

MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: MARCH 3, 2020

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BLAKE VANN, LINDA MARCUS, CAROLINE CHANDLER, JAMES DRIVER, DAVINA DRIVER, GAIL FAUST, CONRAD GARCIA, FREDDY GRIMSLEY, CHRISTIE COOPER, JENNIFER STEPHENS, MOLLY MCMANUS, DR. CLIFF BROWNER, MARY BROWNER, J. M. JESSIE, GARY MCNEELY, SUE EWINGS, SAVANNAH HUGHES, NELLIE TOLBERT, JAY HARRELL, MELLEAN DAVIS, WALT DAVIS, A'SIYA WILLIAMS, FREDDIE HALL, LILLIAN TOOLEY, FONDA DAVIS, ROBBY LOR, RIDGELY MU'MIN

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – EVANGELIST NELLIE TOLBERT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - BRAD STAFFORD MENTIONED DAVINA DRIVER HAD REQUESTED TO BE ON THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS PAYOUTS FROM T-SPLOST AND SPLOST FUNDS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA. HE NOTED THAT SHE WAS NOT LISTED. MRS. DRIVER STATED SHE HAD SPOKEN TO COURTNEY deLAMBERT AND THIS MATTER WAS TO BE DISCUSSED WHEN SHE GAVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE CONGRATULATED TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND TERRELL ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR WINNING REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED MRS. GRACE CUTTS FOR HER 108<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – COURTNEY deLAMBERT READ THE FEBRUARY 2020 BANK BALANCES AND PRESENTED A WRITTEN VENDOR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR REVIEW. DAVINA DRIVER LED A DISCUSSION OF REVENUE FROM TSPLOST AND SPLOST FUNDS. THE PAYOUTS FROM THESE FUNDS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES HAD BEEN CAUGHT UP TO DATE. MRS. DRIVER STATED THERE WERE DISCREPACIES IN THE 1% SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AND THE 1% TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MONIES PAID TO THE COUNTY BY THE STATE REVENUE DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE AGREED THAT THE TWO FUNDS SHOULD BE THE SAME AND THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO CONTACT THE NECESSARY OFFICIALS WITHIN THE STATE TO MAKE THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT AWARE OF THE MATTER. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY AGREED THE COUNTY SHOULD SEEK AN ANSWER FROM THE STATE SALES AND USE DIVISION.

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CLERK'S REPORT –SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED THE FUEL REPORT AND THE JAIL COUNT WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. SHE REPORTED THE AUDITOR BILL MCDANIEL HAD BEGUN THE AUDIT OF THE COUNTY OFFICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019. EACH OFFICE HAD BEEN CONTACTED TO PREPARE FOR HIS VISIT.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - BO HAMBY READ THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOLAR FARM AND THEY HAVE OVER 400 PERSONS EMPLOYED. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED A STATE WIDE PANDEMIC DRILL IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 25, 2020. HE WILL HAVE TO HAVE AN ARMED ESCORT TO ALBANY, GEORGIA TO DELIVER 100 CASES OF VACCINE. THIS EVENT WAS PLANNED BEFORE THE LARGE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONA VIRUS. MR. HAMBY STATED A CAPITAL PURCHASE HAD BEEN MADE FOR A 9-1-1 UPGRADE AND HE ASKED PERMISSION TO HAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER LOOK OVER THE MOTOROLA AGREEMENT FOR THE 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT. HE WAS ADVISED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ATTORNEY REVIEWING THE AGREEMENT.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - SAVANNAH HUGHES GAVE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHAMBER AND GAVE UPDATES ON THE CENSUS WORK.

ROAD DEPARTMENT - CHAD ROBERSON READ THE DEPARTMENT REPORT. HE ANNOUNCED THAT JUDGE LAY ROAD HAD BEEN CLOSED DUE TO THE BRIDGE ON THIS ROAD HAVING SUFFERED MORE DAMAGE FROM THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE DISCUSSED OBTAINING FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO GET BRIDGES IN THE COUNTY REPAIRED OR REPLACED. THE BOARD HEARD FROM RESIDENTS ON KING DRIVE AND ROSEWOOD LANE AT THIS TIME. MR. ROBERSON STATED THE RECENT PROBLEMS WITH KING ROAD HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. MRS. MELLEAN DAVIS WAS GIVEN THE FLOOR TO VOICE HER CONCERNS. SHE STATED THAT KING ROAD CONTINUES TO HAVE PROBLEMS AND ASKS AGAIN THAT THE ROAD BE PAVED. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE COLLECTION OF TSPLOST FUNDS AND HOW THE MONIES ARE BEING USED. HE MENTIONED KING ROAD WILL REMAIN ON THE RADAR FOR PAVING. MR. ROBERSON STATED THAT ROSEWOOD LANE WAS A PRIVATE DRIVE AND SHOWED PICTURES OF THE SIGN MARKING IT AS PRIVATE. MRS. LINDA MARCUS STATED THIS ROAD HAD BEEN MAINTAINED AT TIMES IN THE PAST BY THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND COMMISSIONER FAUST VOICED THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD HELP BY TURNING THE WATER FLOW COMING OFF WARNER ROAD AWAY FROM ROSEWOOD LANE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD TO FIX THE PROBLEM OCCURRING ON ROSEWOOD. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY EXPRESSED HIS OBJECTION TO PERFORMING THE WORK ON A PRIVATE DRIVE. IT WOULD BE SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR OTHER REQUESTS FOR WORK ON PRIVATE DRIVES AND ROADS. VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION FAILED TO CARRY. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO PERFORM WORK ON THE RIGHT OF WAY ON WARNER ROAD TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO ROSEWOOD LN. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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COMMISSIONER STAFFORD POINTED OUT THE PROPOSAL FOR LOADS OF DIRT THAT CHAD ROBERSON HAD SUBMITTED IN HIS DEPARTMENT REPORT. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM GETTING DRIVERS THAT HAVE CDL LICENSE. IT MAY GET TO THE POINT TO HAVE TO HIRE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WITH CDL LICENSE TO HAUL DIRT FOR ROAD WORK. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE TYPE OF DUMP TRUCKS TO USE FOR HAULING. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ALSO MENTIONED HE AND OTHERS FROM THE COUNTY MET WITH A RESIDENT OF KIRBO ROAD (RUDOLPH GRANT) AND DISCUSSED THE WATER PROBLEM ON HIS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD WANTED THE BOARD TO KNOW THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE INFORMATION HE WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD AND ENGINEER PAUL RAKEL AND THAT MR. GRANT STATED HE WILL TAKE LEGAL ACTION. COMMISSIONER FAUST RETURNED TO THE MATTER OF HAULING DIRT. EMA DIRECTOR BO HAMBY RECOMMENDED SEARCHING GOV DEALS SITE FOR DUMP TRUCKS. JAY HARRELL OF FLINT EQUIPMENT GAVE HELPFUL INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO TYPE OF DUMP TRUCKS.

