

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

DATE: JUNE 5, 2018

TIME: 6 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, BRAD STAFFORD, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, AND ASSISTANT SANDRA O'STEAN

PRESENT: BLAKE VANN, BO HAMBY, GREG WELSH, SETH MCALLISTER, AMHISH PATEL, HIMRASHMI PATEL, G. PATEL, BABS HALL, NATHAN MCLENDON, MARGARET HALBROOK, ED DUSKIN, CHRISTIE COOPER

CALL TO ORDER - WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - REVEREND EMIL ASKEW

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 5, 2018 ***AMENDED TO ADD 3 ITEMS - (1.) SET DATE FOR JULY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING (2.) RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONNECTIONS (DUE JUNE 30, 2018) (3.) DISCUSS SITUATION ON TRUCK USED BY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE *** AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM FROM NEW BUSINESS - IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOTT STORE ROAD (MAYOR ED WADE CANNOT MAKE MEETING) ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO ADD THE 3 ITEMS UNDER NEW BUSINESS (1.) SET DATE FOR JULY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING (2.) RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH FAMILY CONNECTIONS (DUE JUNE 30, 2018) (3.) DISCUSS SITUATION ON TRUCK USED BY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE AND AMENDMENT TO REMOVE ITEM FROM NEW BUSINESS - IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOTT STORE ROAD LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING - BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2018. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III STATED THAT ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT HANDHELD TELEPHONE USE WHILE DRIVING IS AGAINST A RECENTLY PASSED GEORGIA LAW WHICH BECOMES IN EFFECT JULY 1, 2018 AND IS A LIABILITY TO THE COUNTY. HE GAVE REPORT THAT TYSON FOOD HAD ANNOUNCED THE CLOSING OF THEIR PLANT IN TERRELL COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THAT A JOB CAREER FAIR IS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2018 AT THE 4-H PAVILLION.

CLERK'S REPORT - THE MAY 2018 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, VENDOR ACTIVITY, FUEL REPORT AND THE JAIL COUNT WERE PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911 REPORT - THE MAY 2018 REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY BO HAMBY.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - A WRITTEN REPORT FOR MAY 2018 WAS SUBMITTED BY SAVANNAH HUGHES.

EXTENSION SERVICE - MARGARET HALBROOK PRESENTED 4-H NEWS AND SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT. SETH MCALLISTER GAVE THE EXTENSION AGRICULTURE NEWS AND INTRODUCED THE EXTENSION INTERN WHO WILL WORK UNTIL AUGUST 2018.

WARDEN & ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORTS - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY WARDEN BILLY MCCLUNG. CHAD ROBERSON, ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERVISOR, ATTENDED THE MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF ROAD SUPERVISOR BILLY MCCLUNG AND GAVE A VERBAL REPORT ON WORK BEING DONE BY THEIR DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A REPORT ON THE COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING ROAD CONDITIONS ON BRICK STREET AND STATED THE PROBLEM WAS REPAIRED FOR NOW. HE COMPLIMENTED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR THE QUICK RESPONSE TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD WELCOMED CHAD ROBERSON TO THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

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

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DELINQUENT TAX REPORT –LINDA ANN SPILMAN REPORTED THE COLLECTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FOR DELINQUENT ADVALOREM TAXES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS CLOSE TO HAVING A SALE. THE SHERIFF SUBMITTED COPIES OF HIS WRITTEN REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2018. HE STATED MORE WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE TO CORRECT RECORDS BEFORE HAVING A SALE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE URGED THE SHERIFF TO TAKE THOSE FIFAS FILED ON RECORD THAT ARE CORRECT AND LEVY ON THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS. THE AMOUNT DELINQUENT IS OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ECHOED THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS THAT THE DELINQUENT TAXES SHOULD BE COLLECTED AND USE THE PROCESS OF TAX SALE.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – A WRITTEN FINANCIAL REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

