

**MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

PRESENT: BLAKE VANN, BO HAMBY, MAUREEN WELSH, GREG WELSH, BILLY MCCLUNG, MARTHA ANN COE, PASTOR FREDDY JONES, K. P. ANGIRA, LINDA ANN SPILMAN, SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS

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

CALL TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN GAMBLE

PRAYER: PASTOR FREDDY JONES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 REGULAR MEETING WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND SECONDED BY ERNEST JOHNSON. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTIONS ON PRIOR MINUTES: NO QUESTIONS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED A REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM WADE BRADY, A MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER, FOR FORGIVENESS OF \$119.00 FEES TO CANCEL LIENS (FIFAS) ON MOBILE HOMES LOCATED IN HIS PARK. IN RETURN, MR. BRADY AGREED TO PAY ALL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR HOME OWNERS IN THE PARK AND TO HAVE FUTURE ASSESSMENTS BILLED TO HIM FOR ALL HOMES IN THE PARK. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO FORGIVE CANCELLATION OF FIFAS FEES OF \$119.00 AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE CHAIRMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THE OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE RESURFACING PROJECTS FOR STATE HIGHWAYS WHICH RUN WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR THE NEXT TWO (2) YEARS.

TREASURER'S REPORT: NOT PRESENT

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CLERK'S REPORT: BANK BALANCES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017, VENDOR ACTIVITY, FUEL REPORT, AND JAIL INMATE COUNT WERE PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS-911 REPORT: BO HAMBY REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017 911 ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 538 CALLS, 203 EMS RELATED, 110 PATIENTS TRANSPORTED, 93 PATIENTS NOT TRANSPORTED, 59 CALLS FOR TERRELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 75 CALLS FOR DAWSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2 CALLS FOR DAWSON FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6 CALLS FOR TERRELL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 193 CALLS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND A TOTAL OF \$ 29,996.50 WAS DEPOSITED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017.

EXTENSION SERVICE: NOT PRESENT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: NOT PRESENT

WARDEN'S REPORT: THERE WAS NO WARDEN REPORT.

ROAD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: BILLY MCCLUNG ASKED FOR ADVICE ON A PIPE ISSUE ON HOLT ROAD. A PROPERTY OWNER ASKED THE COUNTY TO REPLACE A DAMAGED PIPE AT HIS ENTRANCE AND HE HAD PURCHASED A NEW PIPE, 18" X 20', TO ADD AT THE LOCATION. THE ROAD SUPERVISOR SUGGESTED THE TIMBER COMPANY SHOULD BE ASKED TO PAY FOR THE PIPE DUE TO CHANGES THEY MADE AT THE SITE IN ORDER TO HARVEST TIMBER ON THE PROPERTY. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE TIMBER COMPANY COULD BE CONTACTED.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT: LINDA ANN SPILMAN REPORTED THAT OVER \$52,000. WAS COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017 AND OVER \$80,000 HAD BEEN COLLECTED TO DATE IN NOVEMBER 2017.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: WRITTEN FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED

DELINQUENT GARBAGE COLLECTION – SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE CURRENT YEAR GARBAGE BALANCE REPORT. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT ADVANCED DISPOSAL HAD SUBMITTED NOTICE OF AN ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASE OF 3.2% (0.46 CENT PER CART INCREASE). THE COUNTY CHARGES THE PROPERTY OWNERS THE RATE OF \$15.00 PER MONTH. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD BEGAN A DISCUSSION IN REGARDS TO TERRELL COUNTY BEING IN AN AGREEMENT WITH CRISP COUNTY WASTE AUTHORITY AND THE TIPPING FEES PER TONNAGE FOR RECYCLING WASTE CHARGED BY THAT AUTHORITY. COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER SAID THE CONTRACT WITH CRISP COUNTY WASTE AUTHORITY IS NORMALLY FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS WITH MOST COUNTIES. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THERE MAY BE A WAY TO CHANGE HOW TERRELL HANDLES THE RECYCLING OF GARBAGE AND THEREFORE PAY A MUCH LESS RATE. ATTORNEY SKIPPER EXPLAINED HOW THE CRISP COUNTY WASTE AUTHORITY WORKS. HE WILL LOOK INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH CRISP WASTE AUTHORITY AND SEND MORE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD.

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OLD BUSINESS:

PURCHASE CAMERAS FOR 4 TAHOE VEHICLES IN SHERIFF DEPARTMENT & REQUEST TO APPROVE \$5,000.00 TO APPLY TOWARD PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR JAIL ADMINISTRATOR ---THE SHERIFF HAD ASKED AT THE OCTOBER 2017 MEETING APPROVAL FOR PURCHASING CAMERAS FOR FOUR (4) TAHOE VEHICLES. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON TO APPROVE A BUDGETARY TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF'S VEHICLE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,200.00 TO PUT WITH \$7,000.00 THE SHERIFF HAS IN AN EQUIPMENT BUDGET TO PURCHASE THE CAMERAS AT A COST OF \$14,000.00. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE SHERIFF SUBMITTED REQUEST NOW FOR APPROVAL OF \$5,000.00 TO APPLY TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR. HE WOULD USE SHERIFF FUNDS TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE COST OF THE VEHICLE. A REQUEST TO PURCHASE FRONT BUMPER GUARDS ON THE FOUR (4) TAHOES AT A COST OF \$575.00 PER VEHICLE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOUR (4) BUMPER GUARDS AT A COST OF \$575.00 PER VEHICLE AND TAKE THE MONEY FROM THE SHERIFF VEHICLE BUDGET. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$5,000.00 FROM THE JAIL FUND BUDGET TO BE USED TOWARD THE PURCHASE COST OF A VEHICLE FOR THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

TAMMY LANE ROAD – QUOTE FROM SUMTER ELECTRIC FOR POSSIBLE PROJECT TO MOVE POWER LINES ON TAMMY LANE --- NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

REQUEST FOR DECISION ON PAVING SHILOH CHURCH ROAD: -- NO ONE FROM SHILOH CHURCH WAS PRESENT. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED TO NEXT COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR TOMMY POUPARD TO DFACS BOARD: -- A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR TOMMY POUPARD TO THE TERRELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. MR. POUPARD WILL FILL THE TERM OF FORMER CHIEF CHARLIE WHITEHEAD.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH USDA: -- BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA). THIS IS A TWO (2) YEAR LEASE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED

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PAYMENT OF PROMISSORY NOTE TO PEOPLES SOUTH BANK (SGRITA): -- THE CHAIRMAN STATED THE BOARD REQUESTED A STATEMENT FROM PEOPLES SOUTH BANK BEFORE MAKING A PROPOSAL TO REPAY THE LOAN THAT IS DUE. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED TO NEXT MEETING.

REQUEST TO APPROVE LIQUOR STORE IN SASSER:-- K. P. ANGIRA HAD REQUESTED APPROVAL TO OPEN A LIQUOR STORE OFF GEORGIA STREET IN SASSER, GEORGIA. CODE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR MARTHA ANN COE STATED THE REQUEST HAD BEEN CLEARED BY THE ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) AGENCY. DISCUSSION CAME UP FROM BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY REGARDING CONTACTS AND FEEDBACK THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT MONTH AND CHECK UPON LEGAL CONCERNS SUCH AS THE LEGAL DISTANCE FROM A CHURCH REQUIRED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIQUOR STORE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:-- BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO BE MADE TO THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT STATE MANDATED CANCER POLICY FOR FIREFIGHTERS: -- ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE STATE MANDATED CANCER POLICY FOR FIREFIGHTERS 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.

LASHONDRA STEPHENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PERSONAL ISSUE: -- MRS. STEPHENS WAS NOT PRESENT.

MARTHA ANN COE SPOKE TO THE BOARD REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE DAWSON TERRELL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND SECONDED BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble III
WILBUR T. GAMBLE III
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 12-5-17