

**MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Date: September 13, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Terrell County Governmental Building

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Vice Chairman Larron Copeland, Commissioners Ernest Johnson, Brad Stafford, Eddie Owens, Administrator Bill Sawyer, Clerk Sandra O'Stean, Kenna Pate

Others present: Bo Hamby, Seth McAllister, Laura Copeland, Glenn Westberry, Gary McNeely, Christopher Holet, Richard Kilby, Linda Freeman, Gail Faust, Margaret Halbrook, Shentoria Baisden, Re. Ezekiel Holley, Marc Thomas, Sandra Walker, Pat Bessey

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Chairman Gamble

Approval of Agenda: *Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the September 13, 2022 agenda. Eddie Owens gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Approval Minutes of August 2, 2022 regular meeting, August 22, 2022 special called meeting to adopt budget, and August 25, 2022 special called meeting to approve millage – Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the August 2, August 22, and August 25, 2022 minutes. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble introduced Mike Cheokas, State Representative candidate.

Clerk's Report: Bank statements, Vendor activity, Fuel report, Jail Count - Sandra O'Stean gave the reports for August, 2022.

EMS/911/EMA Report: Bo Hamby submitted a written report.

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook reported 4-H news and Seth McAllister gave crop updates.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawn O'Conner-Veazie reported on August activities of the Chamber.

Road Department Report: Bill Sawyer reported the work completed by the Road Department crews. Mrs. Pat Bessey addressed the Board regarding her concerns on Airstrip Road.

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby read the report for the Correctional Institute.

Fire Department: A written report was submitted by Chief Edward Harvey.

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Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'stean gave the August report on garbage billing and collections.

Sheriff's Report: A written report was submitted. Jail Administrator Sandra Walker asked for the status on an agreement with Southern Health Partners for health services to inmates. Administrator Bill Sawyer answered that the agreement with Southern Health Partners, to provide health and medical services to both the Correctional Institute and the Jail, will be renewed and the agreement will be signed.

Recreation Department Report: A written financial report was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax software for accessing tax info online – Bill Sawyer presented updates on the process for establishing tax records on line. The tax commissioner had signed a contract with Harris TBS. The goal of thirty days to have the records on the website was given to the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on audit of fiscal year 2021- Bill McDaniel presented copies of the audit for 2020-2021 and explained findings to the Board.

Bid opening for surplus unserviceable vehicles - Multiple bids on the surplus vehicles from six persons were received by sealed bids. Chairman Gamble opened the bids. ***Brad Stafford made the motion to have the staff assess all of the bids received and email the results to the Commissioners. High bid will be authorized for approval by the Board by e-mail response. Eddie Owens gave the second and motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Bid opening for property of 693 Pat Whatley Rd –One bid was received on the Pat Whatley property. ***Brad Stafford made the motion to accept the one bid of \$21,236.40 from Davis Atkins, Sr., for the property known as 693 Pat Whatley Rd, pending verification by the Commissioners' staff. Ernest Johnson gave the second and motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Bid opening for Propane Gas – Two bids were submitted for propane gas service to the County for the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. Driver Energies, LLC of Dawson, GA bid \$1.90 per gallon and Modern Gas of Albany, GA bid 1.779 per gallon. ***Brad Stafford made the motion to accept the bid of \$1.779 per gallon from Modern Gas. Eddie Owens gave the second and the motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Executive Session: *The Chairman asked for a motion to enter executive session. Ernest Johnson made the motion to leave regular meeting and enter into executive session. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Chairman Gamble called the regular meeting back to order.

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Larron Copeland made a motion to place the recreation department under the authority of the Board of Commissioners as a county department to be operated, staffed, and controlled by the Board beginning October 1, 2022 (new fiscal year). Ernest Johnson and Eddie Owens simultaneously gave the second to the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: Brad Stafford made the motion to adjourn meeting and Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted by: Sandra O'Stean
Sandra O'Stean County Clerk

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Bill Sawyer County Administrator