

MINUTES
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting

Date: May 3, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Terrell County Government Building

Commissioners and staff present: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III, Ernest Johnson, Larron Copeland, Brad Stafford, Jimmy Skipper, Sandra O'Stean, Kenna Pate, Mechelle Flournoy

Others present: Bo Hamby, Linda Freeman, Gail Faust, Joe Bishop, Julie Hatcher, Seth McAllister, Eddie Owens, Rhonda Gordon, Lisa Oosterveen, Shawn O'Connoe-Veazie, Pat Bessey, Margaret Halbrook

Call to order: Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble, III

Prayer: Chairman Gamble

Approval of Agenda - Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the May 3, 2022 agenda. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried.

Approval Minutes of April 12, 2022 regular meeting – Brad Stafford made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Commissioners' meeting. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gamble announced Bill Sawyer began duties as County Administrator on April 18, 2022.

Clerk's Report: Bank statements, Vendor activity, Fuel report, Jail Count - Sandra O'Stean submitted written reports and read the reports for the month of April, 2022.

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

Extension Service Report: Margaret Halbrook and Seth McAllister submitted written reports and gave highlights of the 4-H and extension departments activities.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawn O'Conner-Veazie submitted a written report and gave highlights of Chamber activities. The chamber is seeking interns for the summer.

Road Department Report: Jason Webb submitted a written report.

Warden's Report: - Richard Kilby submitted a written report. He reported the damaged transport van had been repaired for less than the insurance claim payment and that a used van had been purchased through a bid to the Georgia Community Bank.

Fire Department: Edward Harvey submitted a written report.

Delinquent Garbage Report: Sandra O'stean read the summary of garbage billings and collections.

Delinquent Tax Report: Mandy Cooper had nothing to report for April, 2022.

Sheriff's Report: John Bowens – No report was submitted.

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Recreation Department Report: Not available

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Maintenance Improvement Grant 2023 – Road selections –Larron Copeland made a motion to overlay 1 ½ " of 2.9 miles of West Lee Street from City limits to Bear Bin Rd, with a section to be torn out and structural foundation work being done as the LMIG project for 2022. Ernest Johnson gave a second. Motion carried.

Approval of signature to resolution directing Board of Commissioners' staff to commence proceedings for abandonment of a section of Ernie Kennedy Road - Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the Chairman signing the Resolution to commence proceedings to close 0.3 mile section of Ernie Kennedy Road. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried.

Approval of signature to resolution directing Board of Commissioners' staff to commence proceedings for abandonment of sections of Jimmy Raines Road - Larron Copeland made the motion to approve the Chairman signing the Resolution to commence proceedings to close 1.7 miles , two sections, of Jimmy Raines Road. Ernest Johnson gave the second. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant availability information – Golden Triangle: Rhonda Gordon presented information on funding that is available through in house grants available to fifteen counties in Southwest Georgia. Various grants are for use in the community, fire safety, animal control, scholarship for 4-H and FFA. She reported that her organization has openings for a couple of summer intern programs. Mrs. Gordon also reported that the agency is looking into the purchase of a simulator for training on operating heavy equipment. Training is also available for road repair. Water sampling is available for free and the samples are run through the University of Georgia.

Aspire programs – Resolution May as Mental Health Month – Lisa Oosterveen, Deputy Director of Aspire, presented results of services that the Aspire program provides to Terrell County. Aspire presented a proclamation designating May as Mental Health Month and asked approval of the Board by having the Chairman sign the proclamation. Mrs. Oosterveen stated the Aspire program historically received annual funding of \$16,720 and this had stopped in June 2021. She asked on behalf of Aspire funding of \$17,000 annually from the Terrell County Board of Commissioners. ***Chairman Gamble asked that this request for funding be placed on the June agenda. Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve the chairman signing the proclamation of May as Mental Health month. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried.***

Approve appointment of Chief Frank Thornton as member to Terrell County Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) Board to replace Ann Bolton who is retiring - Ernest Johnson made the motion to approve Frank Thornton as appointment to serve on the DFACS Board. Larron Copeland gave the second. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Ernest Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Stafford gave the second. Motion carried.

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

Approved by: Wilbur T. Gamble III
Wilbur T. Gamble, III Chairman Terrell County Board of Commissioners

Date: June 7, 2022