

**MINUTES OF
TERRELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 23, 2017
WORKING SESSION**

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2017

TIME: 6:00 P M

PLACE: TERRELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING

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

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN W.T. GAMBLE, III

PRAYER - COMMISSIONER CRIS WEBB

AGENDA - A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH NO CHANGES WAS MADE BY ERNEST JOHNSON. BRAD STAFFORD GAVE A SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE ERNEST JOHNSON, BRAD STAFFORD, CRIS WEBB, AND LUCIUS HOLLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNTY ATTORNEY - THE BOARD DISCUSSED HIRING AN ATTORNEY ON THE SAME BASIS AS FORMER ATTORNEY ED COLLIER. CHAIRMAN GAMBLE WILL REQUEST A RESUME FROM JIMMY SKIPPER OF AMERICUS, GEORGIA TO REVIEW AT MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING.

VACANCY IN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE - THE BOARD WANTED THE OFFICE TO GO AHEAD AND GET THE PART TIME EMPLOYEE HIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO REACH OUT TO DAVE WILLS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA (ACCG) TO GET GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION ON A MANAGER FOR COUNTIES OF TERRELL COUNTY'S SIZE. THEY WILL ASK HIM TO COME TO MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS DEFICIT - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE PRESENTED COPIES OF THE EMS REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEARS 2013 TO CURRENT DATE OF 2017. THE DEFICIT FOR THIS TIME PERIOD WAS DISCUSSED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED COMPARING COSTS AND SERVICES FOR BOTH COUNTY MAINTAINED EMS AND PRIVATE COMPANY EMS.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE STATED HIS PLANS TO MEET WITH GOVERNOR DEAL AND PRESENT A PROPOSAL THAT HE HAD PUT TOGETHER TO POSSIBLY BRING REVENUE INTO SOUTHWEST GEORGIA AND TERRELL COUNTY. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO SUPPORT HIM.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS - A LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS WAS REVIEWED. THIS WAS TABLED TO THE MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING.

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SOLAR PANELS - CHAIRMAN GAMBLE REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM A COUPLE OF SOLAR COMPANIES. THESE COMPANIES ASKED FOR TAX ABATEMENT. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING NO ABATEMENT BE CONSIDERED VERSUS ALLOWING AN ABATEMENT OF 30% BUT NOT EXTEND THE PERIOD PAST 3 YEARS.

SHERIFF AND JAIL PHONE SYSTEM - COMMISSIONER BRAD STAFFORD REPORTED HE HAD REACHED OUT TO TWO COMPANIES FOR QUOTE ON REPLACING PHONE SYSTEM. ONLY NEOS WENT TO THE FACILITY TO ASSESS THE NEED. AFTER DISCUSSION ON FIBER SERVICE AND ANALOG SERVICE, VOICE OVERLAY, AND NUMBER PORTING, COMMISSIONER STAFFORD RECOMMENDED WINDSTREAM AND NEOS MEET WITH INTERIM CLERK TO GO OVER CURRENT BILLINGS AND EQUIPMENT IN PLACE. THIS BUSINESS WAS TABLED TO THE MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING.

COMMISSIONER CRIS WEBB ASKED ABOUT CHANGING THE DAY AND TIME OF THE FUTURE COMMISSIONER MEETINGS. THIS WAS TABLED TO THE MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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

APPROVED BY: W. T. Gamble III
W. T. GAMBLE, III
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 3-8-2017