**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Vice Chairman Vann Wooten, Commissioners; Brad Crews, James Benjamin, Hank Hobbs, 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 Administrator Heather Scott gave the invocation. Chairman Ricky Crosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve March 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR February 15, 2022 and February 22, 2022**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for February 15, 2022 and February 22, 2022

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

Keith Higgins from the DA office spoke on National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 24th – 30th and asked to declare this as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and put a display in the court house to honor those victims.

**Motion:** To declare April 24th-30 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**ALTAMAHA RIVER BLUES JAZZ & BBQ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Tom Swain and Dr. Joel Johnson shared with the board their thoughts and ideas for an upcoming River and Blues Jazz & Heritage Festival. They stated that they would like to hold the Festival at the Towns Bluff Center possible around late summer. After their presentation no Motions were made.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Administrator Heather Scott shared with the Board that they needed to advertise for three new members for the Jeff Davis Recreation Department Board.

**Motion:** To advertise for three new members for the Jeff Davis Recreation Department Board.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Motion Carried.**

Administrator Scott shared with the Board that two Recreation Department Board Members would like to be re-appointed to the Board.

**Motion:** To re-appoint Laura Laney and Brenda Reynolds to the Jeff Davis Recreation Department Board.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**EMS –DIRECTOR EDWIN WILLIAMS**

Director Edwin Williams shared with the Board that the projected date for the new ambulance to be completed would be May 20. Commissioner Crews asked Williams if he had looked over the plans that had been drawn up for the new EMS Building. Williams stated that he was good with the plans. Crews shared that the new building will hold 4 ambulance and also house the Coroner van.

**Motion:** to proceed on with the plans for the new EMS Building.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMA CHARLES WASDIN**

Chief Wasdin shared with the Board that his department was in need of new breathing tanks. He also stated that he had two quotes for the Commissioners to review.

**Motion:** to accept the lowest bid from American Safety & Firehouse LLC

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

County Administrator presented to the Commissioners about the financial status of the year. She stated we are at 74.1% of the complete budget. She also shared that the February SPLOST is at $184,181.12. Mrs. Scott also stated that there was $57,153.83 left in the Striping Grant that leaves either striping 3.7 miles in each district or adding 10 sets of rumble strips in each district. She also shared that ACCG will be holding a Workshop training on March 24, 2022 at 5:00pm for all Commissioners.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY J. ANDY RAMAY UPDATES**

Attorney And Ramay shared with the Board that he had found another address for the owner of the Mobile Home that needed to be repaired. He stated that after sending two certified letters that both letters had been returned to his office. Commissioner Crews asked how long owners had to place under pinning under mobile homes once they were moved. Ramay stated that the owners have 45 days to place under pinning.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

New Business: Chairman Brad Crews shared that he had an individual that wanted to give a quote for picking up trash in the ditches of the dirt roads.

New Business: Commissioner Vann Wooten shared that the County Agent is in need of a new vehicle. Wooten also asked if the vehicle could be paid out of SPLOST.

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 Brad Crews shared that he would still like a response from the Jeff Davis Board of Education in regards to school taxes for Senior Citizens.

Old Business: Commissioner Brad Crews recommend giving McDonald Construction to make plans and let local contractors issue bids.

**Motion**: to TABLE until next meeting to haveMcDonald Construction to make plans and let local contractors issue bids.

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To enter back into Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

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

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

**Adjourn – 7:55 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 8th day of March, 2022.

2.

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

3.

This executive session was called to order at 7:22 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 7:51 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Vann Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Brad Crews, 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: