**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Vice Chairman Vann Wooten, Commissioners; Brad Crews, James Benjamin, Attorney Andy Ramay, County Administrator Heather Scott, and County Clerk Jayme Crosby

Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Administrator Heather Scott gave the invocation. Chairman Vann Wooten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve April 12, 2022 Meeting Agenda

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried. All in Favor- Brad Crews, Vann Wooten & Ricky Crosby**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2022 and MARCH 24, 2022**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for March 8, 2022 and March 24, 2022

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried. All in Favor- Brad Crews, Vann Wooten & Ricky Crosby**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

**Motion:** To approve to pay monthly bills.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried. All in Favor- Brad Crews, Vann Wooten & Ricky Crosby**

**APPLICATIONS**

County Clerk presented the Commissioners with the information of individuals wanting to receive a pouring beer & wine License at 54 April Road Hazlehurst, GA 31539

**Motion:** To approve pouring beer and wine license

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**BIDS**

**Open bids for Destruction of EMS Building**- After a long discussion this matter was TABLED.

**Open Bids for Road Department Mower**

**Motion:** To approve lowest bid from Lasseter Tractor Company for the following two mowers: 2021 John Deere FC15M Flex Wing Rotary Cutter and John Deere FC10R Flex Wing Rotary Cutter.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion:** To appoint Stephanie Rush to the Library Board.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To appoint Ramona Stone to the Tourism Board.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To appoint Misty Boatright to the Tourism Board as long as she meets requirements.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**BUDGET**

Administrator Heather Scott shared with the Board that it was time to nominate two Commissioners to be on the upcoming Budget Committee to meet with Department Heads. A Motion was made by Commissioner Brad Crews to nominate Chairman Ricky Crosby and Commissioner Brad Crews to the Budget Committee.

**Motion:** To appoint Chairman Ricky Crosby and Commissioner Brad Crews to the Budget Committee.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried.**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Commissioner Vann Wooten stated that the Road Department needed to purchase a new Pull Blade.

**Motion:** To approve to get Bids for a new Pull Blade for the Road Department.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

County Administrator presented to the Commissioners about the financial status of the year. She stated we are at 81.9% of the complete budget. She also stated that the March SPLOST is $176,428.00. Mrs. Scott also shared with the Board that the BRAG (Bike Riders Across Georgia) will be coming in to town on June 9th, 2022 around 11:00AM. Also she stated that the County will be opening the Local Swimming Pool from 2:00pm-6:00pm for the riders. Scott also shared that the Chamber is holding its Annual Event on April 23, 2022 at 6:00pm. Also the Crime victims Ceremony will be on April 28, 2022 at 6:00pm and the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 5, 2022 at 12:00pm. Administrator Scott also shared that the JDA had requested for two Members of our Board to meet with them pertaining to the possible solar project.

**Motion:** To approve to allow the BRAG group to use the Big House building if it is legal to do so for the County.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjaimin

**Motion Carried.**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY J. ANDY RAMAY UPDATES**

Attorney And Ramay shared with the Board that we are in the process of Phase two of the new jail project. Ramay stated that he would suggest to engage the service of Raymond James & Associates, INC.

**Motion:** To approve to engage the services of Raymond James & Associates, INC.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**New Business-** Commissioner Vann Wooten made a recommendation to start the process of a road closure for Lovers Leap Road.

**Motion:** To start the road closure process of Lovers Leap Road.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**Old Business:** Commissioner Brad Crews made a Motionto allow Administrator Heather Scott to contact an Architect regarding the New EMS Building.

**Motion:** To allow Heather Scott to contact and Architect regarding the New EMS Building.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews  
**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

Personnel, Litigation, and Real estate was discussed no decision was made.

**Motion:** To enter back into Regular Meeting at 7:49 PM.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten  
**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews   
**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To approve the resignation of Recreation Department Director Bruce Johns

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To approve to advertise for a new Recreation Department Director.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To approve to appoint an Interim Recreation Department Director once the Director leaves.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

Personnel, Litigation, and Real estate was discussed no decision was made.

**Adjourn – 7:52 P.M.**

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Jayme Crosby, County Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

State of Georgia

County of Jeff Davis

Brad Crews, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, Georgia, being duly sworn, and states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

1.

The Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County met in a regular scheduled and duly advertised meeting held on the 12th day of April, 2022.

2.

During said meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

This executive session was called to order at 6:57 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Brad Crews and seconded by Commissioner Vann Wooten with all voting in favor.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matters within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

1) Consultation with the county attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the Board of Commissioners or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(1):

2) Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a Board of Commissioners officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3-(6).

5. This executive session ended at 7:49 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Vann Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Brad Crews, with all voting in favor.

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Sworn to and subscribed before

Me this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ricky Crosby, Chairman

Board of Commissioners

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: