

**SUMMARY OF ACTION
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble

Prayer: Commissioner Lucius Holloway

Approval of Agenda: *Approved after making amendments to add under new business two items: (1) Appointment of members to the Joint Development Authority (2) Bank of Dawson's request to forgive penalty and interest on property in delinquent tax sale*

Approval Minutes of June 1, 2021 regular meeting: - *Approved*

Chairman's Report: Security Cameras at courthouse annex – *Approved purchase of 9 cameras at cost of \$5,710 to be paid from SPLOST funds*

Administrator's Report: Bank balances, Vendor Activity, CI bank accounts - Davina Driver read the bank balances and gave updates on the American Rescue Plan Grant that Terrell County recently received from the Federal Government. Ezekiel Holly questioned the use of the funds and presented documents that he said were directives from the President regarding access to funds by low-income communities. Mrs. Driver will be doing further research on the grant and guidelines of how the monies can be spent.

Clerk's Report: Fuel report, Jail Count - Sandra O'Stean

EMS/911/EMA Report: written report submitted

Extension Service Report: written report submitted

Road Department Report: written report submitted

Warden's Report: Richard Kilby reported Correction Institution activities – inmate count and negotiations for two additional out of town inmate work details

Fire Department: written report submitted

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'Stean

Summary of Action of July 6, 2021 regular meeting continued.....

Delinquent Tax Report: Christie Cooper reported on the July 6 delinquent ad valorem tax sale – Twenty-two (22) unsold parcels, 1.5 million collected since October 2020

Sheriff's Report: written report submitted

Recreation Department Report: written report submitted – Several issues of concern were discussed with two of the Recreation Board members who were in attendance– ***Commissioner Johnson offered to have talk with Director Wallace Price – The Recreation Board members were asked to bring recommendations for director of the recreation facility to the***

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchasing/leasing trucks for road department – ***Approved purchase of four (4) service trucks from Brannen Motor Company for a cost of \$131,100 for the Road Dept – Tabled purchase of a motor grader until August meeting***

Historical Courthouse - use of office space for Juvenile Justice System – ***Approved Juvenile Justice to rent space in the Historical Courthouse pending the Board approving Juvenile Justice's renovation plans – Juvenile Justice to pay cost of building offices - Tabled discussion of Historical Museum occupying space at Courthouse also – Chairman to find answer to the question of the Clerk of Court office having to relocate to the Historical Courthouse***

NEW BUSINESS:

Forgiveness property tax – new owner Kelly Brim Hollowell – ***Approved refund of one year of interest and penalties new owner paid on property prior to the tax sale – Approved***

Reappointment of members to Board of Elections and Registration – ***Approved reappointment of Nellie Parris, Frances Jett Jordan, and George Graham as members to the Board of Elections and Registration***

Approve signing updated speed limit ordinance submitted by GDOT – ***Approved speed limit ordinance and Chairman to sign same document on behalf of the Board of commissioners***

Request from City of Sasser for installation of overhead door at fire station – ***Denied payment toward the cost to replace the roll up door at the Sasser fire station unless a mentioned agreement between the City of Sasser and the Board of Commissioners can be produced by the City of Sasser***

Summary of Action of July 6, 2021 regular meeting continued.....

American Rescue Plan Grant – Previously discussed during Administrator’s report

Web Page for Terrell County Board of Commissioners – Chairman Gamble stated this matter had been resolved – Some discussion followed as to improvements to the website such as links for businesses to post job opportunities and making available the option to pay property taxes on line from the website – Commissioner Copeland questioned the tax commissioner if the phone lines to her office were working. Mrs. Harnage stated her phone system does not work properly and a new system is needed. The administrator was instructed to get a new phone system for the Tax Commissioner office.

Review budget proposals and set date for budget meetings – Budget hearing set for Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding improving Georgia Street in the Sasser area. Tabled to August Commissioners’ meeting

Joint Development Authority – Added to the agenda – ***Approved the appointment of Tracy Hester, Sandra Rowe, and John Bowen as members to the Joint Development Authority of Baker, Dougherty, Lee, and Terrell Counties***

Adjourn - Approved