

MINUTES  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN

OTHERS PRESENT: BRAD FOSTER, BO HAMBY, BLAKE VANN, DARLENE PAUL, MARGARET HALBROOK, ED WADE, FREDDY GRIMSLEY, GREG AND MAUREEN WELSH, SAVANNAH HUGHES, GARY MCNEELY, GAIL FAUST, HUBERT GRIER, WANDA GRIER, TIM'MESHA WOODSON, TIM WOODSON, MARTHA L. SMITH, PAUL RAKEL, MONYETTE WILLIAMS

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 WITH AN AMENDMENT MADE TO MOVE NEW BUSINESS ITEM REGARDING TAX BILL FOR CITY OF PARROTT UP TO FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW TAX BILL FOR CITY OF PARROTT: A QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR DELAPIDATED PROPERTY OWNED BY NISHA PITHAWALA WAS ISSUED IN YEAR 2016 TO THE CITY OF PARROTT IN LIEU OF FINES AND FEES BY THE CITY. AT THE CURRENT TIME THERE WAS NO KNOWN TAX BILL. IN AUGUST 2019 A LEVY NOTICE WAS ISSUED AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016. THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF PARROTT CONTACTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO WAIVE THE INTEREST AND PENALTY FEES. THE PROPERTY IS MAP/PARCEL P02- 038. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD DO SO AS A GOOD NEIGHBOR MOVE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO FORGIVE THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES WITH THE CITY OF PARROTT PAYING THE DELINQUENT TAXES. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING TO SET MILL RATE - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEETINGS. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND SLOGAN FOR TERRELL COUNTY - THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED NO TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE IS NEEDED TO END FISCAL YEAR 2019. HE STATED THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT/AUDIT WAS COMPLETED AND WAS GOOD. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION THE SLOGAN "TERRELL COUNTY - THE FRIENDLIEST COUNTY IN GEORGIA" AS A PHRASE TO IDENTIFY WHO WE ARE. THE BOARD ASKED FOR TIME TO THINK OVER THE SLOGAN.

FINANCIAL CLERK'S REPORT - THE SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURES, CHECKS REPORT, AND VENDOR ACTIVITY REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED. SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE BANK BALANCES, REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH.

CLERK'S REPORT - THE SEPTEMBER 2019 FUEL REPORT AND JAIL COUNT WERE NOT AVAILABLE. THE STATUS OF THE AUDIT REPORT BEING PRESENTED TO THE STATE WAS PRESENTED BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT - BO HAMBY READ THE REPORTS FOR EMS AND 911. HE ASKED PERMISSION TO ORDER THE NEW AMBULANCE THAT WAS BUDGETED FOR 2020. HE NOTED THE ORDER COULD BE PLACED NOW BUT DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OF THE UNIT WOULD BE JANUARY 2020. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DIRECTOR TO ORDER THE NEW AMBULANCE. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE DIRECTOR REPORTED NINE (9) TREES NEEDED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE EMS LOT. HE HAD RECEIVED A QUOTE OF \$500. PER TREE FROM BRYANT TREE SERVICE. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW MR. HAMBY TO TAKE BIDS TO REMOVE NINE (9) TREES FROM EMS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE HIM TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500. AND TO MOVE FORWARD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, BO HAMBY GAVE REPORT THAT HURRICANE DEBRIS WAS AT 80% BURNED AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT VEGETATION WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BURN SITE. THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE THE WARDEN HANDLE THIS REMOVAL.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – THE AGRICULTURAL REPORT AND THE 4-H REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY MARGARET HALBROOK.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – SAVANNAH HUGHES READ THE CHAMBER ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SHARED SOME INFORMATION ON THE BROAD BAND PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT THE CHAMBER MEETING.

