

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III, VICE CHAIRMAN LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, COMMISSIONERS ERNEST JOHNSON AND BRAD STAFFORD, COUNTY CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN, FINANCE OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT, PAYROLL CLERK KENNA PATE, COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER,

OTHERS PRESENT: BO HAMBY, CAROL SPEIR, ROBERT L. WILLS, DAVINA DRIVER, JAMES DRIVER, LINDA FREEMAN, JANICE S. BRYANT, MARTHA ANN COE, LISA DeMOTT, DARLENE PAUL, LARRON COPELAND, RHONDA GORDON, J. M. JESSIE, JONELL BRAIN, MONTANA MACE, MOLLY MCMANUS, FREDDY GRIMSLEY, RIDGELY MU'MIN, PORSCHE BROWN

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER LUCIUS HOLLOWAY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED TO CHANGE THE AGENDA TO ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS A DISCUSSION REGARDING A MOTOR GRADER. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING UNDER NEW BUSINESS A DISCUSSION OF A MOTOR GRADER. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 17, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR BUDGET REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING -BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE COUNTY IS IN GOOD SHAPE IN REGARDS TO THE BUDGET AS THE FISCAL YEAR ENDS. THE COUNTY WILL NOT HAVE TO BORROW FUNDS TO COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – BANK BALANCES, VENDOR ACTIVITY - COURTNEY deLAMBERT PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

CLERK'S REPORT – FUEL REPORT, JAIL COUNT – CLERK SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE FUEL REPORT. THE JAIL REPORT WAS NOT AVAILABLE. SHE ALSO PRESENTED UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON THE 2020 CENSUS.

EMS/911/EMA REPORT – EMS DIRECTOR AND CORONER BO HAMBY ASKED THE BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT INMATES IN SOME MANNER FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SEVERAL RECENT DEATH SITUATIONS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO

ALLOW \$200 TO BE USED TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT INMATES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE CORONER. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD REPORTED HE WOULD MEET WITH A CONTRACTOR TO DISCUSS REPAIRING THE ROOF OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHAD ROBERSON GAVE A REPORT OF ROAD WORK PERFORMED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

WARDEN'S REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED. IN THE REPORT THE WARDEN REQUESTED TWO AIR CONDITIONERS FOR DORMITORY 5. THE BOARD DENIED THE AIR CONDITIONER REQUEST.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT – SANDRA O'STEAN PRESENTED THE SUMMARY OF GARBAGE ASSESSMENTS. SHE ASKED APPROVAL OF THE BOARD TO REMOVE FROM THE RECEIVABLES RECORDS \$23,081.04 WHICH IS THE TOTAL OF THE ACCOUNTS IN BANKRUPTCY STATUS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACCOUNTS FROM THE RECEIVABLES COLLECTION RECORDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,081.04. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

SHERIFF'S REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOT AVAILABLE

OLD BUSINESS:

HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE REPAIRS - NEW IMAGE ROOFING OF ATLANTA REPRESENTATIVES MONTANA MACE AND JONELL BRAIN ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING THEIR PROJECT TO REPAIR TO THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE AND EXPLAINED THE SITUATION WITH THE INSURANCE CLAIM. THERE IS STILL APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 TO \$400,000 WORTH OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED TO REPAIR THE BUILDING. OCTOBER 10, 2020 IS THE DEADLINE ON WHICH THE CLAIM WILL BE CLOSED OUT BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY. IT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. MACE AND MRS. BRAIN TO PROCEED WITH A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND OFFERED THE SERVICES OF THEIR COMPANY'S ATTORNEY AS WELL AS THEIR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED THE BOARD FOR A MOTION TO ALLOW COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER TO PROCEED WITH A LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOW COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER TO PROCEED WITH A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE INSURANCE COMPANY. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD EXPLAINED THE INCREASING COSTS TO THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE. HE MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD THAT THE SPOUSAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR INSURANCE BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY, TO SUSPEND IMMEDIATELY THE OFFERING OF A STIPEND TO NEW HIRES, TO LOWER THE STIPEND TO \$250 PER MONTH FOR EMPLOYEES 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER THAT ARE ON MEDICARE. THE INSURANCE THAT IS IN PLACE FOR GRANDFATHERED EMPLOYEES' SPOUSE AND FAMILY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021 AT WHICH TIME INSURANCE EXPIRES. IN THE NEXT RENEWAL OF INSURANCE, JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022, THE COUNTY WILL PAY ONLY 50% OF THE PREMIUM FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES' SPOUSE AND FAMILY. THEN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, JULY 2022- JUNE 2023, THE COUNTY WILL PAY 0% FOR INSURANCE FOR SPOUSE AND FAMILY. CLERK OF COURT JANICE BRYANT ASKED THE BOARD IF SHE WOULD RECEIVE BACK PAY FOR THE TIME HER HUSBAND WAS TAKEN OFF THE COUNTY INSURANCE AT THE ADVICE OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK AT THAT TIME. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED MRS. BRYANT THAT WHEN THE NEWLY HIRED COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TOOK OFFICE THE NEXT WEEK, SHE WOULD REVIEW MRS. BRYANT'S SITUATION REGARDING HER HUSBAND'S INSURANCE. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD STATED HE WOULD CONTACT INSURANCE BROKER MIKE PEARSON TO SEE IF HE COULD MAKE MORE REGULAR VISITS TO THE COUNTY TO TALK TO EMPLOYEES ABOUT INSURANCE CONCERNS. THE CURRENT HUMAN RESOURCE CLERK KENNA PATE ASKED THAT MR. PEARSON BE ASKED ALSO TO COME TO THE COUNTY AND TO CONDUCT MEETINGS WHERE HE COULD HELP EMPLOYEES BETTER UNDERSTAND MEDICARE. FINANCE OFFICER COURTNEY deLAMBERT REPORTED THAT AN APPLICATION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER GOVERNMENT (ACCG) FOR AN EMPLOYEE HEALTH GRANT. IF APPROVED THIS WILL HELP LOWER INSURANCE COSTS. BRAD STAFFORD MADE HIS RECOMMENDATION IN THE FORM OF A MOTION. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT RETIREMENT - CLERK OF COURT JANICE BRYANT REQUESTED A DECISION ON PAYMENT TOWARD HER RETIREMENT THAT CEASED IN 2009 WHEN SHE WAS ELECTED A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER OF THE STATE. SHE STATED \$21,070.63 WAS THE AMOUNT DUE TO HER RETIREMENT. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE REVIEWED THE ISSUE AND COULD LEGALLY ONLY PAY \$10,500. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE DISCUSSED HOW THE RETIREMENT IS PAID FROM THE CLERKS' AUTHORITY AND FROM FEES COLLECTED IN THE TERRELL SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE. THE MATTER WAS TABLED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCURATE FIGURES FROM 2009 FORWARD.

