

MINUTES OF  
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2018

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF PRESENT: CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III,  
VICE-CHAIRMAN CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD,  
ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER AND ASSISTANT SANDRA O'STEAN

PRESENT: BO HAMBY, BRAD FOSTER, FREDDY GANNON, GREG WELSH, GARY FREEMAN,  
CHAD ROBERSON, GAIL FAUST, SETH MCALLISTER, ALAN SANDERS, ANSLEY E. PIERCE, LIBBY  
PIERCE, FRANK J. WESTALL, MIKE GARRETT, JAN JONES, GARY MCNEELEY, LARRY HAGAN,  
CLIFT AND MARY BROWNER, ELIJAH JORDAN, ROBIN FINLAYSON, MARK GILL, B. J. VAN  
HORN, BECKI GALLAHAN, ROY DOWNS, PAUL RAKEL, TIFFANY BAGWELL, ROBERT  
LANGREDER, MATT BAGWELL, JIM BRINKLEY

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN WILBUR T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER – REVEREND LARRY HAGAN

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AMENDED TO ADD (1.) DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN  
SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION AND (2.) NEED TO REPLACE AIR  
CONDITIONER AT LEE STREET COURTHOUSE - ERNEST JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE AUGUST 7, 2018 AGENDA WITH THE AMENDMENTS OF (1.)DEPARTMENT OF  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION AND (2.) NEED  
TO REPLACE AIR CONDITIONER AT LEE STREET COURTHOUSE. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE  
SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY,  
CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 11, 2018 BUDGET  
REQUESTS MEETING, AND JULY 27, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET MEETING - BRAD  
STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2018 REGULAR  
MEETING, THE JULY 11, 2018 BUDGET REQUESTS MEETING, AND THE JULY 27, 2018 PUBLIC  
HEARING ON THE BUDGET. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE  
MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND CRIS WEBB.  
THE MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – NONE

CLERK'S REPORT – THE JULY 2018 BANK BALANCES & EXPENDITURES, VENDOR ACTIVITY, FUEL  
REPORT, AND JAIL COUNT WERE READ BY SANDRA O'STEAN.

EMS/911 REPORT – BO HAMBY READ THE EMS/911 REPORT FOR THE MONTH.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT - A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

EXTENSION SERVICE REPORT – A WRITTEN REPORT FOR 4-H WAS SUBMITTED BY MARGARET  
HALBROOK AND SETH MCALLISTER GAVE A REPORT ON EXTENSION ACTIVITIES.

WARDEN'S REPORT - BILLY MCCLUNG STATED THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT -- CHAD ROBERSON GAVE UPDATE ON ROAD DEPARTMENT WORK.

DELINQUENT GARBAGE REPORT -- SANDRA O'STEAN READ THE GARBAGE REPORT.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT -- A REPORT WAS GIVEN BY LINDA ANN SPILMAN. SHE NOTED THE FIRST PROPERTY TAX SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER 2018.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - NONE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT -- A WRITTEN REPORT WAS SUBMITTED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

