**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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 Commissioner Wooten gave the invocation. Chairman Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

County Administrator Heather Scott made a recommendation to amend the February 15, 2022 Agenda. She recommended to change Ussery Lane to Ussery Road and to remove Jack Floyd from the Agenda due to sickness.

**Motion:** To approve to amend the Agenda for February 15, 2022 to change Ussery Lane to Ussery Road and to remove Jack Floyd from the Agenda due to sickness.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To approve February 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2022**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for January 11, 2022

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND BUDGET**

**Motion:** To approve to Amend the Library Budget.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Ricky Crosby shared with the Board that they needed to open sealed bids for the Netting Project for the Recreation Department. Administrator Heather Scott stated that the Netting Project would be paid for out of SPLOST Funds.

**Motion:** To accept the sealed bid from Burbank Nettings with the contingency that the quote is correct.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

Administrator Heather Scott stated that the Public Defender Contract needed to be back dated and signed.

**Motion:** To backdate Public Defender Contract and have it signed by the previous Chairman, Brad Crews.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS DFCS LEASE**

Attorney Andy Ramay shared with the Board that a letter of intent had been sent to the Commissioner’s Office from the DFCS office. It included a large list of items that needed to be repaired. Administrator Scott stated that she met with the head of the office and that majority of the items had been repaired. She also made a recommendation for the Commissioners to sign the new annual lease.

**Motion:** To sign the new annual DFCS lease.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Administrator Heather Scott shared with the Board that they needed to advertise for a new member for the Jeff Davis Tourism Board.

**Motion:** To advertise for a new member for the Tourism Board.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS USSERY ROAD**

Administrator Heather Scott stated that she had received a call to request to close Ussery Road. Mrs. Scott asked the Board if they would like to make a recommendation to start the process of closing Ussery Road.

**Motion:** To make a recommendation to start the process of closing Ussery Road.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS RELEASE FOR MCCALL ROAD**

Attorney Andy Ramay shared with the Board that there had been damage to the side of the road on McCall Road. He stated that McCarthy Building Companies, INC has asked if their company would pay $12,000.00 to Jeff Davis County that Jeff Davis County would not sue their company or bill them for any more additional fees. Commissioner Vann Wooten asked if the damage was to both sides of the road. Attorney Ramay stated that the damage is on both sides of the road. Ramay also made a recommendation to make a modification to the General Release from McCarthy Building Companies, INC to add a certain distance from the City of Denton sign to Bennett Farm Road.

**Motion:** To make a modification to add a certain distance from the City of Denton sign to Bennett Farm Road.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**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 68% of the complete budget. She also shared that the January SPLOST is at $198,710.67. Mrs. Scott spoke about the issue of needing to repair or replace some of the County’s trash cans. She stated that Eddie Bush with the Road Department thinks it will be more cost saving to repair cans in house. Mr. Bush is getting some prices on metal and what it would cost to fix in-house. She also shared that the Sheriff Preston Bohannon has asked that a new bank account be opened for the Trust money given for the Jail. The account would be named “Contributions for New Jail.”

**Motion:** To make a Motion to open a new bank account being named “Contributions for New Jail.”

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

New Business: Administrator Heather Scott shared that there are two abandoned mobile homes located at Pecan Park. The owner requested information as to how to handle this issue. Mrs. Scott is in the process of gathering this information.

New Business: Commissioner Brad Crews stated that while sitting in the Chairman seat that he was unable to see the American Flag. He requested that an additional flag be added to the front of the board meeting table.

New Business: Commissioner Brad Crews also reminded the board that underpinning is required on mobile homes in Jeff Davis County. He asked for the Tax Assessor’s office to check on this issue.

Old Business: Chairman Ricky Crosby asked what the status on the burnt EMS building was. Commissioner Brad Crews said that they needed to start building a new building soon and to decide on where to build it as well.

**Motion:** To make a Motion to rebuild the Jeff Davis EMS building in the general location of the same site.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** To make a Motion to accept bids for the removal of the old EMS building.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 6:45 PM.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To enter back into Regular Meeting at 6:54 PM.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten  
**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin   
**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion:** To approve to hire Accounts Payable Clerk.  
**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews  
**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten  
**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To approve to hire two employees for Road Department.  
**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews  
**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten  
**Motion Carried**

**Adjourn – 6:55 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 15th day of February, 2022.

2.

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

3.

This executive session was called to order at 6:45 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 6:54 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Vann Wooten and seconded by Commissioner James Benjamin, 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: