

**MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017**

DATE: APRIL 13, 2017

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BILLY MCCLUNG, SETH MCALLISTER, GREG WELSH, MAUREEN WELSH, REVEREND DICK GILL, BROAN BRADSHAW, DARLENE PAUL, MARGARET HALBROOK, ED WADE, KATHY WADE, PAUL RAKEL, E. W. DUSKIN, GARY MCNEELY, RYAN CANNON, JEFF HANNER, PAULA HANNINGTON, JOHN HANNINGTON, SANDRA O'STEAN

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN W. T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN W. T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - REVEREND DICK GILL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2017 REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AND THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2017 SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD, AND SECONDED BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MEETING WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE COUNTY WAS ONE-HALF WAY THROUGH THE CURRENT BUDGET AND EACH DEPARTMENT IS ON COURSE AND IS UNDER BUDGET SO FAR. HE STATED THE COUNTY IS IN REASONABLE SHAPE. HE THANKED ALL DEPARTMENTS FOR BEING UNDER BUDGET.

TREASURER'S REPORT - PHONSO DONALDSON READ THE MARCH 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT.

CLERK'S REPORT - THE MARCH 2017 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES WERE READ BY SANDRA O'STEAN. THE VENDOR ACTIVITY, AND THE FUEL REPORT WERE SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN FORM.

EMS-911 REPORT - BO HAMBY READ THE MARCH 2017 EMS/911 REPORT. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017 911 ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 473 CALLS. 182 CALLS WERE EMS RELATED, 98 PATIENTS TRANSPORTED TO AREA HOSPITALS, 84 PATIENTS WERE NOT TRANSPORTED, 66 CALLS WERE FOR TERRELL COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, 58 CALLS FOR DAWSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 0 CALLS FOR DAWSON FIRE DEPARTMENT,

EMS CONTINUED:

11 CALLS FOR TERRELL COUNTY CI FRE DEPARTMENT, AND 156 CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. A TOTAL OF \$ 35,206.43 WAS DEPOSITED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATH AND SERVICES FOR AMY MCGEE'S DAUGHTER.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT - SETH MCALLISTER EXTENSION AGENT HANDED OUT WRITTEN REPORT ON COUNTY EXTENSION MEETINGS AND EVENTS AS WELL AS 4-H PROGRAM NEWS. MARGARET HALBROOK READ OVER THE HIGH POINTS WITH THE RESULTS OF THE 4-H PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS. THE POSITION OF 4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT WILL BE ADVERTISED BY THE END OF APRIL 2017 AND THE NUMBER OF HOURS AVAILABLE TO WORK FOR THIS POSITION HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 24 HOURS PER WEEK WHICH IS ACCOMADATED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. MARGARET REPORTED ON WORK BEING DONE ON REMOVING THE LIVESTOCK ARENA AND WORK ON THE LIGHTS. MARGARET REMINDED THE COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING THE ACCG CONFERENCE IN SAVANNAH STOP BY THE EXTENSION BOOTH.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - LONDON MAINOR WAS ABSENT BUT SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE NOTED THE RESIGNATION OF LONDON MAINOR AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS WILL BE WORKING ON HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR.

WARDEN'S REPORT - BILLY MCCLUNG PRESENTED A WRITTEN REPORT. HE REPORTED VERBALLY THAT ALL ROADS CLOSED DURING THE LAST HEAVY STORM WERE BACK OPEN. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED ABOUT FLOODING PROBLEMS IN SASSER AROUND THE FLEA MARKET AND THE CHURCH ACROSS THE STREET. WARDEN MCCLUNG REPORTED ON THE ONGOING PROBLEMS THERE AND THE NEED TO HAVE THE TELEPHONE CABLE RELOCATED TO DO NECESSARY WORK TO HELP WITH THE SITUATION. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD SUGGESTED THAT A LETTER BE WRITTEN AND SENT TO WINDSTREAM REQUESTING THEIR HELP IN THIS. ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER WILL SEND A LETTER TO WINDSTREAM.