E911 ADDRESS SIGNS – TERRELL COUNTY FIRE CHIEF EDWARD HARVEY REPORTED ON THE PROGRESS OF PLACING THE E911 ADDRESS SIGNS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THE FACT THAT SOME ADDRESSES WERE DISCOVERED THAT WERE NOT ON THE GARBAGE SERVICE LIST FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND THEREFORE NO SIGNS WERE MADE FOR THEM. SHE ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD APPROVE THE COST OF MAKING THE ADDITIONAL SIGNS AS THESE WERE NOT IN THE ORIGINAL TOTAL APPROVED IN THE APRIL MEETING. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD AND THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE FIRST ROUND OF PLACING THE SIGNS BE COMPLETED. A COUNT OF SIGNS NEEDED AND THE PURCHASE OF THOSE SIGNS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

6:30 PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC HEARING # 1 – APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE DUE TO CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF S K FOODS AT 1232 COLUMBUS HWY, DAWSON, GA – APPLICANT HIMRASHMI BHIKHUBHAI PATEL – BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALCOHOL LICENSE TO OWNER HIMRASHMI BHIKHUBHAI PATEL OF S K FOODS, 1232 COLUMBUS HWY, DAWSON, GA. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.30 (B) OF THE TERRELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE – ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER ASKED THE BOARD TO ALLOW HIM TO REVIEW MORE IN DETAIL THE ORDINANCE AND THE AMENDMENT REQUEST AND TO POSSIBLY REWORD THE PARAGRAPH. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.30 (B) OF THE TERRELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW ATTORNEY SKIPPER TO FURTHER REVIEW AND POSSIBLY REWORD THE PARAGRAPH IN THE ORDINANCE AND THEN TO READVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING #3 – APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL LICENSE DUE TO CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF BOOMERANG FOOD & FUEL AT 1920 ALBANY HWY, DAWSON, GA – APPLICANT GHANSHYAMBHAIMA PATEL - BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ALCOHOL LICENSE TO OWNER GHANSHYAMBHAIMA PATEL OF BOOMERANG FOOD & FUEL, 1920 ALBANY HWY, DAWSON, GA. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RETURN TO OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW DRAFT OF RESOLUTION TO ALLOW INTERIM CLERK TO MAKE PURCHASES OF VEHICLES FOR THE COUNTY ON LINE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DOAS) WITH LIMIT OF UP TO \$15,000 AND THE FUNDS BE USED FROM CONTINGENCY – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION. ATTORNEY SKIPPER NOTED THAT HE ADDED TO THE RESOLUTION THE WORDING THAT PURCHASES ARE FOR VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT. ALSO, HE NOTED THE BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER PLACING A CAP ON THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY CONTINGENCY AFTER THE FULL PURCHASE PRICE FOR ONLINE PURCHASE IS PAID AND A LINE WAS LEFT BLANK IN THE RESOLUTION FOR THAT. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY VOICED HIS THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS OVER THE RESOLUTION. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT BEFORE THE RESOLUTION COULD BE VOTED ON, A LIMIT FOR AVAILABLE FUNDS TO REMAIN IN CONTINGENCY WOULD HAVE TO BE SET. THE BOARD AGREED TO SET THE LIMIT TO REMAIN IN CONTINGENCY FUND AT NO LESS THAN \$50,000. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW

INTERIM CLERK TO MAKE PURCHASES OF VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY ON LINE FROM DOAS WITH THE LIMIT OF UP TO \$15,000 AND THE FUNDS BE USED FROM CONTINGENCY WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. ATTORNEY SKIPPER STATED THE BOARD SHOULD VOTE TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW DRAFT OF POLICY TO REIMBURSE MILEAGE COST/TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR BOARD AND AUTHORITY MEMBERS WHO ATTEND REQUIRED TRAINING - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY TO PAY MILEAGE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR BOARD AND AUTHORITY MEMBERS OF TERRELL COUNTY WHO ATTEND REQUIRED TRAINING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE FOR 2018-2019 - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE MENTIONED IT WAS TIME FOR RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE INSURANCE. HE STATED TWO (2) OPTIONS AT THIS TIME: STAY WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OR CHANGE TO A SELF FUNDING PLAN WHICH WAS EXPLAINED IN A PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS' MEETING BY STEWART SHORT OF STEWART SHORT INSURANCE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED HE HAD MET WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INDIVIDUALLY REGARDING THE PLANS; BUT HAD NOT TALKED WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS. HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TO TAKE TIME TO LOOK OVER ALL OF THE INFORMATION FOR BOTH OPTIONS. MR. SHORT WAS PRESENT AND WAS GIVEN TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MEMBERS WERE URGED TO MEET WITH MR. SHORT TO GET ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT THE MATTER BE TABLED.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TERRELL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REAPPOINT LEE GEER AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND FREIDA A. BOYLES AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD: EACH SERVING A THREE (3) YEAR TERM - BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TERRELL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REAPPOINT LEE GEER AS MEMBER AND FREIDA A. BOYLES AS SECRETARY OF THEIR BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO TERRELL COUNTY BY ASPIRE - BABS HALL OF ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES PRESENTED THE BOARD MEMBERS HANDOUTS ILLUSTRATING THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE AGENCY. STATISTICS SPECIFIC TO TERRELL COUNTY WERE NOTED. ASPIRE'S GOAL IS TO HAVE A PHYSICAL SITE IN TERRELL COUNTY FOR THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADDICTIVE SERVICES. MISS HALL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY JUDGE JOE BISHOP WHO WAS APPOINTED BY ASPIRE TO SERVE THE PATAULA CIRCUIT AS TREATMENT COURT JUDGE. THIS PROGRAM IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE AND THE BOARD AGREED TO FOLLOW UP ON FINDING A SPACE FOR ASPIRE TO USE IN PROVIDING THEIR SERVICES.

DISCUSSION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCOTT STORE ROAD - THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA DUE TO PARROTT MAYOR ED WADE HAVING PREVIOUS OBLIGATION.

DISCUSSION OF CONDITIONS ON BRICK STREET - THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER UNDER THE ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT ON THE AGENDA.

SUMMER RECREATION REQUEST - REVEREND EZEKIAL HOLLEY GAVE A REPORT ON EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SUMMER RECREATION FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN (18) CHILDREN OF LOW INCOME FAMILIES. THESE CHILDREN ARE TRANSPORTED TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN ALBANY, GEORGIA. HE ASKED FOR SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO FUND \$1500 TO J L BARNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR SUPPORT OF THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM. 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 DATE FOR JULY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AFTER DISCUSSION, ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO SET JULY 9, 2018 AT 9:00 AM FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. CRIS WEBB GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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SET DATE FOR WORKING SESSION FOR THE COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO SET THE DATE AND TIME OF JULY 11, 2018 AT 10:00 FOR THE WORKING SESSION FOR THE HEARING OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE SIGNATURE FOR RESOLUTION OF FREEPORT EXEMPTION OF TAXES - BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIRMAN GAMLE TO PLACE HIS SIGNATURE ON THE RESOLUTION OF FREEPORT EXEMPTION OF TAXES FOR SAKE OF RECORDS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS- CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS WAS ENDING. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT BETWEEN FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS SITUATION ON TRUCK USED BY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE - THE BOARD REVIEWED THE REQUEST FOR A VEHICLE TO REPLACE THE TRUCK USED PREVIOUSLY BY SOLID WASTE EMPLOYEE. THE BOARD ADVISED DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE TO CONTINUE USING THE VEHICLE BORROWED FROM THE ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CONTINUE TO SEARCH THE DOAS SURPLUS SITE FOR A VEHICLE.

BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. A SECOND WAS GIVEN BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR TO ADJOURN WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

APPROVED BY: Willow J. Gamble III
CHAIRMAN

DATE: July 9, 2018