MACK DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS – CHAD ROBERSON PRESENTED AN ESTIMATE OF \$20,000 TO REPAIR THE MACK DUMP TRUCK. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRUCK BE PLACED IN JUNK. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD ADVISED THE BOARD THAT IN THE FUTURE A SINGLE AXLE TRUCK SHOULD BE PURCHASED. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO DECLINE THE REPAIRS TO THE MACK DUMP TRUCK. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RENEWAL OF HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS TO INMATES AT TERRELL COUNTY JAIL AND CORRECTION FACILITY – WARDEN GREGORY MCLAUGHLIN AND JAIL ADMINISTRATOR SANDRA WALKER RELAYED THE MESSAGE THAT THEY WERE BOTH SATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT HEALTH SERVICES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FACILITIES. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR INMATES AT THE COUNTY CORRECTION FACILITY AND THE COUNTY JAIL. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT ED COLLIER TO AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ED COLLIER TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE DATE ON CALENDAR TO SET MILLAGE RATE FOR 2020 TAXES – ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR A MEETING TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY AND TO SET THE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA CHANGE – CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ASKED TO ALLOW DISCUSSION ON THE STATE C.A.R.E.S PROGRAM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA AS A VOTE IS NEEDED AT THIS MEETING TO APPROVE HAZARD PAY TO FIRST RESPONDERS. THIS PAY CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE CARES ACT 2020. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PROPOSED THAT \$7,920 BE DISPERSED TO EMS AND EMT EMPLOYEES. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE HAZARD PAY OF \$7,920 TO BE PAID TO THE EMS AND EMT EMPLOYEES AND THIS BE SUBMITTED IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE C.A.R.E.S ACT 2020 FOR REIMBURSEMENT. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ON MOTOR GRADER – FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY HAD SUBMITTED A QUOTE FOR ANOTHER JOHN DEERE GRADER AS YANCEY COULD NOT DELIVER UNTIL NOVEMBER THE CATEPILLER GRADER TO BE LEASED THAT WAS VOTED ON EARLIER IN THE YEAR. ATTORNEY SKIPPER ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING IF AN AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT WITH YANCEY HAD BEEN MADE. THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO RETRIEVE THE DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE LEASE OF THE CATEPILLER GRADER. WHILE SHE WAS ABSENT, THE BOARD AGREED TO REQUEST BIDS FOR A MOTOR GRADER AND PRESENT THEM AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING. THE MATTER WAS TABLED.

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

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NOTE: THE CLERK RETURNED TO THE ROOM AND PRESENTED A SALES ORDER WITH YANCEY FOR THE CATEPILLER WHICH HAD BEEN VOTED ON FOR LEASE AT AN EARLIER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. THE SALES ORDER WAS SIGNED BY THE CLERK ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THIS INFORMATION VOIDED THE NEED TO REQUEST BIDS ON ANOTHER GRADER.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean
SANDRA O'STEAN COUNTY CLERK

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

DATE: October 6, 2020