**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CALLED MEETING**

**JANUARY 30, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Commissioners James Benjamin, Brad Crews, Hank Hobbs and Vann Wooten, Attorney Carla Powell and Clerk Sherri Lytle. Administrator Keith Carter was not present due to doctor’s appointment.

Chairman Ricky Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and stated the purpose of this called meeting is to approve/deny contract for a state grant to replace fence on ballfields and build a concession stand and to approve a proclamation in appreciation for the Kiwanis Club.

**APPROVE/DENY CONTRACT FOR A STATE GRANT TO REPLACE RENCE ON BALLFIELDS AND BUILD A CONCESSION STAND**

**Motion:** To approve contract for a state grant to replace fence on ballfields and build a concession stand.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVE A PROCLMATION IN APPRECIATION FOR THE KIWANIS CLUB**

**Motion:** To approve a Proclamation in appreciation for the Kiwanis Club.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried**

Proclamation reads as follows:

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*Jeff Davis County*

*Board of Commissioners*

In Appreciation of The Kiwanis Club of Jeff Davis County

**Whereas:** The purpose of Kiwanis International is to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide; and

**Whereas:** Through Service Leadership Programs such as Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builder’s Clubs, and K Kids, Kiwanis International strives to engage adults and youth throughout the world to engage in a more committed and comprehensive community service; and

**Whereas:** The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International approved at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado have remained unchanged as follows:

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life;
2. To Encourage daily living of the Golden Rule in all relationships;
3. To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional relationships;
4. To develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship;
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities;
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill; and

**Whereas:** Jeff Davis County has enjoyed the creation of this Kiwanis club through the efforts of its excited, energetic and service-minded members and with the support of Division 17 clubs and members, the Georgia District of Kiwanis and Kiwanis International; and

**Whereas:** The Kiwanis Club of Jeff Davis County was duly and legally chartered on September 28, 2018 under the rules and governance according to Kiwanis International Bylaws, Policies and Procedures;

Now, therefore, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County and its citizens, I, Ricky Crosby, Chairman, do hereby declare February 2019 as The Kiwanis Club of Jeff Davis County Month in Jeff Davis County and applaud its members for their contributions to the entire community and surrounding region.

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

(County Seal)

**Adjourn – 3:54 p.m.**

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Sherri Lytle, Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman

**JOINT CALLED MEETING**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**JANUARY 30, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Commissioners James Benjamin, Brad Crews, Hank Hobbs and Vann Wooten; Board of Assessors Chairman David DeSousa, members Tim Cain, Claud Cobb, Karen Rentz and Chester Yawn. Christy Reese, GMASS Representative was also present.

GMASS Representative Christy Reese explained the services they provide as stated in their contract with the county. She said “GMASS has performed services since 2006. They build and verify parcels, update photos every first and second year. Every third year they redo pricing on property. Jeff Davis County is current. By hiring GMASS eliminates hiring more employees.” GMASS also assist with the Board of Equalization on appeals.

Commissioner Brad Crews encourages GMASS to look at every piece of property and value.

Board of Assessor Chairman David DeSousa asked the Commissioners about amending their budget due to the cost of the two new board members and training they will be required to take, Tax Revaluation with GMASS and the salary increases for the office staff that passed the level of certification.

Commissioner Brad Crews explained that during the budget meetings Administrator Keith Carter told every department excluding the Road Department that there would be no raises this year.

After much discussion, Commissioner James Benjamin made a motion to amend the budget to cover the cost of the two new board members including training, GMASS Tax Revaluation and the salary increases for Chief Appraiser Kathy Yawn that passed the Level IV and Level I Heather Merritt that passed the level II certification. There was no second, motion failed.

**Motion:** To pay the bills for two new board members including training and GMASS Tax Revaluation and the commissioners will discuss raises at their next regular meeting.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Van Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried 4 – 1** (Commissioner James Benjamin opposed)

Mr. DeSousa stated “in the future if the administrator and commissioners decide not to give raises, to convey the information to our board”.

**ADJOURN 5:01 P.M.**

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Sherri Lytle, Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman