

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Terrell County Governmental Building

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Ernest Johnson, Lucius Holloway, Brad Stafford, Davina Driver, Kenna Pate, Attorney Jimmy Skipper

Others present: Bo Hamby, Margaret Halbrook, Monyette Williams, Ryan Richardson, Ronda Brock, Allen Brock, Fred Broome, Caleb Broome, Jill Hester, Tracy Hester, Shon O'Connor

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Lucius Holloway. Lucius Holloway announced his resignation from the Terrell County Board of Commissioners.

Approval of Agenda: Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the January 4, 2022 Agenda. Brad Stafford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes December 7, 2021 Meeting: Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the December 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Ernest Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble expressed that it has been a pleasure serving on the Board with Lucius Holloway. Chairman Gamble said that there will be a proper recognition for Lucius Holloway serving on the Board of Commissioners for 27 years.

Chairman Gamble announced that Christie Cooper (the delinquent tax collector) had passed away unexpectedly.

Chairman Gamble stated that in the future, all department heads will be given a copy of the Meeting Agenda prior to the meeting for review. Also, Chairman Gamble said that in the event any new policy changes are made or old policy is re-enforced, all department heads will receive notice of the changes or enforcement.

Appointment of commissioner officers for calendar year 2022: Vice-Chairman rotation is District 3, Larron Copeland. Current purchasing is Brad Stafford, property is Ernest Johnson and chaplain is Lucius Holloway. Ernest Johnson made the motion to keep the officers the same as last year and appoint a chaplain at a later date. Motion was seconded by Lucius Holloway. Motion carried.

Set commissioners salaries: Brad Stafford made the motion to set the salary for non-certified commissioner \$300.00 per month, certified commissioner \$400.00 per month and chairman \$600.00 per month. Ernest Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reappoint County Attorney and set salary: Lucius Holloway made the motion to re-appoint Jimmy Skipper as County Attorney at a rate of \$400.00 per month, retainer fee \$5,000.00, and \$150.00 per hour for case work. Ernest Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: Davina Driver reported the bank balances and provided a copy of the vendor activity for each commissioner.

Local Option Sales Tax re-negotiation: Davina Driver asked the Commissioners how they would like to handle the LOST negotiation with the cities? Jimmy Skipper advised that the notice of the meeting must be sent to the cities no later than July 1, 2022 and the agreement has to be reached by year end. Lucius Holloway said that in the past the meetings have been with the Mayors and council members present.

Clerk's Report: Sandra O'Stean was not present. County Administrator presented a written fuel report. The Jail Count report was not available.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby gave the report.

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook gave the report.

Chamber of Commerce: Shon O'Connor gave the report.

Road Department Report: Jason Webb gave the report.

Pipe Replacements in the county: Brad Stafford advised that pipes need to be installed on Buck Jones Road and Cox Road. Buck Jones Road will need 4 pipes and Cox Road will need 2 pipes. Jason Webb said he is waiting for quotes from outside vendors to install the pipes. The Board advised that if the quotes are less than \$5,000.00, go ahead with the work.

Warden's Report: Warden Kilby was not in attendance, but sent a written report.

Fire Department: Chief Harvey was not in attendance.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Davina Driver presented a written garbage report to the commissioners. There have been some problems with the change to the new garbage collection company. Residents are calling because they did not get a new cart and they are not in the system. They have not been paying for the service. Before they can receive a cart, they must pay the yearly fee and be billed from now on.

Delinquent Tax Report: Not available due to the death of Christie Cooper.

Sheriff's Report: Not available

Recreation Department Report: Not available

OLD BUSINESS:

Timber Harvest Ordinance and State laws: Jimmy Skipper presented a new timber ordinance and advised the board of the state laws concerning timber harvesting. Jimmy Skipper advised the board to put the approval of the ordinance on next month's agenda for first reading and approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewal of lease 524 Oak Street Building for Positive Direction Youth: Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the lease for 524 Oak Street for Positive Direction Youth in the amount of \$325.00 per month. Lucius Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Forgiveness of penalty and interest on 2020 tax bill by new owner: Adam Henley requested forgiveness of penalty and interest on 2020 tax bill stating he was the new owner and did not receive the tax bill. Written report was received from Terrell County Board of Assessors advising that the 2020 tax bill was mailed c/o Adam Henley, 5543 Herod Dover Road. This was the information obtained from the PT61 and is the correct address. Brad Stafford made the motion to deny Adam Henley's request for forgiveness of penalty and interest for 2020 taxes on property located at 5543 Herod Dover Road. Ernest Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pipe replacements in the county: moved to Road Department Report.

Chuck Faulk: Chuck Faulk discussed the recent break ins that have happened on the Florida Short Route. No action was taken.

Addendum: Resolution for Redistricting Plan. Ernest Johnson made the motion to adopt the Resolution of the Terrell County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Local Legislative Delegation for Terrell County to Introduce a Terrell County Commission Redistricting Plan at the 2022 Session of the Georgia General Assembly; to provide for an effective date; to provide for conflicting Resolutions; and for other purposes. Brad Stafford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Ernest Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Stafford seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Signature Not Available
Davina Driver, County Administrator

Approved by: Wilbur T. Gamble III
Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Chairman

Date Approved: February 1, 2022