ROAD SUPERVISOR REPORT - BILLY MCCLUNG PRESENTED THIS REPORT UNDER THE WARDEN'S REPORT.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - JOHN BOWENS PRESENTED A WRITTEN REPORT. THE SHERIFF WAS PRESENT AND COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD ASKED THE SHERIFF ABOUT THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR HIS DEPARTMENTS. SHERIFF BOWENS REPORTED THE EQUIPMENT IS IN RECEIPT AND SHOULD BE INSTALLED BY THE END OF APRIL 2017. THE SHERIFF STATED HIS DECISION WAS TO STAY WITH WINDSTREAM AND THE EQUIPMENT RENTAL SHOULD BE ABOUT \$ 960.00 PER MONTH.

AT THIS TIME, NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER ENTERED THE MEETING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STOPPED THE MEETING TO INTRODUCE MR. SKIPPER AND TO GIVE HIS BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCES IN LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT - THE FINANCIAL REPORT WAS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN FORM. RYAN CANNON REPORTED ALL TEAMS HAD BEEN FORMED AND ALL ARE PLAYING GAMES. HE REPORTED THE SCOREBOARDS ARE INSTALLED AND WORKING.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOLLOW UP ON HIRING COUNTY MANAGER – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE INTRODUCED DAVE WILLS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ GOVERNMENT WHO GAVE A PRESENTATION ON ISSUES REGARDING COUNTY GOVERNMENT. HE GAVE FACTS AND FIGURES FOR A MANAGER FOR A COUNTY OF OUR SIZE. TERRELL COUNTY IS ONE OF EIGHT COUNTIES IN GEORGIA WHO HAVE NO ADMINISTRATOR OR MANAGER. MR. WILLS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT SOME COUNTIES HAVE AN ADMINISTRATOR AND EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING AN ADMINISTRATOR AND A MANAGER. A PRINTOUT OF ALL GEORGIA COUNTIES SHOWING WHO HAS MANAGERS OR ADMINISTRATORS, THE SALARIES, AND POPULATION. THE LOW END OF SALARY FOR A MANAGER IS \$ 50,000.00 AND THE HIGH END FOR SALARY IS \$100,000.00 OR MORE. MR. WILLS STATED TERRELL COUNTY WOULD FALL WITHIN THE COUNTIES WHO HAVE APPROXIMATELY A POPULATION RANGE OF 10,000. MR. WILLS WILL SEND AN EXCEL SPREAD SHEET SHOWING DATA TO COMPARE COUNTIES THAT ARE OUR SIZE. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD ASKED WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO SET UP POSITION OF MANAGER. MR. WILLS ANSWERED THE POSITION HAD TO BE CREATED BY EITHER A VOICE OR WRITTEN ORDINANCE. JOB DUTIES WOULD NEED TO BE DECIDED AND AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART BE DRAWN UP SO THAT ORDER OF DUTIES ARE UNDERSTOOD BY PEOPLE ALREADY WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND THE MANAGER. MR. WILLS WAS ASKED HOW INVOLVED ACCG WOULD BE WILLING TO BE IN ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COUNTY MANAGER IF THAT WAS THE ROUTE TERRELL COUNTY WENT. ACCG IS WILLING TO HELP WITH ALL ASPECTS OF ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF MANAGER AND THE STEPS TOWARD THE HIRING OF A MANAGER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF REVIEWING THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND TAKING PART IN THE INTERVIEWS. THE MOTION TO NOT MAKE A DECISION AT THIS MEETING AND TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND PLACE IT ON THE MAY 2017 AGENDA WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND SECONDED BY CRIS WEBB. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT – SANDRA O’STEAN READ THE FIGURES FOR BILLING YEAR 2016-17.

NEW BUSINESS:

FUTURE COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S MEETING DAY AND TIME – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER AND THURSDAY NIGHTS ARE NOT GOOD FOR HIM TO MEET WITH THE BOARD. JIMMY SKIPPER STATED HE IS AVAILABLE FOR TERRELL COUNTY MEETINGS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE NEW DAY AND TIME TO HOLD FUTURE COMMISSIONER REGULAR MEETINGS SET FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND THE TIME SET IS 6 P.M. COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR THE COMMISSIONERS IS TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 AT 6 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO MARTHA ANN COE – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE CALLED MARTHA ANN COE TO THE FRONT AND PRESENTED HER WITH A WOOD AND MARBLE SERVICE AWARD FOR HER 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. THE MEETING WAS PAUSED TO HAVE HER PICTURE TAKEN WITH ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

REQUEST FOR MUTUAL AIDE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEBSTER AND TERRELL COUNTY - (ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES) WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF RANDY DELY REQUESTED AN AGREEMENT BE MADE BETWEEN WEBSTER COUNTY AND TERRELL COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT WOULD ALLOW THE ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR OR MEMBERS OF HER DEPARTMENT TO COME INTO WEBSTER COUNTY AND IN SITUATIONS WHERE WARRANTS WERE NEEDED, WEBSTER COUNTY AGREED TO ISSUE THE WARRANTS. TERRELL COUNTY KENNELS AT THIS TIME CAN HANDLE THE EXTRA DOGS. TERRELL COUNTY WILL INVOICE WEBSTER COUNTY FOR SERVICES PROVIDED EACH MONTH. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD ASKED ABOUT THE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL EMPLOYEES WHILE WORKING IN WEBSTER COUNTY SHOULD THEY GET HURT. JIMMY SKIPPER STATED THEY WOULD BE COVERED UNDER EXISTING COUNTY INSURANCE AND IF THERE WERE INJURIES WHILE IN WEBSTER COUNTY THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION. ALL AGREED TO THE AGREEMENT AS LONG AS THIS WAS MANAGEABLE WITH MARTHA ANN AND THAT IT DID NOT TAKE TIME AWAY FROM HER DUTIES IN TERRELL COUNTY. A CLAUSE FOR 30 DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION WILL BE WRITTEN INTO THE DOCUMENT. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WEBSTER COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND SECONDED BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER WAS ASKED TO DRAW UP MUTUAL AIDE AGREEMENT AND CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WILL SIGN.

BUSINESS LICENSE ISSUES - MARTHA ANN COE PRESENTED EACH COMMISSIONER WITH A COPY OF PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT ISSUED IN 2008 REGARDING THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE. SHE NOTED THIS PROCEDURE HAD BEEN DROPPED IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING. NOW SHE HAD TWO BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY WHO OWE OVER \$70,000.00 IN DELINQUENT TAXES WHO HAVE BUSINESS LICENSES. MRS. COE ASKED THE BOARD FOR ACTION TO COLLECT THE DEBT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SUGGESTED REVOKING THE LIQUOR LICENSE THAT ONE OF THE BUSINESSES HAD JUST BEEN GRANTED AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. ATTORNEY SKIPPER SUGGESTED THE SHERIFF LEVY ON THE PROPERTIES AND ADVERTISE THOSE PROPERTIES FOR SALE. LINDA ANN SPILMAN OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS WAS ASKED TO GET FIGURES THAT THESE TWO BUSINESSES OWED AND REPORT BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED HE WOULD CREATE A RESOLUTION TO ASK THE SHERIFF TO POST AND SELL PROPERTY ON ANY PROPERTY OWNER WHO OWES DELINQUENT TAXES AND IS NOT PAYING ANY AMOUNT TOWARD THE DEBT. THE MOTION THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD LEVY FIFAS ON THE AARG STATION AND ADVERTISE TO SELL THE SAME WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOW MRS. DEE WEST TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON THE DELINQUENT TAX BILLS SINCE SHE HAD MADE PAYMENTS ALONG. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST BY FAMILY CONNECTIONS FOR TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOARD TO BE PHYSICAL AGENT - TONIA JACOBS, TERRELL COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR, DID NOT APPEAR AND ASKED THAT THE ITEM BE MOVED TO THE MAY 2017 AGENDA.

PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHERN CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE TO BE CONSIDERED AS MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR HEALTH CARE TO JAIL INMATES - JAIL ADMINISTRATOR SANDRA WALKER PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHERN CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA TO BE THE PROVIDER OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE JAIL INMATES. MS. WALKER ASKED THE BOARD TO LOOK OVER THE PROPOSAL AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING SCM AS THE NEW PROVIDER AS THE RATE WAS LOWER AND MORE SERVICES WERE OFFERED THAN THE CURRENT PROVIDER. THE CURRENT COMPANY IS IN CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY UNTIL THE TIME IT EXPIRES IN OCTOBER 2017. BRAD STAFFORD STATED A BID SHOULD BE PUT OUT FOR SERVICES DUE TO THE AMOUNT BEING OVER THE AMOUNT ALLOWED AND DO THIS BEFORE OCTOBER 2017. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD RECOMMENDED THAT SANDRA WALKER AND SANDRA O'STEAN WORK TOGETHER TO DRAW UP REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND TO ADVERTISE THE BID AND COMPLETE THE PROCESS BEFORE OCTOBER 2017. CRIS WEBB MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE BID PACKAGE BE PUT OUT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES BEFORE OCTOBER 2017. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPT SEAT BELT POLICY FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE NEED TO HAVE THE SEAT BELT POLICY IN WRITTEN FORM AND HAVE THE BOARD ADOPT IT. THIS IS DUE TO SAVINGS ON INSURANCE PREMIUMS OF ABOUT \$16,000.00. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE SEAT BELT POLICY AS WRITTEN AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN IT. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH POSITION OF SAFETY COORDINATOR - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE NEED TO HAVE A WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF SAFETY COORDINATOR. IT WAS NOTED CHIEF EDWARD HARVEY HAD ALREADY BEEN NAMED AND ACCEPTED AS SAFETY COORDINATOR AT PREVIOUS MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF SAFETY COORDINATOR AND HAVE CHIEF EDWARD HARVEY SERVE AS COORDINATOR AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESIGNATION OF SONNY HOOKS FROM SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL INFORMATION TECHNICAL AUTHORITY - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED SONNY HOOKS HAD SUBMITTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE SOUTH GEORGIA INFORMATION TECHNICAL AUTHORITY AS A BOARD MEMBER. BRAD STAFFORD NOTED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOMINATE AND VOTE ON MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THIS AUTHORITY. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ALSO STATED AT THIS TIME THAT THE SGRITA WAS HAVING DIFFICULT ISSUES AND CRIS WEBB SUGGESTED THAT TERRELL COUNTY PULL OUT OF THE COMMITMENT TO SGRITA. CRIS WEBB IS TO FIND OUT IF WE CAN DO THIS SINCE TERRELL COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION FOR A NOTE OF \$200,000.00. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SONNY HOOKS AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM AND WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH'S

SGRITA CONTINUED:

MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE AUTHORITY TO THE NEXT MEETING IN MAY 2017. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MEETING WAS ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RALPH MCGILL FOR USE OF BORROW PIT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY USES THE PROPERTY OF RALPH MCGILL (KNOWN AS THE BORROW PIT) TO OBTAIN DIRT FOR USE IN THE COUNTY BY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AND HE IS PAID A SMALL FEE EACH YEAR. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ALSO EXPLAINED THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF SURFACE MINING LAND USE PLAN WHICH REQUIRES A WRITTEN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE BORROW PIT. THERE WAS A LEASE AGREEMENT SOMETIME BACK IN THE PAST BUT NOW THE NEED IS FOR A NEW LEASE TO BE MADE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY DRAW UP A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND RALPH MCGILL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2016-2017 LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT RESURFACING PROJECTS BID REQUESTS AND SELECTION - THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR ROAD RESURFACING FOR 12.2 MILES WERE READ BY CHAIRMAN T. GAMBLE. LITTLEFIELD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA WAS THE LOW BIDDER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THERE WAS ENOUGH MONEY IN THE ROADS AND BRIDGES BANK ACCOUNT (MMIA) TO COVER THE COST OF RESURFACING THE TEN PROJECTS SUBMITTED. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AWARD THE BID TO LITTLEFIELD CONSTRUCTION AND TO HAVE THE INTERIM CLERK NOTIFY LITTLEFIELD AND THE OTHER BIDDING COMPANY WHO WAS REEVES CONSTRUCTION OF THE DECISION AND TO THEN PROCEED WITH RESURFACING ALL TEN LISTED ROADS PROJECTS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR COUNTY ROADS (CAROLYN SOLOMON) - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THAT HE HAD SENT OUT A LETTER TO MS. SOLOMON'S ATTORNEY STATING THE COUNTY WOULD TRY TO USE MATERIALS WHICH HAD BEEN TESTED ON ANOTHER COUNTY DIRT ROAD EARLIER IN THE YEAR TO HELP WITH THE SITUATION ON THE ROAD WHERE SHE LIVES WHICH IS MAYHAW POND ROAD. THE BOARD STATED THEY WOULD HAVE BILLY MCCLUNG ROAD SUPERVISOR DO A COST ESTIMATE AND BRING BACK TO THE MAY 2017 MEETING. CRIS WEBB MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE MAY 2017 MEETING AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL FOR PROCLAMATION OF APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THAT APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH AND TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAD BEEN ASKED TO MAKE A PROCLAMATION AS SUCH. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION FOR APRIL 2017 TO BE DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH AND HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SIGN THE DOCUMENT. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TERRELL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE TURNED THIS ITEM OVER TO COLONEL EDGAR DUSKIN OF THE TERRELL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MR. DUSKIN REPORTED THAT THEIR BOARD HAD MET TO HOLD AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND THEN HAD HELD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FIRST SOLAR BUILDING A SOLAR FIELD ON APPROXIMATELY 750 ACRES IN THE BRONWOOD AREA. HE STATED THAT FIRST SOLAR HAD SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN YEAR 2014. IN 2015 THAT MOU WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. NOW THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WAS PRESENTING A NEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FIRST SOLAR TO THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ASKED THEM TO ACCEPT AND VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOU. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED FACTS THAT HE HAD RESEARCHED ON FIRST SOLAR AND ON THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION. COMMISSIONER WEBB AND CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHOULD BE THE FIRST BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE MOU AND THEN COME BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION. THE DEADLINE GIVEN TO THE AUTHORITY TO GET INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST SOLAR WAS APRIL 20, 2017. FIRST SOLAR WAS ASKING FOR A 60% ABATEMENT ON TAXES. THE FIRST SOLAR COMPANY HAD REVISED THEIR PROPOSAL TO ADD OVER \$1,000,000.00 REVENUE OVER THE FIRST PROPOSAL. BOTH CHAIRMAN GAMBLE AND COMMISSIONER WEBB EXPRESSED THAT FIRST SOLAR SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY TAX ABATEMENT; BUT SHOULD PAY 100% TAXES ON PROPERTY OWNED. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND VOTE TO SIGN THE SAME AT THIS TIME. TAX ASSESSOR DARLENE PAUL AND COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD REPORTED THAT MAX SELLERS COULD NOT SERVE ON BOTH THE TAX ASSESSORS BOARD AND THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. IT WAS NOTED MR. SELLERS HAD SAID HE WOULD RESIGN FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. COMMISSIONER WEBB QUESTIONED ROBERT AARON BEING ABLE TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM BEING ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED 25 YEARS IN HIS OPINION IS TOO LENGTHY FOR A CONTRACT AND THE LIABILITY ON THE BONDS WAS HUGE. HE SUGGESTED HAVING TERRELL COUNTY ATTORNEY CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR FIRST SOLAR AND GO OVER ISSUES OF CONCERN. JIMMY SKIPPER STATED THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MUST FIRST VOTE ON THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THEN PRESENT THEIR BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY'S MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND. MR. HOLLOWAY STATED THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IN THE MOU WOULD CREATE MONIES THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO DO NOTHING TO EARN. THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WAS ASKED TO MEET AND THEY AGREED TO HOLD A MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2017 TO VOTE ON THE MOU AND WOULD THEN CONTACT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH THE RESULTS.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean
SANDRA O'STEAN ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED BY: W. T. Gamble III
W. T. GAMBLE, III CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: May 2, 2017