WARDEN'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY WARDEN MCLAUGHLIN. AN INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000. FOR A 2010 FORD F-150 TRUCK WHICH THE WARDEN'S WIFE PURCHASED AT AN AUCTION WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT. THE COST OF THE VEHICLE WAS OVER THE ALLOWED PURCHASE AMOUNT WITHOUT OBTAINING APPROVAL AND WAS \$7,000. OVER THE WARDEN'S VEHICLE BUDGET. LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO DENY THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE PURCHASE OF THE TRUCK. BRAD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. DEPUTY WARDEN FREDDY GRIMSLEY PRESENTED INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL INMATE WORK DETAIL AGREEMENTS CURRENTLY BEING PURSUED BY THE COUNTY. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT THE WARDEN SLOW DOWN ON OBTAINING INMATE WORK DETAIL AGREEMENTS OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONERS FAUST AND HOLLOWAY REQUESTED THAT MORE INMATE WORK DETAILS BE USED TO CLEAN UP TERRELL COUNTY AND THE CITIES. COMMISSIONER JOHNSON STATED HE WOULD TALK WITH WARDEN MCLAUGHLIN ON THIS MATTER.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETED WORK AND ASKED PERMISSION TO REPAIR AN AXE TRACTOR. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIR BY FLINT FOR \$4,100. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BRIDGES UPDATE – SANDRA O'STEAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE ON IVY MILL ROAD. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE GERALD GREENE AGAIN FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE COST TO REPLACE THIS BRIDGE.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT & NOTICE OF ANNUAL RATE INCREASE FROM ADVANCED – SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT AND UPCOMING SOLID WASTE SALE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM ADVANCED DISPOSAL NOTING AN ANNUAL COST PRICE INDEX (CPI) INCREASE OF THREE PERCENT (3%) TO THE COUNTY. THIS CPI INCREASE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2019. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON PASSING THE INCREASE ON TO THE GARBAGE CUSTOMERS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE SUGGESTED RAISING THE MONTHLY RATE FOR THE MAIN CART FEE FROM \$15. TO \$15.50 AND THE RATE FOR ADDITIONAL CARTS FROM \$10. TO \$11. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD CHECK ON A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDER OR A NEW PROVIDER WHEN THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES IN 2021. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – LINDA ANN SPILMAN GAVE THE RESULTS OF THE ADVALOREM TAX SALE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2019.

SHERIFF'S REPORT & JAIL UPDATE ON FIRE SYSTEM – JAIL ADMINISTRATOR SANDRA WALKER PRESENTED INFORMATION ON THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM AT THE JAIL. THE JOCKEY PUMP HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND NOW A MOTOR IS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD REPORTED A QUOTE HE HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR A NEW MOTOR FOR \$4,835. MRS. WALKER REPORTED THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DATE TO COMPLETE THE JOB. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO TAKE BIDS FOR A PUMP MOTOR NOT TO EXCEED \$4,835. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. MRS. WALKER SAID A MONITORING PLAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

FOR THE FIRE SYSTEM. THE NEW BUSINESS ITEM OF RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH A PARTNER WAS MOVED UP ON AGENDA. MRS. WALKER RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS (SHP) FOR INMATE HEALTH CARE AT THE JAIL. THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH SHP EXPIRED SEPTEMBER 2019. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO RENEW THE COUNTY CONTRACT WITH SHP FOR INMATE HEALTH CARE AT THE JAIL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

**OLD BUSINESS:**

APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR TAX COLLECTION – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED A POLICY FOR TAX COLLECTION THAT HE HAD ATTORNEY SKIPPER DRAFT. HE EXPLAINED THE STEPS LISTED IN THE POLICY AND ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE IT. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR TAX COLLECTION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2019 TAX BILLING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESULTS OF OFF SYSTEM SAFETY ACTION PLAN BIDS - PAUL RAKEL PRESENTED BID RESULTS FOR THE OFF SYSTEM SAFETY ACTION PLAN PROJECTS. TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED. PEEK PAVEMENT BID \$40,880. AND MID STATE CONSTRUCTION & STRIPING BID \$49,120. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM PEEK PAVEMENT MARKING. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FYE2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUILDING GRANT (CDBG) GRANT - SANDRA O'STEAN REPORTED A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS STATING THE REASONS THE CDBG GRANT WAS DENIED FOR RENOVATING THE T&L CENTER ON OAK ST.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TERRELL COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE PRACTICES (PAY OUTS) - COMMISSIONER FAUST LED A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAW ON PAYOUT OF REVENUE FROM THE TAX COMMISSIONER OFFICE TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. THE BOARD ASKED THE TAX COMMISSIONER TO FOLLOW THE LAW WHICH IS TO SUBMIT REVENUE PAYOUTS EVERY TWO (2) WEEKS.

REVIEW TAX BILL FOR CITY OF PARROTT – THIS ITEM WAS MOVED UP EARLIER ON THE AGENDA.

REVIEW LIST OF ROADS ON LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) APPLICATIONS

AND IDENTIFY ROADS TO SUBMIT FOR LMIG 2020 – PAUL RAKEL LED THE DISCUSSION AND REPORTED THAT \$454,943.39 WAS ALLOCATED IN THE LMIG FOR 2020 AND THE COUNTY MATCH IS \$136,483.02 AND A ROLL OVER FROM PREVIOUS LMIGS IS \$104,665.42 FOR A TOTAL OF \$696,091.83. THE TWO (2) ROADS SUBMITTED FOR 2020 LMIG ARE 1.95 MILES OF BILLY LARK ROAD AND 1.94 MILES OF HEROD-DOVER ROAD. THE COST FOR THE WORK ON THESE ROADS IS \$678,700. WHICH WILL RESULT IN A ROLLED OVER OF APPROXIMATELY \$18,000. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THAT A SMALL SECTION OF FLINT STREET IN BRONWOOD BE CHECKED ON AS A POSSIBILITY FOR PAVING AND USE THE ROLL OVER FUNDS. GEORGIA STREET IN SASSER WAS ALSO SUGGESTED FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT. PAUL RAKEL AGREED TO MEET WITH THE BRONWOOD OFFICIALS AND LOOK AT FLINT STREET. BRAD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2020 ROAD LIST OF BILLY LARK ROAD (1.95 MILES) AND HEROD-DOVER ROAD (1.94 MILES). ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. OTHER ROAD CONSIDERATIONS FOR LMIG LIST WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING. THE LMIG APPLICATION IS DUE IN TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) DECEMBER 31, 2019.

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS – THIS ITEM WAS MOVED UP EARLIER ON THE AGENDA.

RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH USDA (RENT OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING SPACE) – LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH USDA FOR RENT OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE USE OF LOVERS' LANE ROAD FOR TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR FALL AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF LOVERS' LANE ROAD FOR TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR THE FALL HOMECOMING PARADE AND THE DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARADE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO POST BIKE ROUTE SIGNS ON COUNTY PAVED ROADS - ROGER HAGGERTY OF PECAN CITY PEDDLERS WHO ISSUED THE REQUEST DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

OPENING OF EVENT CENTER ON BRICK ST - TIM WOODSON PRESENTED HIS PLANS FOR AN EVENT CENTER LOCATED IN A BUILDING HE PURCHASED ON BRICK STREET IN THE COUNTY. MR. WOODSON WAS ADVISED THAT HE MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD AND PRESENT PLANS FOR THE SITE AND THEN GO THROUGH THE PROCESS BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CAN CONSIDER THE MATTER.

REVIEW AND APPROVE NON USABLE SALVAGED COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AS SCRAP – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AS SCRAP. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER FAUST MENTIONED THAT THE MAINTENANCE SHOP PERSONS WERE WORKING ON THE COUNTY'S HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. HE MADE A MOTION THAT THE JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPAIRED BY FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY AND THE CAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPAIRED BY YANCEY EQUIPMENT COMPANY. THE SHOP PERSONNEL WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO THE MINOR MAINTENANCE ON THE EQUIPMENT. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN CENSUS 2020 – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TERRELL COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, LARRY FAUST, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE REQUEST FROM TERRELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN (DFACS) TO USE SUBSIDY FUNDS TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO TERRELL COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DFACS REQUEST TO USE THE SUBSIDY MONEY THAT IS GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE FOSTER CHILDREN IN THEIR PROGRAM. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN - BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean

APPROVED BY: Wilbur T. Gamble III  
SANDRA O'STEAN COUNTY CLERK  
WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: 11-5-19