BIDS FOR 2018 LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) --- PAUL RAKEL AWARD BID FOR 2018 LMIG - THREE BIDS AND ALL RELATED DETAILS FOR THE 2018 LMIG WAS PRESENTED BY PAUL RAKEL. REEVES CONSTRUCTION SUBMITTED THE LOWEST BID. BASED ON THE REVIEW OF ALL BIDS, MR. RAKEL'S RECOMMENDATION WAS TO AWARD THE BID TO REEVES CONSTRUCTION. HE NOTED THERE IS A SHORTFALL BETWEEN THE AVAILABLE MONIES FOR THE 2018 LMIG PROJECT AND THE COST TOTALS OF EACH BID. THE SHORTFALL COULD BE MADE UP BY USING SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUNDS (SPLOST) OR REDUCING THE SHORTFALL BY ELIMINATING A ROAD FROM THE LMIG LIST. THE TWO MOST LIKELY ROADS WOULD BE HOWARD LAY ROAD OR JOHN MARTIN ROAD. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD AS TO DELETING HOWARD LAY ROAD AND/OR JOHN MARTIN ROAD FROM THE LIST IN ORDER TO KEEP THE COST OF THE PROJECT WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF THE ALLOCATED FUNDS. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE LED A DISCUSSION ON AWARDING BIDS TO LOCAL COMPANIES BASED ON THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE BID PREFERENCE RULING IN PLACE BY THE COUNTY. BRAD STAFFORD MADE A MOTION TO AWARD JIM BOYD CONSTRUCTION THE BID AT A COST OF \$607,290.00 BASED UPON THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) PREFERENCE RULING. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND CRIS WEBB. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE MATTER OF REMOVING JOHN MARTIN ROAD FROM THE 2018 LMIG ROAD LIST WAS TABLED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WANTED TO LOOK INTO THE SPLOST ACCOUNT TO BE SURE ENOUGH FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE AND WILL REPORT THIS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. MR. RAKEL ANNOUNCED THE 2019 LMIG ALLOCATION FOR TERRELL COUNTY IS \$414,475.98 AND THE THIRTY PERCENT (30%) COUNTY MATCH FOR LMIG IS \$124,342.79 FOR A TOTAL OF \$538,818.77. HE RECOMMENDED THAT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING THE BOARD LOOK AT THE ROADS FOR THE 2019 LMIG.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SINGLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (T-SPLOST) REFERENDUM -- CHAIRMAN GAMBLE EXPLAINED THE REFERENDUM CALLING FOR A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES TAX TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTATION. HE STATED THE MONIES ARE TO BE USED TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN ROADS AND SAID THE CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY WERE IN FAVOR OF IT. COUNTY ATTORNEY JIMMY SKIPPER

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PRESENTED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS HE DRAFTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO PRESENT TO THE ELECTIONS BOARD IN ORDER TO PLACE THE REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLACING THE SINGLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (T-SPLOST) ON THE REFERENDUM FOR VOTE IN NOVEMBER 2018 AND TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. ATTORNEY SKIPPER EXPLAINED THE STATUTES REQUIRED FOR THE REFERENDUM TO GO INTO EFFECT. THE FIRST DOCUMENT TO ADOPT WAS THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION REFERENDUM TO IMPOSE A COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED. THE SECOND DOCUMENT WAS THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TERRELL COUNTY, GEORGIA, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DAWSON, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SASSER, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BRONWOOD, AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PARROTT, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT AMONG TERRELL COUNTY, THE CITY OF DAWSON, THE CITY OF SASSER, THE CITY OF BRONWOOD, AND THE CITY OF PARROTT CONCERNING A ONE PERCENT TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALE AND USE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY GEORGIA LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE: PROVIDED FOR THE RECISSION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE THIRD DOCUMENT FOR APPROVAL WAS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE 2019 TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (T-SPLOST) FOR TERRELL COUNTY, THE CITY OF DAWSON, THE CITY OF BRONWOOD, THE CITY OF PARROTT, AND THE CITY OF SASSER. THE MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITIES WITHIN TERRELL COUNTY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT CONCERNING THE T-SPLOST AND TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE 2019 T-SPLOST WAS MADE BY LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND SECONDED BY CRIS WEBB. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, CRIS WEBB, ERNEST JOHNSON, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ONSOLVE PRESENTATION OF CODE RED WARNING SYSTEMS - BECKI GALLAHAN OF ONSOLVE PRESENTED HANDOUTS AND EXPLAINED DETAILS OF THE CODE RED WARNING SYSTEM AND HOW IT WOULD BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF TERRELL COUNTY. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO ALLOW TIME TO READ THE MATERIAL. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND BRAD STAFFORD. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLEAN UP OF UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY ON SASSER-HEROD ROAD -- JOYCE ELLENBURG PRESENTED A REQUEST TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY ON SASSER HEROD ROAD CLEANED UP. MARTHA ANN COE REPORTED NO VIOLATIONS WITH THE COUNTY OR THE STATE HAD BEEN MADE. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD REPORTED HE HAD MADE A VISIT TO THE MENTIONED SITE AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD CLEANING UP THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY AND HAD ERECTED A NINE FOOT FENCE BETWEEN HIS LOT AND MRS. ELLENBURG. MR. STAFFORD OFFERED TO BE A LIAISON BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES. NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS ON BROOKSVILLE ROAD FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS (NO THRU TRUCKS, SPEED LIMIT, CHILDREN AT PLAY)- ALAN SANDERS CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO SUPPORT HIS REQUEST TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS ON BROOKSVILLE ROAD. HIS REQUEST INCLUDED POSTING SIGNS OF NO TRUCKS. HE STATED THIS ROAD IS UNSAFE FOR THE SIX CHILDREN WHO LIVE ON THIS ROAD AND THE ROAD IS NOT BUILT FOR CONSTANT USE BY HEAVY VEHICLES. THERE FOLLOWED MUCH DISCUSSION REGARDING PLACING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND HAVING THE LIMITS ENFORCED, PLACING SIGNS FOR NO THROUGH TRUCKS, STATING STATE LAWS CONCERNING SEMI TRUCKS USING STATE ROUTES FOR HAULING, AND THE RIGHTS OF BUSINESSES TO GET PRODUCTS FROM THE FARM TO THE MARKET USING THE CLOSEST PROXIMITY. MR. SANDERS ASKED IF A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH COULD BE SET BY THE COUNTY AND SIGNS AS SUCH BE PLACED ON BROOKSVILLE ROAD. CRIS WEBB STATED THIS WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT). THE CHAIRMAN AND BRAD STAFFORD WERE AGAINST POSTING NO TRUCKS SIGNS. LUCIUS HOLLOWAY AND CRIS WEBB WERE IN FAVOR OF THE NO TRUCKS SIGNS. COMMISSIONER STAFFORD SUGGESTED RESTRICTING THE SPEED LIMIT AND COMMISSIONER WEBB SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH DOT TO GET A COST TO DO SO. ATTORNEY SKIPPER WILL CHECK ON THE LAWS REGARDING THIS MATTER. ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM TERRELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD TO REAPPOINT MRS. DOROTHY COLEMAN AS MEMBER TO THE BOARD –

BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. DOROTHY COLEMAN TO THE TERRELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD. ERNEST JOHNSON GAVE THE SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE BRAD STAFFORD, ERNEST JOHNSON, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEED TO REPLACE AIR CONDITIONER AT LEE STREET COURTHOUSE – COMMISSIONER STAFFORD PRESENTED THE REASONS FOR THE NEED TO REPLACE AN AIR CONDITIONER UNIT AT THE LEE STREET COURTHOUSE. HE PRESENTED DETAILS OF TWO BIDS RECEIVED. LEESBURG AIR WAS THE LOW BIDDER BUT COULD NOT GET TO THE JOB RIGHT AWAY. GILL HEATING & COOLING WAS BARELY OUT OF THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) PREFERENCE RULE BY \$200.00. MR. GILL WAS PRESENT AND STATED HE COULD BEGIN THE WORK THE NEXT DAY AND COMPLETE IT BY MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 13, 2018. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE ADVISED THAT THE BOARD COULD AWARD THE BID BASED ON THE EMERGENCY SITUATION OF THE NEED TO THE HIGHER BID. BRAD STAFFORD MADE THE MOTION TO AWARD THE JOB TO GILL HEATING AND COOLING AT A COST OF \$15,050.00. CRIS WEBB GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE BID WERE BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, LUCIUS HOLLOWAY, AND ERNEST JOHNSON. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ERNEST JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE BID WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: Sandra O'Stean  
SANDRA O'STEAN ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

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

DATE: 9-4-18