

MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
TIME: 2:00 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, LARRY FAUST, FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT, CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN

PRESENT: DARLENE PAUL, TAX ASSESSOR

CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE

PRAYER – COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY

APPROVE AGENDA – MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY BRAD STAFFORD AND THE SECOND WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED BUDGET MEETING – THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED BUDGET MEETING WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. LARRY FAUST GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LARRY FAUST, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2:00 P.M. - PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLISHED TAX DIGEST AND FIVE YEAR TAX LEVY HISTORY - ONLY THE TERRELL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR DARLENE PAUL WAS IN ATTENDANCE. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND NO COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: 2:30 P.M. - SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX COLLECTION FOR 2019 ADVALOREM TAXES, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO SET TAX LEVY FOR 2019, AND TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN GAMBLE TO SIGN RESOLUTION AND SANDRA O'STEAN, COUNTY CLERK AND COURTNEY deLAMBERT, COUNTY FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ATTEST THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE – COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ASKED THE CLERK ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT AUDIT WITHIN THE TAX DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY BILL MCDANIEL OF BROWN, MCDANIEL, AND LADSEN, LLC. SANDRA O'STEAN WILL CALL THE AUDITOR TO FOLLOW UP ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY AUDIT. THE AUDIT IS DUE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY OPENED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT PRACTICES OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER OFFICE. COMMISSIONER FAUST DISCUSSED IN PARTICULAR THE TIME OF PAYOUTS TO THE COUNTY OF REVENUES RECEIVED INTO THE TAX OFFICE. FINANCIAL OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT WAS ASKED TO CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GOVERNMENT (ACCG) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REGARDING A FORENSIC AUDIT AND TO PUT THIS ITEM ON THE OCTOBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA. THE BOARD ALL STATED THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP THE TAX COMMISSIONER PERFORM THE REQUIRED DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE AND TO HELP THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE PAY THE BILLS AND PAYROLL. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WILL ATTEMPT TO SPEAK TO SENATOR FREDDIE POWELL SIMS AGAIN ABOUT MOVING THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE TAX LEVY FOR 2019 FOR TERRELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR 13.50 MILLS AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 16.484 MILLS AND TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND HAVE COURTNEY deLAMBERT AND SANDRA O'STEAN ATTEST THE SAME. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LARRY FAUST. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN: LARRY FAUST MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LARRY FAUST, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. 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

DATE: 10-1-19