

MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 4, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2017

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

PRESENT: BLAKE VANN, BO HAMBY, MAUREEN WELSH, GREG WELSH, BILLY MCCLUNG, GARY MCNEELY, MARY BROWNER, DORIS SIMMONS, LONDON MAINOR, DARLENE PAUL, SONNY HOOKS, MARTHA ANN COE, KATHY HICKS, LEWIS HICKS, PHONSO DONALDSON, HERBERT TOMLIN, JANICE BRYANT, MARY ELLEN HARNAGE, JEFF HANNER, RYAN CANNON, SETH MCALLISTER, MARGARET HALBROOK, RUSTY HUNTER, STEPHANIE HOLT, JACKSON HOLT, AND SANDRA O'STEAN

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

CALL TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN GAMBLE

PRAYER: HERBERT TOMLIN

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 4, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND SECONDED BY ERNEST JOHNSON. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON AND CRIS WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2016 REGULAR MEETING WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRAD STAFFORD. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON AND CRIS WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTIONS ON PRIOR MINUTES: NO QUESTIONS

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2017: VICE CHAIRMAN-- THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THE ROTATION OF COMMISSIONERS BY DISTRICT FOR THE VICE CHAIRMAN SEAT OF THE BOARD, WHICH WILL BE ERNEST JOHNSON OF DISTRICT 2, WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED. PURCHASING-- ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION FOR BRAD STAFFORD TO CONTINUE AS COMMISSIONER FOR PURCHASING AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. PROPERTY—LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION FOR ERNEST JOHNSON TO CONTINUE AS COMMISSIONER FOR PROPERTY AND CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION

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CARRIED. CHAPLAIN-- THE MOTION WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY FOR CRIS WEBB TO CONTINUE AS CHAPLAIN . ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SET COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES FOR 2017: ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE SALARIES REMAIN THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR WHICH IS \$300.00 PER MONTH FOR NON CERTIFIED COMMISSIONERS AND \$400.00 PER MONTH FOR CERTIFIED COMMISSIONERS, AND \$600.00 FOR THE CHAIRMAN. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

HIRE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR 2017: CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT ED COLLIER SERVING AS COUNTY ATTORNEY WOULD BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND SUGGESTED TABLING THIS MATTER SO THAT THE BOARD COULD HAVE MORE TIME TO CHECK INTO PROSPECTS FOR HIRING AND SALARY TO OFFER. A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.

SET PLANS FOR FILLING POSITION IN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE: THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THIS ITEM TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR DISCUSSION. BRAD STAFFORD STATED HE FAVORED THE OPTION OF HAVING A COUNTY MANAGER WITH NO CHANGES IN THE CURRENT OFFICE CLERICAL STAFF. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY SAID HE LEANED TOWARD THE COUNTY MANAGER AS WELL FOR HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD ACCELERATE THE FUTURE GROWTH OF TERRELL COUNTY. ERNEST JOHNSON STATED THE SAME AS MR. HOLLOWAY. CRIS WEBB ASKED CHAIRMAN GAMBLE HOW MUCH OF A ROLE WOULD HE HAVE IN MANAGING THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER WEBB STATED HE BELIEVED A MANGER WOULD BE ABLE TO WRITE GRANTS TO OBTAIN MONIES THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME FOR COUNTIES; ESPECIALLY IN THE MATTER OF ROADS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED HE PLANS TO BE ACTIVE IN ALL MATTERS OF THE COUNTY. HE STATED THAT HE NEEDS TIME TO SETTLE IN AS CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE ROUTINES. HE ALSO STATED HE LIKED THE OFFICE STATUS AND CURRENT STAFF AS IS. MR. GAMBLE SUGGESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE TABLED AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS MATTER AND CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY.

SET UP ORDER OF BUSINESS: DEADLINES--ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION FOR THE DEADLINE TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO REMAIN AS NOON ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DATE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. NUMBER OF TIMES TO PRESENT SAME ITEMS-- COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY STATED HE WAS OF THE OPINION ITEMS COULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD AS MANY TIMES AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE THE CITIZENS; BUT MAYBE LIMIT THE TIME TO SPEAK TO THREE (3) MINUTES. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF SETTING THE TIME LIMIT TO FIVE (5) MINUTES. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO SET THE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON MATTERS TO FIVE (5) MINUTES WITH AN OPEN END OF NO RESTICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF

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TIMES AN ITEM CAN BE PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WEBB QUESTIONED THE MOTION STATING HE WANTED TO HAVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES TO PRESENT THE SAME ITEM. BRAD STAFFORD STATED HE THOUGHT THREE (3) MONTHS IN A YEAR'S TIME WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. CRIS WEBB AGREED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY RESTATED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO LIMITS TO NUMBER OF TIMES FOR CITIZENS MAY CONTINUE TO DISCOVER INFORMATION TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING A MATTER. MR. JOHNSON AMENDED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION TO STATE THE SAME ITEMS CAN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS THREE (3) TIMES IN A TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD AND THE DISCUSSION LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AND INTEREST IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. AT THIS TIME, CHAIRMAN GAMBLE RECOGNIZED FORMER TAX COMMISSIONER PEGGY PRITCHARD AS BEING THE SECOND LONGEST CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER WHO SERVED TERRELL COUNTY. HE MADE A REQUEST TO HAVE CHARLENE FARMER ORDER A PLACQUE NOTING HER YEARS OF SERVICE. A MOTION TO HAVE A PLACQUE PURCHASED TO HONOR MRS. PRITCHARD WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRAD STAFFORD. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PHONSO DONALDSON PRESENTED THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016. MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY BRAD STAFFORD. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON AND CRIS WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK'S REPORT: BANK BALANCES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016 AND VENDOR ACTIVITY AND FUEL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN. THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY AUDIT HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND PUBLISHED WAS STATED. COPIES OF THE AUDIT WERE AVAILABLE TO ALL COMMISSIONERS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

EMS-911 REPORT: BO HAMBY REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016, 911 ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 562 CALLS, 192 EMS RELATED, 113 PATIENTS TRANSPORTED, 79 PATIENTS NOT TRANSPORTED, 63 CALLS FOR TERRELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 76 CALLS FOR DAWSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2 CALLS FOR DAWSON FIRE DEPARTMENT, 9 CALLS FOR TERRELL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 220 CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND A TOTAL OF \$ 24,298.45 WAS DEPOSITED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016.

EXTENSION SERVICE: SETH MCALLISTER PRESENTED A SCHEDULE OF EXTENSION PRODUCTION MEETINGS AND STATED THE IMPORTANCE OF GROWERS ATTENDING AS THE EPD WOULD BE ENFORCING NEW RULES THIS YEAR. MARGARET HALBROOK GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CLEAN UP PROJECT ONGOING AT THE 4H PAVILLION.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: LONDON MAINOR PRESENTED CALENDAR OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED FOR DECEMBER 2016.

WARDEN'S REPORT: THERE WAS NO WARDEN'S REPORT.

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ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: BILLY MCCLUNG DISCUSSED THE INVOICE TABLED FROM LAST MEETING WHICH WAS FROM YANCEY FOR REPAIRS TO CAT MOTOR GRADER. MR. MCCLUNG REPORTED THAT HE CONTACTED YANCEY AND THEY WOULD NOT CONCEDE ON THE CHARGES OF \$3,000.00 FOR REPAIR TO BUSHINGS WHICH WERE NOT PROPERLY GREASED. YANCEY MECHANIC HAD SERVICED THE MACHINE ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF MONTHS AGO. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD STATED YANCEY WAS UNFAIR IN NOT TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROBLEM AND REPAIR AND SUGGESTED THE COUNTY DRAFT A LETTER TO YANCEY STATING THE COUNTY IS NOT TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE DUE TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT THE COUNTY HAS WITH YANCEY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE A LETTER TO YANCEY AND ADVISED THAT THE INVOICE NOT BE PAID UNTIL A RESPONSE IS GIVEN. COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY REMINDED THE BOARD THAT AT THE LAST MEETING HE DISAGREED WITH PAYING THE BILL. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO WRITE YANCEY A LETTER ABOUT THE COUNTY'S CONCERNS AND TABLE THE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. BILLY MCCLUNG GAVE FEEDBACK THAT THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO LOOK AT BIDS FOR MOTOR GRADER AWARDED THE BID TO FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR A JOHN DEERE AT \$1,852.00 PER MONTH LEASE.

WARDEN MCCLUNG ALSO REPORTED THAT DUE TO THE SEVERE WEATHER AND DAMAGES THAT OCCURRED IN CALHOUN COUNTY, INMATE WORK DETAILS WERE DISPATCHED TO LEARY, GEORGIA TO ASSIST IN CLEAN UP.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: SHERIFF BOWENS HAD NO REPORT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: RYAN CANNON AND JEFF HANNER PRESENTED A WRITTEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

OLD BUSINESS:

DELINQUENT GARBAGE COLLECTION – SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE CURRENT YEAR GARBAGE BALANCES REPORT. SHE STATED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR NEW YEAR BILLING WILL BE JANUARY 20, 2017 AND RETURN OF PAYMENTS WAS GOOD.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE RAISES FOR 2017 ---BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A 2% RAISE AS WAS PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S RETIREMENT PLAN ---- NEWLY ELECTED TAX COMMISSIONER MARY ELLEN HARNAGE STATED TO THE BOARD THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY NO RETIREMENT PLAN FOR HER AND ASKED THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO PAY INTO HER RETIREMENT AS WHEN SHE WAS IN REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REQUESTED THAT A RETIRMENT PLAN BE PUT IN PLACE FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO PLACE THE TAX COMMISSIONER IN A RETIREMENT PLAN WITH THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTING TO THE SAME. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WAS ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. SUPERIOR COURT CLERK JANICE BRYANT ADDRESSED THE BOARD

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ABOUT THE FACT THAT SHE PAYS HER OWN RETIREMENT AND ASKED THE COUNTY TO PAY INTO THE CLERK'S RETIREMENT AS WELL. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR THE REQUEST FROM SUPERIOR COURT CLERK BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH (FEBRUARY) AND FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. COMMISSIONER ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE MRS. BRYANT'S REQUEST TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND HAVE THE BOARD LOOK INTO HER RETIREMENT STATUS. COMMISSIONER WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ALCOHOL LICENSES: MARTHA ANN COE, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY ARE REQUIRED EVERY JANUARY TO REAPPLY FOR LICENSE AND BE APPROVED TO SELL BEER AND WINE. SHE THEN PRESENTED FIVE (5) BUSINESSES THAT WERE REAPPLYING.

1. BOOMERANG, ALBANY HWY, DAWSON ---BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.
2. SK FOODS, COLUMBUS HWY, DAWSON ---BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.
3. ABC, COLUMBUS HWY, DAWSON --THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND SECONDED BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.
4. UNITED PETRO SPORTS BAR, ALBANY HWY, SASSER --THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.
5. UNITED PETRO QUICK SERVE, ALBANY HWY, SASSER --ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOL AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF PROPERTY ON 524 OAK STREET: SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THAT THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE BUILDING ON 524 OAK STREET WOULD EXPIRE ON THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017. MRS. DOROTHY TOMLIN AND MR. HERBERT TOMLIN WERE PRESENT AND ASKED THE BOARD TO ALLOW POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH TO CONTINUE TO LEASE FOR ANOTHER YEAR FOR USE AS AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE COUNTY. THE TOMLINS ALSO ASKED IF PDY WOULD BE GIVEN FIRST CHOICE TO PURCHASE IF THE COUNTY DECIDED TO SELL THIS PROPERTY. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF SELLING THE PROPERTY AND SUGGESTED THE BOARD LOOK INTO THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE ABILITY TO SELL; BUT IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUE THE LEASE TO PDY. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO LEASE THE BUILDING ON 524 OAK STREET TO PDY FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND TO LOOK INTO THE ABILITY TO SELL THE PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE AND TO GIVE PDY FIRST CHOICE TO PURCHASE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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RENEWAL OF LEASE OF COUNTY FARM LAND ON BILLY STRONG RD: SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THAT THE LEASE OF PROPERTY ON BILLY STRONG ROAD EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND THAT JIM PAUL WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE LEASING THE PROPERTY FOR FARMING. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF PROPERTY ON BILLY STRONG ROAD TO JIM PAUL AT THE RATE OF \$810.00 PER YEAR. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MAX SELLERS TO BOARD OF ASSESSORS: TAX ASSESSOR DARLENE PAUL REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MAX SELLERS TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT MAX SELLERS TO A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REAPPOINTMENT OF D U PULLUM AND AL BREEDLOVE TO ZONING BOARD: ZONING DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF D. U. PULLUM TO A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AND AL BREEDLOVE TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO THE ZONING BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF D. U. PULLUM TO A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AND AL BREEDLOVE TO A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO THE ZONING BOARD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD.

REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN CANNON AND APPOINTMENT TO FILL EXPIRED TERM TO TERRELL COUNTY RECREATION BOARD: RECREATION DEPARTMENT BOARD MEMBER JEFF HANNER REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RYAN CANNON TO A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF WHICH HE WOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. ALSO, MR. HANNER ASKED APPROVAL TO FILL AN EXPIRED ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO THE BOARD. HE PRESENTED THREE (3) NAMES OF PERSONS WHO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SERVING. THOSE NAMES WERE JASON SAPP, DAN TODD, AND COURTNEY GREBEL. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE RECOMMENDED COURTNEY GREBEL TO FILL THE EXPIRED TERM; THIS BEING BASED ON HER YEARS OF PARTICIPATION AT THE FACILITY. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO REAPPOINT RYAN CANNON TO A ONE (1) YEAR TERM AND TO APPOINT COURTNEY GREBEL TO THE EXPRED ONE (1) YEAR TERM. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK POWELL AND ERNEST JOHNSON TO THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COUNCIL: SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THAT A REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM SW GA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENTS OR REAPPOINTS TO THEIR BOARD. JACK POWELL AND ERNEST JOHNSON WERE BOTH CURRENTLY ON THIS BOARD AND BOTH HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND AGREED TO CONTINUE SERVING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT JACK POWELL AS NON PUBLIC MEMBER AND ERNEST JOHNSON AS ELECTED MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ONE (1) YEAR TERMS. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, BRAD STAFFORD, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET HALBROOK TO TERRELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD: SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM HEALTH DIRECTOR CHARLOTTE LAW FOR MARGARET HALBROOK TO FILL EXPIRED TERM TO THE TEREELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AS ADVOCATE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, NEEDY, AND ELDERLY. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT MARGARET HALBROOK TO THE TERRELL COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AS ADVOCATE TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, NEEDY, AND ELDERLY FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES FOR VARIOUS DATES: A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE OFFICES OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT CLERK, PROBATE JUDGE, TAX COMMISSIONER, AND TAX ASSESSOR WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL TO CLOSE THEIR OFFICES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- APRIL 14, 2017 GOOD FRIDAY**
- NOVEMBER 13, 2017 VETERANS' DAY**
- NOVEMBER 25, 2017 FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING**
- DECEMBER 22, & 26, 2017 FRIDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND TUESDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

SANDRA O'STEAN STATED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE SHOULD BE GIVEN SAME CONSIDERATION IN CLOSING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT THE REQUEST IN DECEMBER WAS ONE (1) DAY LONGER THAN USUALLY TAKEN FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND HE RECOMMENDED DELETING THE DATE OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017 FROM THE REQUEST. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED DATES WITH THE DELETION OF DECEMBER 22 TO CLOSE THE OFFICES WHICH WERE LISTED ON THE REQUEST AND TO ALSO INCLUDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES IN THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING FEBRUARY MEETING DATE TO FEBRUARY 8: SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A COUPLE OF REQUESTS TO CHANGE THE FEBRUARY MEETING DATE SINCE THAT MEETING WOULD FALL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE MEETING DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND TO HAVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF SUCH PLACED IN THE DAWSON NEWS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EROSION CERTIFICATION: CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR RELEASING HER OFFICE FROM THE LOCAL DUTIES INVOLVING EPD AND REVERTING THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO THE EPD OFFICE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA. MRS. COE EXPLAINED SOME OF THE DUTIES SHE PERFORMED AND THE COST AND REVENUE INVOLVED. PAUL RAKEL ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS REGARDING EPD RULES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE AGREED AND STATED THE COUNTY WOULD WRITE A LETTER TO THE EPD STATING THAT TERRELL COUNTY WOULD NO LONGER BE THE DESIGNATED AS THE LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR ANY AND ALL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION PLANS AND REVIEWS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO WRITE THE LETTER TO EPD AND RELEASE MARTHA ANN COE AND HER OFFICE FROM DUTIES INVOLVING EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB.

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APPROVAL TO ISSUE PROCLAMATION OF TERRELL COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK: SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED A WRITTEN REQUEST RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT ANDREW CAMPANELLA OF NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE EDUCATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES OF TERRELL COUNTY AND TO PROCLAIM JANUARY 22 THROUGH 28, 2017 AS NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE RECOGNIZING JANUARY 22-28, 2017 AS NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK AND TO HAVE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ISSUE A PROCLAMATION AS SUCH AND SIGN SAME ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

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

DATE APPROVED: 2-8-17