WARDEN'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN. DEPUTY WARDEN GRIMSLEY GAVE AN UPDATE FROM LAST MONTH'S DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ROAD DEPARTMENT HIRING CDL LICENSED DRIVERS. THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) STIPULATIONS. ONE BEING THOSE DRIVERS CANNOT SUPERVISE INMATES AND THE SECOND BEING THOSE DRIVERS MUST ATTEND PRE-SERVICE ORIENTATION (PSO) TRAINING. NEXT MR. GRIMSLEY PRESENTED COST ESTIMATES FOR MATERIALS TO REPAIR THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF HOME WHICH HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY MOLD. HE REPORTED THAT THE INMATE WORK DETAILS FOR THE CITIES OF COLQUITT AND SHELLMAN HAD NOT BEGUN WORK TO DATE DUE TO THOSE CITIES OBTAINING VANS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE DETAILS. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE OCCUPANCY OF THE HOME WHICH IS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY SOLELY FOR THE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF. COMMISSIONER FAUST SAID THE FIRE CHIEF SHOULD LIVE THERE AND THE COUNTY CANNOT FURNISH THE HOME FOR THE CHIEF'S ADULT CHILDREN. ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER SAID THE RESOLUTION FOR HIRING ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ADD THE TWO STIPULATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE STATE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO VOTE TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AND HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE AMENDED DOCUMENT AND NOT HAVE TO PRESENT IT AGAIN AT A FUTURE MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PURPOSES AND HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WHEN PREPARED BY MR. SKIPPER. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED FOR A DECISION ON REPAIRING THE COUNTY HOME FOR THE FIRE CHIEF. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRS. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE THE REPORT AND NOTED THE AUDITOR HAD COMPLETED THE AUDIT IN HER DEPARTMENT AND THE JAIL.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE – SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS WAS OUT OF TOWN.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW ADVERTISEMENT FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO FORWARD WITH ADVERTISING THE POSITION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HAVE A WORKING SESSION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. THE CLERK MENTIONED THE POSITION MUST FIRST BE POSTED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES BEFORE MAKING THE POSITION PUBLIC. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE JOB POSTING AS IT IS PRESENTED AND TO BEGIN BY POSTING THE NOTICE OF JOB WITH ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS IN ORDER FOR INTERESTED EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT ACCG COUNSEL BILL TWOMEY AND PRESIDENT DAVE WILLS WOULD GIVE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDELINES IN THE HIRING PROCESS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DECISION ON MOTOR GRADERS AND SLOPER FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT – CHAD ROBERSON REPORTED THAT HE HAD SOUGHT QUOTES FROM FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY AND YANCEY BROTHERS FOR MOTOR GRADERS AND A SLOPER. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THE BIDS TO BE PLACED ON THE STATE PROCUREMENT WEBSITE DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT COST BEING OVER \$100,000. YANCEY REPRESENTATIVE STATED SHE HAD SUBMITTED A SEALED BID. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO POST THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE MOTOR GRADERS AND THE SLOPER ON THE STATE PROCUREMENT WEBSITE AND ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR THE BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THE TWO VENDORS PRESENT ASKED FOR PARTICULAR SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT BEING REQUESTED. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

ASPIRE PROGRAM FOR TERRELL COUNTY - JENNIFER STEPHENS GAVE UPDATES ON THE ASPIRE PROGRAM IN TERRELL COUNTY.

APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR MARCH 2020 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THE PROCLAMATION FOR MARCH BEING DESIGNATED AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION AND HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN IT. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. A PHOTO WAS TAKEN OF THE ASPIRE GROUP AND CHAIRMAN GAMBLE.

PROPERTY VARIANCE ISSUE FOR 448 HENRY MITCHELL DR - CONRAD GARCIA WAS DIRECTED TO MAKE APPLICATION WITH THE ZONING DEPARTMENT AND FOLLOW THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A VARIANCE.

REQUEST FOR INMATE LABOR TO HELP IN RENOVATION OF BUILDING ON 432 CRAWFORD STREET - ALLISON HARVEY PRESENTED A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF YOUNG SISTERHOOD TO HAVE INMATE LABOR PROVIDED FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL BUILDING OF THE FORMER TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL. THE BUILDING IS LOCATED AT 432 CRAWFORD STREET NEXT TO THE CITY OF DAWSON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND BELONGS TO THE CITY OF DAWSON. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED AN AGREEMENT WILL NEED TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH THE CITY OF DAWSON IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A COUNTY WORK DETAIL. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF INMATE LABOR FOR RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING ONCE THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DAWSON IS IN ORDER. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. NO TIME FRAME FOR THE LABOR WAS GIVEN. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE REQUEST FOR ROSEWOOD LANE – THE DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS HELD UNDER ROAD DEPARTMENT SECTION.

CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF KING DRIVE - THE DISCUSSION ON THIS MATTER WAS HELD UNDER THE ROAD DEPARTMENT SECTION.

PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN - STEWART SHORT PRESENTED PROPOSAL FROM HIS COMPANY FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE BOARD TO BE CONSIDERING PRIOR TO TIME TO RENEW COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE.

DISPOSAL OF 22 OLD COMPUTERS - COURTNEY deLAMBERT ASK THE BOARD FOR DIRECTION ON DISPOSAL OF THE 22 COMPUTERS THAT WERE RECENTLY REPLACED DUE TO UPGRADES IN SOFTWARE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO DISPOSE OF THE COMPUTERS. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

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RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean  
SANDRA O'STEAN COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble III  
WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III CHAIRMAN TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: 4-7-20