

MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: BLAKE VANN, MAUREEN WELSH, GREG WALSH, BO HAMBY, FREDDY GRIMSLEY, GAIL FAUST, MARGARET HALBROOK, DARLENE PAUL, JANICE BRYANT, CHRISTIE COOPER, MAYOR ADA MCINTYRE, GARY MCNEELY, LINDA FREEMAN, LINDA CLARK, REV. PATRICK HOLLOWAY, JOE HUNKELE, LOIS HUNKELE, ROBERT ALBRITTEN, TATE FAUST, MARTHA JONES, SHEROLYN MANSFIELD, GARY FREEMAN, L MANSFIELD, RIDGELY MU'MIN, SANDRA WALKER

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - REV. PATRICK HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CHAIRMAN REQUESTED AGENDA TO BE AMENDED TO ADD NEW ITEM OF AN EMERGENCY NATURE (TEMPORARY CLOSING OF HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE) – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 AGENDA WITH THE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF THE NEW ITEM OF CLOSURE OF THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 1, 2019 MINUTES. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ANNOUNCED THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE DUE TO HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED FROM MOLD TESTING THAT WAS RECENTLY DONE. COURT WILL HAVE TO BE RELOCATED TO OTHER SITES. THE BOARD WAS ASKED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AS AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE DURING THE DURATION OF THE REPAIR WORK TO THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE. THE DAWSON CITY HALL COURT ROOM WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE SITE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR USING THE TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING AS ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THE DAWSON CITY HALL COURT ROOM AS AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE SITE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL CLERK'S REPORT – THE OCTOBER EXPENDITURES, CHECK REPORT, VENDOR ACTIVITY, AND BANK BALANCES WERE PRESENTED BY COURTNEY deLAMBERT.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE OCTOBER 2019 FUEL, JAIL COUNT, UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND CENSUS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT – BO HAMBY READ THE MONTHLY EMS/ 911/EMA REPORTS. HE PRESENTED TWO BIDS FOR REPAIR OF AN AMBULANCE FUEL PUMP (SWIFT AND CHILDRÉ CHEVROLET). SWIFT WAS THE LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,029.97 AND CHILDRÉ CHEVROLET WAS THE LOCAL VENDOR BID AND WAS WITHIN THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE LOW BID. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM THE LOCAL VENDOR CHILDRÉ CHEVROLET ON THE CONDITION OF THEIR ABILITY TO START ON THE REPAIR IMMEDIATELY AND IF NOT THEN THE SECONDARY BID WHICH WAS THE LOW BID FROM SWIFT WOULD BE APPROVED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY QUESTIONED MR. HAMBY ON THE REFRIDGERATED MORGUE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN ANOTHER MEETING. MR. HAMBY REPLIED HE WAS WAITING UNTIL JANUARY 2020 AND WAS AWAITING FUNDS TO PURSUE THIS.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – MARGARET HALBROOK PRESENTED UPDATES ON THE RENOVATION OF THE 4-H PAVILION AND THE RESULTS OF THE 4-H PARTICIPATION AT THE STATE FAIR.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

WARDEN'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON READ THE OCTOBER REPORT FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT. A RESIDENT OF W. B. JOHNSON ROAD, RIDGELY MU'MIN, ASKED ABOUT THE COUNTY OBTAINING A SLOPER. CHAD REPORTED HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING BIDS FOR THE EQUIPMENT.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT –ASSESSMENT RATE FOR NEW BILLING YEAR – SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE SUMMARY REPORT FOR DELINQUENT GARBAGE AND GAVE THE SOLID WASTE SALE RESULTS. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON A RATE INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE BASED ON THE THREE PERCENT (3%) COST PRICE INDEX INCREASE TO THE COUNTY BY ADVANCED DISPOSAL. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASED RATE OF \$16.00 PER MONTH FOR FIRST CART AND THE RATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CART PLACED AT SAME RESIDENCE WILL REMAIN AT THE RATE OF \$10.00 PER MONTH. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE THE OCTOBER DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AND SUBMITTED QUOTES FROM HARRIS COMPUTERS FOR SOFTWARE AND QUOTES FROM CHRISTIE COOPER FOR TRAINING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE TWO QUOTES TOTALED OVER \$10,000. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE LED DISCUSSION REGARDING MOVING THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS INTO THE TAX COMMISSIONER OFFICE. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND THE TRAINING UNTIL A LATER MEETING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. AN INVOICE FROM BRANNEN MOTOR COMPANY WAS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT. THE VEHICLE ACQUIRED BY THE SHERIFF WAS IN THE BUDGET. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FROM BRANNEN MOTORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PATROL CAR WHICH WAS BUDGETED IN FYE2020. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

