**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Brad Crews, Commissioners Ricky Crosby, James Benjamin and Vann Wooten, Attorney Andy Ramay, and County 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**

Citizen, Roland Reed stood and spoke on 150 Kornegay Road, he stated his mom lived there for years before her recent passing and she had hoped that they would have seen the road finish being paved. They paved close to it years ago and stopped short of Tallahassee Road and he asked the Commissioners to consider finish paving that road.

Citizen, Rhonda Walsh spoke on Ralph Womack Road. This is a road traveled by a lot of people and the pot holes are awful. There is gravel laying on the side of the road and it could be dangerous.

No further public comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve October 12, 2021 Called Meeting Agenda

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH AND SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021**

**Motion:** To approve minutes for September 14th, 2021 and September 30th, 2021

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS ROAD EQUIPMENT**

Interim Superintendent Eddie Bush presented to the Commissioners about needing something to pull the low boy. He stated until they find one, they will put a hitch on the army truck and pull with that. Mr. Bush presented the Commissioners with a list to auction off and put on Gov Deals. He also talked about the graders and what was needed to service and fix the current graders.

Next, Mr. Bush brought up a Big Truck that was found at the auction and asked if they could bid on it. Commissioner Benjamin asked if the truck was worth it and if they would be coming back in five years for a new truck. Eddie stated he felt it was a good truck and worth it.

**Motion:** To bid up to $65,000 on truck if worth it.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:**

**Motion Failed.**

**Motion:** To approve to buy big truck weather at auction or dealer for up to $80,000 if meets all requirements.

**Proposed:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Wooten brought up trading in the grader, and asked Mr. Bush if he thought they should. Mr. Bush stated he would like to trade in the 2011 grader.

Commissioner Wooten stated that he found a side cutter identical to the one they have at the road department and would like to purchase. Commissioner Crosby asked that we demo both graders and if they agree to side cutter before fully purchasing.

**Motion:** To buy used side cutter up to $135,000 for road department.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs.

**Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSS TRASH PICKUP SOLUTIONS**

Commissioner Hobbs stated he spoke with Mr. King and he seemed to be happy with solutions. Commissioner Wooten stated he spoke with Mr. King as well and he gave him a different story.

**Motion:** To allow Mr. King to dump at County sites for no charge.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

Discussion: Chairman Crews stated this opens up all doors for anyone who wants to start a business to dump when they want where they want.

Commissioner Wooten rescinded the motion.

Chairman Crews stated to let the County decide

 **Motion:** To put county wide trash pickup on referendum to allow the county to vote.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

**UPDATE FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Tina Robinette spoke on the Recreation Department, as Director Bruce Johns could not attend. She stated football/cheer was in full swing and basketball signups are about to start. There are no projects going on at this time.

**UPDATE FROM JDA**

New JDA/Chamber CEO Mrs. Laura Bloom attended to introduce herself for the first time to the Commissioners. Chairman Crews welcomed her and wished her success.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

County Attorney Andy Ramay presented updates to the Board. He spoke on Burkett’s Ferry Project and the steps that was being taken to continue to start this project. He also spoke on the closing for the new EMA building.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

New Business: EMS Director Roger Oglvie spoke on his retirement notice. He thanked the Commissioners for many great years with the County. He asked the consider getting an EMS building as quickly as possible

**Motion:** To advertise for new EMS Director, run until filled.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs

**Motion Carried.**

New Business: The Learning Center is needing some lights on the outside of the building.

Commissioner Hobbs stated he would take on this project.

New Business: The Senior Center needed numerous projects looked at, and one that they were promised if they purchased the paint, the County would provide labor and materials.

Commissioner Crosby stated he would take on these projects.

New Business: Commissioner Crosby requested to start the process to close the remaining portion of Hugh McDaniel Road.

**Motion:** To start the process to close the remaining portion of Hugh McDaniel Road.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner James Benjamin

**Motion Carried. 4-1 Chairman Crews Abstained.**

New Business: Commissioner Crosby brought up the resolution from the City that does not include Airport. Attorney Ramay stated he was already contacted about this and needs more time to research and review the resolution.

**Motion:** To table resolution for Attorney to review and research as quickly as possible.

**Proposed:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried.**

Old Business: Commissioner Hobbs brought up exempting Senior Citizens from paying certain taxes. He stated he knew the school board needed to be involved and after voting it has to go to Atlanta, but would like to try and get this done and encouraged that this does not get dropped.

**Motion:** To exempt Senior Citizens 67 years and older from school taxes on their home and one acre of land, any other land to be taxed accordingly.

**Proposed:** Chairman Brad Crews

**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby

**Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Hobbs stated someone needed to go talk with the School Superintendent and Chairman Crews agreed to do so.

New Business: Commissioner Wooten stated he has received calls about the Solar Panel people driving on the sides of the roads and messing up the side of the roads. Chairman Crews asked Clerk to contact Sheriff and let’s put a stop to this.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 7:27 PM

**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs
**Second:** Commissioner Vann Wooten

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To end Executive Session at 8:05 PM

**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten
**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby
**Motion Carried**

The Board discussed personnel and litigation.

**Motion:** To amend motion and raise the Chairman spending amount up to $10,000 and to allow casual labor up to $10,000 project
**Proposed:** Commissioner Hank Hobbs
**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby
**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** To hire Heather Nicole Scott as County Administrator.
**Proposed:** Commissioner Vann Wooten
**Second:** Commissioner Ricky Crosby
**Motion Carried** 4-1 Commissioner Hank Hobs abstained

**Adjourn – 8:08 P.M.**

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Heather Scott, County Clerk Brad Crews, 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 12th day of October, 2021.

2.

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

3.

This executive session was called to order at 7:27 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Hank Hobbs 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 8:05 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Vann Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Ricky Crosby, with all voting in favor.

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Sworn to and subscribed before

Me this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Brad Crews, Chairman

 Board of Commissioners

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: