

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

Date: June 7, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Terrell County Governmental Building

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Eddie Owens, Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, Bill Sawyer, Jimmy Skipper, Sandra O'Stean, Mechelle Flournoy Miller, Kenna Pate
Others present: Blake Vann, Bo Hamby, Jill Hester, Ryan Richardson, Linda Mills, Joe West, Meg Anderson

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Chairman Gamble

Oath of office - Commissioner District 1 – Eddie Owens – Judge Carol Speir officiated the swearing of oath of office for Eddie Owens as Terrell County Commissioner for District 1.

Approval of Agenda: *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the June 7, 2022 agenda. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried*

Approval Minutes of May 3, 2022 regular meeting – *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the May 3, 2022 minutes. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried.*

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble reported on the ground breaking for the new Dawson Medical facility to be located on Forrester Drive. Mr. Gamble stated the date for the July Commissioners' meeting will fall on the day after the 4th of July holiday. He asked the Board for their thoughts on rescheduling the July meeting. *Brad Stafford made a motion to reschedule the Commissioners' July meeting to July 12, 2022. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried.*

Clerk's Report: Bank statements, Vendor activity, Fuel report, Jail Count - Sandra O'Stean presented the reports for the month of June.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby reported that EMS has 4 ambulances out of operation due to being repaired. *The Director was asked to present a proposal on ambulances at the July meeting.*

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook and Seth McAllister submitted written reports.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawn O'Conner-Veazie reported on Chamber events.

Road Department Report: Jason Webb presented a report from public works.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby submitted a written report.

Fire Department: Edward Harvey submitted a written report.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'stean reported statistics from past and present garbage collections.

Sheriff's Report: No report was available.

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Recreation Department Report: Director Ryan Richardson reported on activities at the recreation complex. Financial reports for May were submitted. Board member Ryan Cannon asked for appointments for Recreation Board of Directors. *The Commissioners asked the members of the recreation department to submit recommendations to the County Administrator and they will be presented at the July meeting.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Aspire - Request for funding - POST-PONED TO LATER DATE

Chairman Gamble paused the regular meeting and called to order the public hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: 6:30 p.m.

At this time, the floor was opened for comments or concerns for closing a section of Ernie Kennedy Road. The Board heard from resident of Ernie Kennedy Road, Linda Mills, who was concerned about exits from her home and the conditions of the road. Property owner Ernie Kennedy expressed his plans for blocking traffic from this section of the road. Next, comments/concerns for closing sections of Jimmy Raines Road were received. Property owner Meg Tilley Anderson asked for specifics as to the portion of the road being abandoned. *Chairman Gamble closed the public hearing and returned the meeting to regular business.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Local option sales tax (L.O.S.T.) timeline and distributions- Bill Sawyer presented details pertaining to the structure of the intergovernmental negotiations for the renewal of a L.O.S.T. agreement. No referendum is needed. *Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the distribution of funds and to approve the signing of resolution by the Chairman. Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried.*

Special purpose local option sales tax (S.P.L.O.S.T.) Intergovernmental agreement and approval of distributions- Bill Sawyer presented information for a new six (6) year S.P.L.O.S.T. and the negotiations with the municipalities within the County regarding the distribution of funds. The Georgia Department of Revenue must be notified by July 1, 2022. *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the distribution of funds and to place the S.P.L.O.S.T. on the 2022 elections ballot. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried. The Board instructed Attorney Skipper to prepare a resolution and bring it to the July meeting.*

Chairman Gamble read a letter from Ann Bolton who recently retired from the Board of Family and Children Services.

Approval of signature to resolution certifying the abandonment of a section of Ernie Kennedy Road- Commissioners – *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the Chairman signing the resolution to abandon section of Ernie Kennedy Road. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried.*

Approval of signature to resolution certifying the abandonment of sections of Jimmy Raines Road- Commissioners – *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the Chairman to sign the resolution to abandon sections of Jimmy Raines Road. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried.*

Ernest Johnson made the motion to place gravel on Ernie Kennedy Road from the City limits to Linda Mills home and to ditch the road in a proper way to deter access to the closed section. Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried.

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Adjourn – Ernest Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectively submitted by: Sandra O'Stean
Sandra O'Stean County Clerk

Approved by: Wilbur T. Gamble III
Wilbur T. Gamble, III Chairman Terrell County Board of Commissioners

Date: July 12, 2022