JAIL REPORT – FIRE SYSTEM UPDATES WERE GIVEN BY SANDRA WALKER AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL IS CONTINUING TO GRANT THE COUNTY TIME TO GET THE SYSTEM WORKING.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. BRAD STAFFORD REQUESTED WORK DETAILS TO CLEAN UP THE PARKING AREA AND AROUND THE BUILDINGS. CHAD ROBERSON STATED HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

LMIG 2020 PROPOSED ROADS LIST – IVY MILL BRIDGE – ADDITIONAL LMIG GRANT – SANDRA O'STEAN GAVE UPDATE ON LMIG 2020 PROPOSED ROAD LIST AND IVY MILL BRIDGE PROGRESS. THE IVY MILL BRIDGE WILL BE PLACED IN THE LOW IMPACT BRIDGE PROGRAM IN JANUARY 2020. THE STATE WILL PROVIDE FUNDING BUT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE COULD TAKE AS LONG AS 3 YEARS TO 6 YEARS. TWO OTHER OPTIONS WERE PRESENTED. ONE OPTION BEING THAT THE ALLOCATED LMIG MONIES RECEIVED FOR THE 2020 PROPOSED ROAD RESURFACING OF TWO ROADS AND THE COUNTY'S MATCH COULD BE USED FOR THE BRIDGE INSTEAD AND PLACE THE TWO NAMED ROADS ON A FUTURE REQUEST. THE SECOND ONE IS THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) OFFERED ADDITIONAL LMIG FUNDING UP TO \$400,000 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%). SOUTHERN CONCRETE HAD PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED AND INSPECTED THIS BRIDGE AND GAVE A QUOTE OF \$600,000 TO \$800,000 AND WOULD TAKE AS LONG AS 18 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS TO REPLACE. PAUL RAKEL HAD SUBMITTED REPORTS TO THE BOARD WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. BRAD STAFFORD ASKED ABOUT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR REPLACING BRIDGES. STATE REPRESENTATIVE GERALD GREENE HAD RELATED TO THE CLERK THAT HE PETITIONED FUNDS ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND CONGRESS WAS NOT RELEASING ANY FEDERAL FUNDS OF THIS NATURE. LARRY

FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE MATTER. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE BIDS FOR EXTERIOR BRICK WORK – TWO BIDS (HARRELL MASONRY AND NEW IMAGE ROOFING) FOR EXTERIOR BRICK REPAIRING WERE PRESENTED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ESTIMATES. HARRELL MASONRY BID BEING \$1,693,200 AND NEW IMAGE'S BEING \$31,425. THE BRICK REPAIR WORK IS NOT COVERED UNDER THE CLAIM SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY'S INSURANCE COMPANY. SOME DISCUSSION WAS HELD AS TO THE FUTURE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING ON LEE STREET AND THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A COURTROOM SOMEWHERE ELSE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$31,425 FROM NEW IMAGE ROOFING FOR THE TOTAL SCOPE OF WORK TO REPAIR THE BRICK. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SILICON RANCH – AN AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SILICON RANCH WAS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURE FROM THE BOARD. THE AMENDMENT IS IN THE BOND ISSUE AND THE TAX REVENUE BECOMING LOWER. THE TERRELL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED THE RESOLUTION FOR THE MOU. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONWIDE – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DISCREPANCIES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM OFFERED BY NATIONWIDE. COURTNEY deLAMBERT DISCUSSED STEPS THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE IS TAKING TO CORRECT CURRENT AND PAST PROBLEMS. THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S CORRECT AND STATUTORY SALARY WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THE SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S RETIREMENT NOT BEING PAID SINCE YEAR 2009. COMMENTS FROM SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS WERE HEARD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF.

REQUEST TO CLOSE SECTION OF COX ROAD BETWEEN HWY 118 AND GEORGE JENNINGS RDS - JOE HUNKELE PETITIONED TO HAVE THE SMALL SECTION OF COX ROAD THAT BORDERS HIS PROPERTY AND JOINS HWY 118 TO GEORGE JENNINGS ROAD CLOSED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CLOSE THE MENTIONED SECTION OF COX ROAD AND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CLOSING THE ROAD. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TERRELL COUNTY PARENT ACADEMY – SERVANT LEADERSHIP – PROGRAM INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED BY MARTHA JONES WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE TERRELL PARENT ACADEMY.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES BOARD (BHDDDB) – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THREE PERSONS (LOUISE DARLEY, LATONIA MANSFIELD, AND BEVERLY HOLLOWAY MARSHALL) WERE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ROBIN SCHOFILL AS MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES BOARD. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY LEFT THE MEETING AS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS HIS DAUGHTER. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT LATONIA MANSFIELD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MRS. SCHOFILL ON THE BHDDDB. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

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

DATE: 12-3-19