**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 12, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Ricky Crosby, Vice Chairman Vann Wooten, Commissioners James Benjamin, Brad Crews, and Hank Hobbs, Attorney Carla Powell, Clerk Heather Freeman, and HR Rep. Hannah Day.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donald Bromfield was present to speak on the Percy Miller Road washouts. He stated the washouts and trenches have gotten worse since November 2019, and the road has not been built up. He could not ride his motorcycles or bring his trailer down the road. Commissioner Crosby explained there would be dirt hauled in. Donald also spoke on tax increase, he stated he is retired and on minimum social security and cannot afford the increase. Mr. Bromfield stated he petitioned it a little while back and it come down a little but not much.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 14TH MEETING**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for April 14th 2020 Meeting.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

**Motion:** Approve to pay monthly bills.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried**

**J.D.A BOARD REMOVAL OF GREER SMITH**

**Motion:** Remove Greer Smith from J.D.A Board

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**J.D.A. DIRECTOR ANDREA TAYLOR DISCUSS ENVIROMENTAL BUILDING**

Andrea Taylor stated the Environmental Building on Douglas Hwy butts up to the J.D.A Property, she asked last month if the Commissioners would consider turning the building over to the J.D.A. Also, a handout was given of an aerial layout of an existing industry that is interested in leasing the building and using it for offices. Carla found the county had a lease with the community of health that expired in 2011, right now the building is not being used. She asked the commissioners if they are considering the land clearing, she has crews that have already cut trees on their property and they are going to start clearing it and if the commissioners would allow the strip of trees to be cleared that would interfere with a future project. Commissioner Crews asked what was being paid for the project, Ms. Taylor stated she has a contract with Ragland Timber. She stated before they come and clear, she would like to get Ragland Timber to remove the strip of trees and have it all cleared at one time. Commissioner Crosby asked for a motion. Carla stated the commissioners would have to deed it to her, she stated she could not contract it out if the deed is in their name. Carla stated either the Board has to cut it themselves or deed it to her. The commissioners stated Andrea Taylor could oversee the bidding and the Board would sign the contract once reviewed.

**Motion:** To authorize Andrea Taylor contact Ragland Timber for a bid for land clearing on the Environmental property.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**COURTHOUSE CLEANING SERVICES**

Two bids were submitted for the courthouse cleaning services. One from All Clean in Vidalia, GA, they deep cleaned the courthouse. They bided 3 days a week with two techs for $720.00 or 5 days a week with one tech for $600.00. Second quote was from Conway Solutions in Vidalia, GA, they bided one day, biweekly with Conway Solutions providing supplies for $1000.00. Commissioner Hobbs asked if they come in and looked at the area to be cleaned. All Clean had come and looked at the area, Conway Solutions has not. Ms. Whilamae did not submit a quote. Commissioner Benjamin asked why a janitor couldn’t be hired. Commissioner Crosby stated that could be considered, but All Clean also provided all supplies, workman’s comp, and insurance for the employees. Commissioner Benjamin stated he would like to give someone a job.

**Motion:** To have All Clean send one person to come in for 5 days a week for $600.00 on a 90 Day trial.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**SILICON RANCH CORP. 25FT EASEMENT UNDERNEATH ARCHIE MILLER ROAD**

**Motion:** To allow the 25 foot Easement with the condition that Silicon Ranch repairs the road to GDOT standards.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried**

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:18 p.m.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion carried with no discussion.**

**Motion:** To enter back into Regular session at 6:33 p.m.

**Proposed:** Chairman Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried**

During Executive Session, the Board discussed personnel but took no action.

**Adjourn – 6:35 P.M.**

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Heather Freeman, Clerk Ricky Crosby, Chairman

**CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT**

State of Georgia

County of Jeff Davis

Ricky Crosby, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Jeff Davis County, Georgia, being duly sworn, 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 10th day of March, 2020.

2.

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

3.

This executive session was called to order at 6:57 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Hank Hobbs and seconded by Commissioner Brad Crews 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 of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4):

✓ 3) 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).

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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: