AT THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL, THE BOARD ASKED MR. MCCLUNG TO GIVE WINDSTREAM A NOTICE OF INTENT TO DIG AND TO BEGIN THE PROJECT MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF SAVANNAH HUGHES AS NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR – THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE TERRELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS INTRODUCED BY CHAMBER PRESIDENT-ELECT SANDRA ROWE. MRS. HUGHES GAVE A BRIEF REPORT ON CHAMBER EVENTS SINCE SHE BECAME DIRECTOR.

APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JACK HUFSTETLER AND SETH MCALLISTER TO BOARD OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE – BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK HUFSTETLER AND SETH MCALLISTER TO THE BOARD OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THE SECOND WAS GIVEN BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRANCES JORDAN TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS – BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANCES JORDAN TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CREATION OF WATER WELL AT BELLFLOWER SUBDIVISION AND FUNDING – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE REQUEST FROM JACK HUFSTETLER REGARDING GRANT FUNDS THAT COULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO PLACE A WATER WELL AT SOME PLACE IN THE COUNTY. MR. HUFSTETLER SUGGESTED THE WELL BE PLACED IN THE BELLFLOWER SUBDIVISION. AFTER HEARING CONVERSATIONS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING COSTS TO THE COUNTY, THE OPERATIONS OF THE WELL AS A PERMITTED BUSINESS, AND THE USE OF THE WELL AS FIRE PROTECTION, THE MATTER WAS TABLED TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION.

ANIMAL CONTROL FEES TO THE TOWN OF SASSER – THE MAYOR OF SASSER, JAN JONES, REPORTED ON THREE (3) INCIDENTS REGARDING DOGS PICKED UP IN THE TOWN OF SASSER AND INVOICES RECEIVED FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE ALSO GAVE HER REPORT ON THE SAME INCIDENTS. MRS. COE AND THE MAYOR WERE IN AGREEMENT TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SASSER AND THE TERRELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL. AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR, ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO END THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SASSER AND THE COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY ADDRESSED THE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FOR \$82.00 FOR THE SERVICE RENDERED IN DECEMBER 2017. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO CREDIT THE INVOICE IN QUESTION. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. MAYOR JONES ASKED IF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING UNFIT DWELLINGS WOULD APPLY TO SASSER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE IS A COUNTY ORDINANCE ONLY AND DOES NOT COVER THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

HIRING OF ROAD PROJECT SUPERVISOR FOR THE 2018 LMIG – THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED TO HIRE PAUL RAKEL OF SOWEGA ENGINEERING TO SUPERVISE THE ROAD PROJECTS OF THE 2018 LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT (LMIG) AT THE RATE OF 10% OF THE COST OF THE PROJECT. HIS FEE WOULD INCLUDE PLACING JOB BIDS, SUBMITTING PLANS, PUTTING SPECIFICATIONS TOGETHER, AND BEING MORE INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE PROJECT. CRIS WEBB MADE THE MOTION TO HIRE PAUL RAKEL TO SUPERVISE THE 2018 LMIG PROJECT. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ON FLU SHOTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES – AMANDA MARTIN PHARMACIST ASSOCIATED WITH CVS IN ALBANY, GEORGIA AND MOSELEY DRUG COMPANY IN DAWSON, GEORGIA PRESENTED FACTS AND INFORMATION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A CLINIC FOR TERRELL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE FLU SHOTS FOR THE NEXT FLU SEASON. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO GO FORWARD IN ESTABLISHING A CLINIC IN AUGUST 2018 TO OFFER FLU SHOTS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

HOURLY PAY FOR RECENT JOB POSTING FOR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE – SUPERIOR COURT CLERK JANICE BRYANT ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THE RECENT JOB POSTING FOR A CLERK IN THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE STARTING RATE OF PAY BEING \$9.00 PER HOUR FOR TWENTY-NINE HOURS. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE PROCESS OF MAKING REQUESTS DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR EMPLOYEES' SALARIES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONIES BY DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THOSE SALARIES WITHIN BUDGET. THE BOARD MADE NO DECISION OR MOTION ON THE MATTER.

ISSUE ON OLD FIELD ROAD - TINA AND ERWIN THOMAS PRESENTED A POWER POINT SHOWING THE COMPARISON OF PAST POOR CONDITIONS AND THE CURRENT POOR CONDITIONS ON OLD FIELD ROAD. QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AS TO WHAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE OR HAS PLANNED TO DO FOR THIS ROAD.

ISSUE ON OLD FIELD ROAD CONTINUED

CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE COUNTY HAS ADVERTISED FOR AN ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERVISOR AND MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR. ALSO IT WAS NOTED TRAINING MATERIALS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO BILLY MCCLUNG, CURRENT ROAD SUPERVISOR. BRAD STAFFORD ASKED PAUL RAKEL TO TAKE A LOOK AT OLD FIELD ROAD AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORRECT SOME OF THE MAIN ISSUES. THE DISCUSSION WENT TO THE MATTER OF HAVING A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WHO COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS TYPE OF ISSUES AND WHO COULD OVERSEE GRANT WRITING TO OBTAIN GRANT MONIES FOR THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED IF COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY WOULD PUT THE MATTER OF LOOKING INTO THE RESOLUTION ALREADY IN PLACE TO HIRE A COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON THE MARCH 2018 AGENDA. MR. THOMAS WAS INFORMED THAT MORE MAINTENANCE WOULD BE DIRECTED FOR OLD FIELD ROAD.

ADOPT PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN TERRELL

COUNTY - EZEKIEL HOLLEY ASKED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2018 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND SIGN THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2018 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A REQUEST FROM THE AUDIENCE WAS MADE TO EXPLAIN THE ROAD GRANT PROCESS AND HOW LMIG WORKS. EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN. THIS MATTER WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ENDED.

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

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

APPROVED BY: Willie J. Bell JR
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 3-6-18