**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

Chairman Crews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Benjamin gave the invocation. Commissioner Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSS CHAIRMAN**

**Motion:** To re-appoint Brad Crews as Chairman for a year term

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:**

**Motion Failed.**

**Motion:** To appoint Ricky Crosby as Chairman for a year term

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried. 3-2 Commissioner Brad Crews and Commissioner Hank Hobbs Opposed**

**DISCUSS VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**Motion:** To appoint Vann Wooten as Vice Chairman for a year term

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve January 11, 2022 Meeting Agenda

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 14, 2021**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for December 14, 2021

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**REAPPOINT OF E-OFFICIO OF BOARDS**

Administrator Heather Scott made a recommendation to re-appoint the E-Officio to the following Boards; Health Department Board, Hospital Board, Recreation Board, JDA Board, Tri County Board and Library Board.

**Motion:** To re-appoint the following Commissioners to the following boards: Health Department-Ricky Crosby, Hospital Board- Brad Crews, Recreation Board- Brad Crews, JDA Board-Hank Hobbs, Tri County Board- Vann Wooten and Library Board- Ricky Crosby.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS FAIRGROUND PROPERTY**

Attorney Andy Ramay shared with the Board that a motion needed to be made to deed the 2.744 acres at the Jeff Davis Fairgrounds to the Jeff Davis County Board of Education. Commissioner Brad Crews shares that there needs to be an agreement about the fence and gate as well. Commissioner James Benjamin also added that the Jeff Davis County is deeding the property as a gift there forth if the Board of Education decides to sale the property that it must be gifted back to the County.

**Motion:** To deed 2.744 acres of the Jeff Davis County Fairgrounds to the Jeff Davis Board of Education with a section that they put a gate at the corner of the property on Kirkland Still Road.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS COVID POILCY**

Administrator Heather Scott shared with the Board that there is no more CARES Act funds available to cover Covid absences. She recommended going back to employees using PTO/Sick leave if out with Covid or any other sickness.

**Motion:** To eliminate the current Covid Policy and to have employees use PTO/Sick leave if out with Covid or any sickness as of January 1, 2022.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS LIBRARY**

Administrator Heather Scott shared with the Board that the Library Boards budget had been cut during the last budge. She also states that the Library relies on these funds to stay open and the State would cut their fund and the Library would have to close.

**Motion:** To find the requested funds to keep the Library open.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS EMS VEHICLES**

Administrator Heather Scott stated that at the September 14, 2021 meeting that a Motion was made to either continue the lease or purchase the new transit van for EMS. She shared that the purchase price would be $68,195.00. Commissioner Ricky Crosby asked when the new ambulance would be in. Commissioner Vann Wooten stated the new ambulance would be here in May 2022.

**Motion:** To purchase a transit van at the cost of $68,195.00.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Eddie Bush presented updates to the Board. He stated that all was going well and that there was a small storm but that all that has been taken care of.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

County Administrator presented to the Commissioners about the financial status of the year. She stated we are at 57.1% of the complete budget. She also shared that the December SPLOST is at $193,741.44. Mrs. Scott then shared that she had reached out to Sherriff Preston Bohannon to help find a truck for the Road Department. The Sherriff stated that he would look for a government deal.

**Motion:** To purchase a truck for the Road Department not to exceed $50,000.00.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Scott spoke about that the City would like to have a workshop with the County to discuss Hotel/Motel Taxes. Commissioners asked who on the council was willing to meet. She stated that she would get more information and return back with them. Administrator Scott presented to the Board that she and County Clerk Jayme Crosby would be attending Mandated Clerk Training during the time of the next Regular Commissioners meeting in February. She ask would the Board like to reschedule the next Regular Meeting to allow them to both be present.

**Motion:** To move the next monthly scheduled meeting from February 8, 2022 to February 15, 2022 due to Mandated Clerk Training.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

County Attorney Andy Ramay presented updates to the Board. He spoke on the Board of Education Plan. Commissioner Ricky Crosby asked if Mr. Ramay could send out another 45 day letter to the mobile home owner who had not started process on the remolding. Commissioner Crosby also asked him to find out the name of the individual who paid the taxes and check to see if we had an updated address for the owner.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Old Business: Commissioner Brad Crews asked for an update on the Old EMS building. Commissioner James Benjamin stated that they need to find someone to remove the burnt building.

New Business: Commissioner Crews also asked Administrator Scott to keep the Board updated on all the county expenditures.

Old Business: Commissioner Hobbs asked if there had been any movement on the Burketts Ferry project.

Old Business: Sherriff Preston Bohannon gave an update on the new Jail. He shared with the Board that everything was on track and overall about where it needs to be.

**Adjourn – 6:42 P.M.**

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Jayme Crosby, County Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman