

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN BRAD STAFFORD, COMMISSIONERS LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SANDRA O'STEAN, AND HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK KENNA PATE

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, GREG AND MAUREEN WELSH, BLAKE VANN, GAIL FAUST, MOLLY NEWMAN MCMANUS, TOM PEAVY, JANICE BRYANT, CHRISTIE COOPER, JOY MORRIS, TERRY AND CARRIE HOFFMAN, CARLTON MUHAMMED, MARGARET HALBROOK, DR. CLIFFORD BROWNER AND MARY ALICE BROWNER, RHONDA GORDON, SANDRA WENTWORTH, PAT BESSEY, DEBRA LITTLE-JONES, PAUL RAKEL, AND JOHN BOWENS

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - REV. PATRICK HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE AMENDING THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A NEW BUSINESS ITEM REGARDING REPAIR OF TRANSMISSION TO COUNTY DUMPTRUCK. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE NEW BUSINESS ITEM REGARDING REPAIR OF THE TRANSMISSION TO THE COUNTY DUMPTRUCK. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING - BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE COUNTY DUMPTRUCK NEEDED THE TRANSMISSION REPLACED. THIS MATTER IS ADDED ON THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS. HE ALSO REPORTED THE COUNTY HAD RECEIVED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROAD SIGNS FOR THE COUNTY ROADS.

CLERK'S REPORT - JANUARY 2019 BANK BALANCES/EXPENDITURES, VENDOR ACTIVITY, FUEL, JAIL COUNT - SANDRA O'STEAN GAVE THE MONTHLY REPORTS. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY OF INMATES WHO ARE HOUSED AT THE COUNTY JAIL.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - BO HAMBY PRESENTED REPORTS FROM THE EMS, 911, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICES. HE PRESENTED EACH COMMISSIONER WITH A NOTEBOOK OF STORM CONDITIONS AND WORK BEING PERFORMED. ENGINEER PAUL RAKEL GAVE A STATUS ON ROAD CONDITIONS OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO SURVEY. COMMISSIONERS STAFFORD AND FAUST AGREED TO MEET WEEKLY WITH MR. RAKEL IN AN EFFORT TO GET ROAD ISSUES RESOLVED AND GIVE REPORTS BACK TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE. RHONDA GORDON OF GOLDEN TRIANGLE PRESENTED INFORMATION THAT THIS AGENCY OFFERS TRAINING FREE TO THE COUNTY THROUGH PROGRAM NAMED BETTER BACK ROADS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED INTERIM CLERK CHARLENE FARMER AND ROAD SUPERINTENDENT CHAD ROBERSON WILL MEET WITH MRS. GORDON AND SET UP TRAINING FOR THE WORK DETAIL CREW, CREW OFFICERS, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT - MARGARET HALBROOK GAVE THE EXTENSION REPORT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - SAVANNAH HUGHES GAVE A REPORT FOR THE CHAMBER ACTIVITIES.

WARDEN'S REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT - CHAD ROBERSON SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT - SANDRA O'STEAN GAVE THE DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE A REPORT WHICH INCLUDED RESULTS OF THE JANUARY DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAX SALE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THAT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAXES ARE NOT LEGAL AND RESTATED THAT THE BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY VOTED NOT TO ALLOW UNPAID TAXES TO ROLL OVER TO ANOTHER YEAR. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO SELECT TWENTY (20) LARGEST DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY PROCEED WITH

IN REM FORECLOSURE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.
SHERIFF'S REPORT/ JAIL REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY SHERIFF BOWENS.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. BO HAMBY REPORTED THE MULCHING OF STORM DEBRIS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND HE EXPECTS TO SIGN OFF ON PAPER THAT THE PARKING LOT AT THE RECREATION FACILITY HAS BEEN CLEARED.

OLD BUSINESS:

