**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CALLED MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Brad Crews, Commissioner Ricky Crosby, Commissioner Hank Hobbs, and Commissioner Vann Wooten, Attorney Andy Ramey, Administrator Oakley Perry, Clerk Heather Scott, and Deputy Clerk Chelsea Mabey

Chairman Brad Crews called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**DISCUSS ROAD DEPARTMENT/ROADS**

Chairman Crews asked if there were any road issues that needed to be discussed. Commissioner Crosby stated Larry Yarbrough wants the county to take Andyar Road back and start maintaining it. Chairman Crews asked to open the floor for discussion of accepting roads in whatever widths is chosen less than 80 foot. Commissioner Wooten made a motion to accept widths at a minimum of 40 foot. Chairman Crews stated if we accept a new road we need to make sure it is built to our specs. If it is a road that has been scraped before it could be grandfathered in, but if it’s a new road it needs to be built to our specifications. Chairman Crews stated to be able to have it build correctly with ditches it would at least need to be 60 feet. But there are subdivisions that are 40 foot. He stated if we accept the 40 foot road, we do not need to be scraping any road that does not have a county easement to it. The biggest issue is making sure it’s graded right, Chairman Crews stated if a school bus goes down it, and it needs to be right. Commissioner Hobbs stated that Chairman Crews brought up a good point. What if we separate between school bus routes and non-school bus routes and set a standard on that and that puts trails in another category. Attorney Ramey stated that could cause an issue, because routes change. Chairman Crews stated that before any road can be maintained it must be deeded easement to the county.

Commissioner Crosby asked Robert if Parlor Lane was maintained county road with easement, Robert stated no.

Chairman Crews asked if anyone would entertain a motion on newly constructed dirt roads going to homes, to be minimum 40 foot, deeded right of way, built to county specs, with all ditches and culverts.

Administrator Perry brought up Lilly Lane, it does have a deeded easement, but it’s not being maintained. Commissioner Crosby stated that the road has been taken off path to how it was deeded and some major work would need to be done to fix it. Chairman Crews stated someone years ago moved some mobile homes on this property deeded the road to the county, but it was never accepted by the county on Lilly Lane. Chairman Crews asked Robert to guess about what it would cost to fix this road and get it back to what it was originally, Robert stated around 25,000$ give or take.

Commissioner Hobbs brought up Brantley Road of how dangerous it is, due to beavers. He stated it was a classic example of something the County Road Department is not capable of handling alone.

**Proposed:** To accept Yarbrough Road (Andyar Road) with a deeded 40 foot easement

**Motion:** Chairman Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried**

**Proposed:** To accept any dirt roads going to homes, to be minimum 40 foot, deeded right of way, built to county specs, with all ditches and culverts**.**

**Motion:** Chairman Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**Proposed:** To table this process of Lilly Lane until further review

**Motion:** Chairman Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried**

**Proposed:** To amend the motion of any dirt roads going to homes, to be minimum 40 foot, deeded right of way, built to county specs, with all ditches and culverts, to include that roads across pond dams will not be accepted

**Motion:** Chairman Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried**

**Proposed:** To close Duncan Hand Road due to dangerous situation until an engineer can advise us how to fix it, if possible.

**Motion:** Chairman Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried**

**Proposed:** To accept a 60 foot road for any major county right of way and an 80 foot road we could request help from the state, other than that minimum of 40 foot for dirt roads.

**Motion:** Chairman Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion carried**

**Motion:** To enter back into Regular session at 7:05 p.m.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried**

Personal was discussed in Executive Session, no decision was made.

**Adjourn – 7:05 P.M.**

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Heather Scott, Clerk Brad Crews, 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 27th day of April, 2021.

2.

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

3.

This executive session was called to order at 6:52 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Ricky Crosby and seconded by Commissioner Hank Hobbs 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 of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4):

 3) 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).

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Sworn to and subscribed before

Me this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Brad Crews, Chairman

 Board of Commissioners

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: