

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BLAKE VANN, STEPHANIE C. HOLT, GREG WELSH, DARLENE PAUL, BUTCH PAUL, CHAD ROBERSON, KENNY DAVIS, ALEX MRAZIK, JANICE BRYANT, LINDA FREEMAN, GAIL FAUST, CARLENE HOWARD, SUE JORDAN, DAN JORDAN, GARY MCNEELY, JAY HARRELL, ED WADE, HERBERT TOMLIN, SHERIFF JOHN BOWENS, SANDRA BOWENS

CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – REVEREND HERBERT TOMLIN

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE AGENDA BE AMENDED TO MOVE THE FEMA REPORT TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AFTER THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE THE FEMA REPORT TO THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS AFTER THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY ASKED THAT THE AGENDA BE CORRECTED IN REGARDS TO THE WORDING IN POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH AGENDA ITEM. THE CORRECTION IS TO CHANGE UTILITIES TO AIR CONDITIONING. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO CHANGE THE WORDING IN THE POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH AGENDA ITEM FROM UTILITIES TO AIR CONDITIONING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, OCTOBER 16, AND OCTOBER 25, 2018 – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, OCTOBER 16, AND OCTOBER 25, 2018. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE LATEST ON THE STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL. THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AGREED TO STEP IN AND HANDLE THE PROCESS OF REMOVING STORM DEBRIS FROM THE COUNTY AT NO COST TO TERRELL COUNTY. MR. GAMBLE STATED CALHOUN COUNTY WOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED DUMP SITES IN TERRELL COUNTY AT NO EXPENSE OR LIABILITY TO THE COUNTY. HE ALSO COMMENTED THE COUNTY'S BUDGET IS LOOKING GOOD FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FEMA) REPORT - ALEX MRAZIK, JR WHO REPRESENTS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) OF THE UNITES STATES HOMELAND SECURITY GAVE UPDATES ON THE WORK BEING DONE BY FEMA AND OTHERS IN THE COUNTY. THE CORPS WILL MAKE THREE PASSES THROUGH THE COUNTY WITH EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO REMOVE MOST ALL OF THE DEBRIS. FEMA HAS A RECOVERY CENTER SET UP AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX LOCATED ON ROUNTREE DRIVE AND IS OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK TO ASSIST RESIDENTS. HE EXPRESSED FEMA'S APPRECIATION TO WORK WITH BO HAMBY WHO

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IS SERVING AS TERRELL COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. MAYOR ED WADE OF THE CITY OF PARROTT GAVE HIS THANKS TO MR. MRAZIK AND BO HAMBY FOR HOW WELL BOTH AGENCIES RESPONDED AND TO CHARLENE FARMER OF THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE ON SENDING OUT VITAL INFORMATION AS IT WAS RECEIVED.

CLERK'S REPORT – THE OCTOBER 2018 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, THE VENDOR ACTIVITY, THE FUEL REPORT, AND THE JAIL COUNT WAS GIVEN BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911 REPORT – BO HAMBY READ THE EMS/911 REPORT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY SAVANNAH HUGHES.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018 WAS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF SETH MCALLISTER AND MARGARET HALBROOK.

WARDEN REPORT - WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN EXPECTED TO BE ON JOB NOVEMBER 13, 2018.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON REPORTED ON THE AMOUNT OF STORM CLEANUP PERFORMED BY THE ROAD CREWS. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON HOW WELL THEY MADE ADJUSTMENTS DURING AND AFTER THE STORM.

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

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – LINDA ANN SPILMAN REPORTED ON THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS. SHE STATED THE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTIES WERE POSTPONED BEING PLACED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER DUE TO THE STORM. SHE REPORTED LEVY LETTERS WERE GOING OUT IN THE MAIL THIS MONTH.

SHERIFF REPORT – SHERIFF BOWENS WAS PRESENT AND SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

OLD BUSINESS: UPDATE ON TAMMY LANE ROAD PROJECT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION PLAT FROM NASH ENGINEERING HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER. TITLE SEARCHES AND QUIT CLAIM DEEDS ARE NECESSARY FOR TWELVE (12) PARCELS LOCATED ON THIS ROAD TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR TAMMY LANE. A RESOLUTION FOR ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAYS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAYS FROM TWELVE (12) PROPERTY OWNERS ON TAMMY LANE. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

6:30 PUBLIC HEARING: CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED AT 6:30 P.M. DURING THE TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 955 FORRESTER DRIVE, DAWSON, GA. THE PURPOSE IS TO HEAR COMMENTS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH IS A REQUIRED CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES IN REGARDS AS TO HOW VARIOUS SERVICES AND OTHER THINGS ARE SHARED, AGREED UPON, AND PROVIDED. KIMBERLY BROOKS OF SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COMMISSION PRESENTED COPIES OF EXISTING PLAN. SHE GAVE INFORMATION ON THE PLAN THAT IS IN PLACE AND UNDER WHICH THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS. STEPHANIE HOLT OF THE SASSER COMMUNITY ASKED QUESTIONS ON

SPECIFIC STATED ACTIONS AND ASKED ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WHEN PLANNED ACTIONS ARE NOT ACCOMPLISHED. MRS. BROOKS STATED THE SHORT TERM WORK PLAN NEEDS TO BE UPDATED IN 2019. LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN MAKE CHANGES TO THE PLAN. THE DEADLINE FOR THE PLAN IS OCTOBER 31, 2019. MEETINGS WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES' REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE SCHEDULED IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS TO GO THROUGH THE PLAN. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S FIVE YEAR UPDATE WILL BE IN 2025. THE CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS ON THE TERRELL COUNTY WEBSITE.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF REPAIR INVOICE FROM YANCEY – AN INVOICE FROM YANCEY FOR \$8,081.90 TO REPAIR A MOTOR GRADER WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE FROM YANCEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,081.90 FOR REPAIR TO THE MOTOR GRADER. THE SECOND WAS GIVEN BY ERNEST JOHNSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – ROAD SUPERINTENDENT CHAD ROBERSON, KENNY DAVIS AND JAY HARRELL OF FLINT EQUIPMENT PRESENTED A PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE THREE PIECES OF ROAD EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS RECENTLY LEASED. EACH GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THEY THOUGHT THE COUNTY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE AGREEMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION, BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO TABLE WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AND SALARY – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE CHAD ROBERSON INTO THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AND PAY HIM A MONTHLY STIPEND OF \$1,000.00 FOR THE INCREASE OF DUTIES. THIS WILL NOT CREATE A CHANGE IN THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUDGET SINCE FORMER WARDEN MCCLUNG WAS PAID THIS SAME STIPEND AMOUNT BEFORE HE RELINQUISHED THE POSITION. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROBATE COURT AND JUDICIAL ALTERNATIVES— PROBATE JUDGE CAROL SPEIR SUBMITTED A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROBATE COURT AND JUDICIAL ALTERNATIVES OF ALBANY, GEORGIA FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROBATE COURT AND JUDICIAL ALTERNATIVES FOR PROBATION SERVICES. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION OF DARLENE PAUL FOR 40 YEARS SERVICE –CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED TAX ASSESSOR DARLENE PAUL WITH A CERTIFICATE AND A GIFT IN RECOGNITION OF HER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO TERRELL COUNTY.

POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH (PDY) ASSISTANCE WITH AIR CONDITIONER COSTS – HERBERT TOMLIN OF THE POSITIVE DIRECTION YOUTH PROGRAM PRESENTED AN INVOICE FROM ALBANY AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,049.00 FOR A NEW TRANE SEVEN TON UNIT THAT WAS INSTALLED AT THE PROPERTY OWNED BY TERRELL COUNTY. MR. TOMLIN STATED THAT PDY HAD ALREADY PAID \$5,000.00 OF THE COST. HE WAS ASKING THE COUNTY TO PAY

THE REMAINING BALANCE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE DUE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THAT SINCE THIS UNIT WAS FOR A COUNTY OWNED BUILDING, THE SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND (SPLOST) MAY BE USED TO PAY THE EXPENSE. THE BOARD WILL CHECK WITH INTERIM CLERK CHARLENE FARMER AS TO HOW THE SPLOST MONIES ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO PAY THE \$5,049.00 BALANCE DUE ON THE INVOICE FROM ALBANY AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING COMPANY BASED ON THE MONEY BEING AVAILABLE FROM SPLOST BUT IF SPLOST FUNDS CANNOT BE USED, FIND A WAY TO PAY THE BALANCE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FEMA) REPORT – THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO TOP OF THE AGENDA.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF USE OF ROOMS AT COURTHOUSE (ARMORY BUILDING) FOR STORAGE FOR EACH DEPARTMENT – OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX ON ROUNTREE DRIVE PRESENTED THEIR FORMER REQUEST TO HAVE STORAGE SPACE PROVIDED FOR ALL OF THEIR RECORDS AND FILES. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THAT FEMA IS CURRENTLY USING THE FORMER PROBATION OFFICE SPACES AND THIS SAME SPACE COULD BE USED IN THE FUTURE. THE OFFICIALS AGREED TO CONVERT THE LARGE ROOM IN THE BUILDING THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN USED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT CLERK OFFICE AS STORAGE AREA. THEY ASKED THAT FOUR (4) STORAGE AREAS EACH WITH ITS OWN DOOR AND LOCK BE CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO LEAVE A HALL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FOUR AREAS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO USE THE LARGE ROOM AREA OF THE BUILDING AND PARTITION STORAGE ROOMS FOR EACH OFFICE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF CLOSING OFFICES DURING HURRICANE MICHAEL AND PAID TIME FOR EMPLOYEES NOT BEING ABLE TO REPORT TO WORK – THE ELECTED OFFICIALS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS PAY FOR THE TIME THAT EMPLOYEES COULD NOT REPORT TO WORK DUE TO THE COUNTY OFFICES BEING CLOSED DURING THE DAYS OF THE RECENT HURRICANE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE CURRENT POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF COMPENSATION TIME FOR UNPAID ABSENCES. HE STATED THAT THE CHAIRMAN DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE POLICY. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT SOME EMPLOYEES DID ACTUALLY WORK DURING THE STORM DAYS. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE PAY FOR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD NOT WORK IN OFFICES CLOSED DUE TO STORM ISSUES AND COMPENSATION (COMP) TIME AND VACATION TIME THAT THEY USED BE GIVEN BACK. COMP TIME WILL BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES WHO ACTUALLY WORKED ON THE STORM DAYS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND AFTER NOTING THE BUDGET WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED AND THIS MOTION WOULD HELP EMPLOYEE MORALE. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, BRAD STAFFORD, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES AND TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEE ABSENCES FROM WORK DURING PERIODS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER AND OTHER EMERGENCIES – BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. JANICE BRYANT ASKED IF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS COULD BE GIVEN A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL. THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND EACH A COPY.

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ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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

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

DATE APPROVED: 12-4-18