RENAME MAYHAW POND ROAD TO LEVI/FLOYD ROBINSON ROAD – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE MATTER OF RENAMING MAYHAW POND ROAD TO LEVI/FLOYD ROBINSON ROAD TO THE MARCH MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF A LIST OF COUNTY DIRT ROADS THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE AS TO WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROADS – ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER STATED THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) SHOULD HAVE RECORDS OF COUNTY DIRT ROADS. ASSISTANT SANDRA O'STEAN READ AN EMAIL RESPONSE FROM GDOT THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE RECORDS. THIS MATTER WAS TABLED IN ORDER TO FURTHER RESEARCH INFORMATION AND TO CONTACT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGAIN. COMMISSIONER LARRY FAUST LED A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TIMBER AND LOGGING COMPANIES LEAVING MUD ON THE SURFACE OF PAVED ROADS IN THE COUNTY. THE AMOUNT OF BOND MONEY REQUIRED FOR TIMBER PERMIT WAS DISCUSSED. THIS FEE IS LIMITED BY THE STATE AT \$5,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR CLOSING COUNTY OFFICES IN 2019 FOR TWO ADDITIONAL PAID HOLIDAYS – A REQUEST WAS MADE BY HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK KENNA PATE TO ALLOW COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY AND COLUMBUS AND TO INCLUDE THESE TWO DAYS AS PAID HOLIDAYS FOR EMPLOYEES. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO DENY PRESIDENTS' DAY AND COLUMBUS DAY AS DAYS THAT THE COUNTY OFFICES COULD CLOSE AND BE INCLUDED AS PAID HOLIDAYS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF REVISING THE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY AND POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH FOR BUILDING AT 524 OAK STREET – LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY AND POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH FOR \$325.00 PER MONTH FOR THE PROPERTY AT 524 OAK STREET. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST BY RESIDENT OF AIRSTRIP ROAD TO PRESENT ROAD CONDITIONS - PATRICIA BESSEY PRESENTED HER CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDITION OF AIRSTRIP ROAD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH ROAD SUPERINTENDENT. EMA DIRECTOR BO HAMBY AND ENGINEER PAUL RAKEL WERE ASKED TO RIDE THE ROAD AND CHECK ON THE CONDITIONS.

REQUEST BY RESIDENT OF SOUTHPOINT ROAD TO PRESENT ROAD ISSUES - ANNE MU'MIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HER CONCERNS WITH SOUTHPOINT ROAD. SHE ASKED FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER REIMBURSING RESIDENTS' FOR EXTRA EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO ROAD CONDITIONS AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL TO RELIEVE COUNTY CITIZENS OF FEES SUCH AS USE OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING FOR EVENTS.

REQUEST BY RESIDENT OF PIPELINE ROAD TO PRESENT ROAD CONDITIONS - LINDA SHAW STATED COMPLAINTS, DISAPPOINTMENTS, AND HEALTH CONCERNS THAT SHE HAD DUE TO LACK OF PROPERLY MAINTAINED ROADS SUCH AS PIPELINE ROAD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE

COMMISSIONERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTY ROADS AND ARE WORKING WITH THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE ALL THE COUNTY ROADS.

REQUEST TO MOVE HUMPHREY ROAD THROUGH BILL NEWMAN PROPERTY – MOLLY NEWMAN MCMANUS AND TOM PEAVY PRESENTED REQUEST TO REBUILD HUMPHREY ROAD AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY OR TO HAVE IT CLOSED ALTOGETHER. ANOTHER OWNER OF PROPERTY THAT ABUTS HUMPHREY ROAD, JOY MORRIS, VOICED HER DISAGREEMENT TO THE REQUEST. LARRY FAUST MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS MATTER AND LET THE LANDOWNERS WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS BAT PROBLEM AT TERRELL COUNTY HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE/REVIEW REMOVAL PROPOSAL – A QUOTE FROM ALL PRO WILDLIFE TO REMOVE THE BATS FROM THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE AT A COST OF \$24,000.00 WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. BRAD STAFFORD RECOMMENDED THAT THE OFFICES AT THE CLERK OF COURT BE MOVED TO THE ARMORY COURTHOUSE ANNEX AND THAT THE BOARD MOVE FORWARD TO SEE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THE RELOCATION. HE STATED THE ROOF SHOULD BE SECURED AND THE FACADE BE REPLACED BEFORE THE REMOVAL OF THE BATS IS APPROVED. THE BOARD ASKED FOR MORE QUOTES TO BE SOUGHT FOR REMOVAL OF THE BATS. LARRY FAUST MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE REMOVAL OF THE BATS UNTIL THE ROOF IS REPAIRED. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TERRELL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 – LARRY FAUST MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TERRELL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION FROM "INSPIRITUS" REGARDING STORM RECOVERY ASSISTANCE ----SABRINA MOORE GAVE INFORMATION REGARDING ASSISTANCE THIS AGENCY IS OFFERING FREE TO THE COUNTY AND THE ELDERLY IN REGARDS TO HURRICANE MICHAEL. SHE LEFT INFORMATION AND A CONTACT NUMBER WITH THE COUNTY EMA OFFICE.

REPAIR TRANSMISSION IN COUNTY DUMP TRUCK – THIS ITEM WAS PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA. SINCE THE COUNTY HAD ONLY ONE BID FOR TRANSMISSION REPAIR AND BECAUSE THE BOARD USUALLY ACCEPTS THE BEST BID AND NOT NECESSARILY THE LOWEST BID, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER SAID A MOTION WOULD NEED TO BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE REPAIR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. LARRY FAUST MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE REPAIR OF THE COUNTY DUMPTRUCK A MATTER OF EMERGENCY. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE BOARD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE ONE QUOTE AND NOT PURSUE OTHERS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM TRANS POWER OF ALBANY, GA. AND HAVE TRANS POWER PUT IN A NEW TRANSMISSION AND CLUTCH SYSTEM. LARRY FAUST GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN - LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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: March 5, 2019