**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Brad Crews, Vice Chairman Hank Hobbs, Ricky Crosby, James Benjamin and Vann Wooten, Attorney Andy Ramey, Administrator Oakley Perry and Clerk Heather Scott

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David DeSousa spoke on the road department. He asked if it was ever discussed to contract work out for the Road Department instead of hiring another Superintendent. The Commissioners stated that contracting had been discussed but no decisions were made. He also asked about the Cares Act Fund and asked if we received the new money, the commissioners stated we had received partial payment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 8TH 2021, JUNE 15TH 2021 AND JUNE 29TH 2021**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for June 8, 2021, June 15, 2021, and June 29, 2021

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried.**

**GEORGIA INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES AGREEMENT-APPROVE/DENY TO SIGN FOR YEARLY CONTRACT**

**Motion:** To approve the yearly agreement for the Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**BURKETTS FERRY LANDING-DISCUSS LEASE AND RESOLUTION**

Administrator Perry presented to the commissioners what DNR would like to have done at Burkett’s Ferry Landing. Chairman Crews and Vice Chairman Hobbs would like a proposal for this and maintenance before moving forward with anything.

**Motion:** To table the discussion of Burkett’s Ferry Landing Lease and Resolution

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**DISCUSS DNR GRANT FOR TOWNS BLUFF TRAILS**

Administrator Perry presented the Commissioners with information on DNR grants for roads. He asked to allow the regional commission to move forward with writing the starting the process of writing the grant.

**Motion:** To allow the regional commission to move forward with writing the starting the process of writing the grant.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried**

**EMS UPDATE-ROGER OGILVIE**

EMS Director Roger Ogilvie updated the Commissioners on events since January 2021 to present. Mr. Ogilvie spoke on staffing, equipment, and different needs EMS needs since the fire. He also gave an update on the ordered ambulances. Chairman Crews stated he thought it had already been voted on, but to be on the safe side he wanted to vote on purchasing 2 Lucas machines and 2 cardiac machines for EMS.

**Motion:** To approve to buy two Lucas and two cardiac machines for EMS

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried**

**ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE-OAKLEY PERRY**

County Administrator Perry went over financial reports for the county. County Administrator stated that an ATV was purchased from Ocmulgee Outdoors, for $9,300.00.

**ATTORNEY UPDATE-ANDY RAMEY**

County Attorney updated commissioners on road closures and where we are with the process of closing roads. He stated he has sent two letters to the lady on River Run Road with no response, Ussery Lane is the road County Clerk and Chief Deputy are working on addresses, Leslie Road has been tabled until more information is gathered, and Valley Road the Commissioners are wanting to see who owns both sides of the road.

Trash update-Attorney Ramey stated the trash had been removed from Mr. Kings property. Mr. King applied for a permit with the EPD and the EPD states he has been very responsive and in the process of getting the right permits.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-FAIRGROUND BUILDING NAME POLICY**

Commissioner Benjamin brought up renaming the Fairground Building in memory of BH Claxton since he was very involved. The Fairgrounds as a whole would still be the Jeff Davis County Fairgrounds, he is asking about the building.The commissioners asked that we table this discussion until we see a policy on renaming.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**New Business: County Clerk Scott reminded the Commissoners of the ground breaking for the new jail will be held on July 15th 2021 at 5:00 PM

Administrator Perry asked if we could lower all county flags to half mass in memory of Officer Kirby

Old Business: Tax Commissioner Susie Kersey talked on the tax sale and mobile homes that someone would possibly like to buy, the question is, what is the deadline to move the mobile homes once purchased at the sale? Commissioner Crews stated to let’s see who actually buys the mobile homes and then move forward from there.

**Adjourn – 7:07 P.M.**

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Heather Scott, Clerk Brad Crews, Chairman