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Members Present: Chairman Jackie Trim, Commissioners Edward Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, G.W. Thompson, and Wayne Tatum.

Staff Present: County Manager Frank Murphy, County Clerk Christy D. McCall, Road Superintendent Kenny Hicks, County Engineer Dennis Odom, Elections Supervisor Lisa Paradise, EMA Director Walt Rogers, 911 Director Monica Douglas and County Attorney Joe McGovern.

Also, in attendance: Sheriff Kyle Sapp.

Chairman Trim called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Rick Cason gave the Invocation.

There was a Motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes **April 1, 2019**
2. Easement to clear trees on right of way – Robert Lynn
3. Easement to maintain road - Reid & Rhona Torrance
4. Easement to construct and maintain berm – Robert & Walt Dasher
5. Outfall ditch easement – Jerome Parker
6. Easement to lower pond for pipe replacement – Terrell McCall

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Chairman Trim called for approval of the agenda.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Trim presented approval to pave Browder Circle.

Chairman Trim stated discussion to pave Browder Circle has been held for quite a while now.

County Engineer Dennis Odom stated this Road was submitted for the CDBG grant but was turned down. A portion of Browder Circle will not be paved as there are no driveways in that portion. An extended leg portion of Browder Circle that dead ends will be paved in conjunction with part of the road as there are residents in that area. Most all the property owners in Browder Circle are in support of the road being paved. Mr. Odom estimates the cost of paving Browder Circle at \$110,608.20.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve paving Browder Circle. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Odom presented the resolution of right of way deed transfer of abandoned Right of way. Mr. Odom skipped over agenda item of Approval of Jim Rowe Hightower Road drainage study accidentally which will be presented later in the meeting.

Mr. Odom explained that the late Larry Banks deeded the right of way to the County years ago. The right of way was never deeded back to Larry Banks heir, Gary Banks. There was also a small dirt road that was abandoned also ad never titled. The Road will be returned to the private owner also.

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Wayne Tatum to adopt the resolution to transfer abandoned right of way back to Gary Banks. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Odom next presented Early voting at the Glennville precinct for the Upcoming District 5 Commissioner election.

Mr. Odom explained that the Board of Elections voted to not open the Glennville precinct for early voting for the District 5 Commissioner election. Mr. Odom stated that there are three candidates running and there will likely be a run off. In 2016-2016 early voted in a runoff election. In 2015 there was a Commission seat run off and 41 voted.

The Board of Elections believes it is not practical to open as there will be three weeks of early voting in Reidsville, option to vote via absentee paper ballot, and of course vote at the Tyson precinct on election day. Furthermore, the election is already underway, and it would be unfair to change anything after the election has begun.

Chairman Trim recommends the Board go along with the recommendation of the Board of Elections.

5. Mr. Odom then presented ice machine purchase for the County Shop. The Machine is used daily by the Road department and used during emergency events by several county departments.

Mr. Murphy explained that the ice machine went out and bids were taken as he and Mr. Hicks did not realize the machine cost would be as expensive as it is. Two bids received are as follows:

Jerome Parker Refrigeration	\$3,416.00 plus tax
Performance Refrigeration	\$3,521.33

There was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy to accept and approve the low bid of \$3,416.00 from Jerome Parker Refrigeration. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Odom came back to the Jim Rowe Hightower drainage study. Mr. Odom Stated this was extensive as the road in on Brazell Creek. Mr. Odom would like to get permission to obtain an estimate from Thomas & Hutton for a drainage study of Jim Rowe Hightower Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy and 2nd by Commissioner Edward Kennedy to approve drainage study of Jim Rowe Hightower Road by Thomas & Hutton. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Mr. Bill Kicklighter, Candidate for Commission Seat 5 approached the Board With his request for a satellite location for early voting be open in Glennville for the June 18 Special election and possible run-off election if necessary.

In some areas of District 5, some residents would have to drive 21 or 22 miles to Reidsville to early vote. There are three candidates in this race that would benefit from the Glennville satellite location being opened. There are 2119 voters in District 5 and the voters should be able to vote conveniently.

Mr. Kicklighter stated he has recently spoke to the Secretary of State and convenience to voters is a #1 priority. Mr. Kicklighter would like for the Commissioners to approve funds for opening the satellite location. He stated that every vote count and a price cannot be put on votes or the convenience of voters.

Chairman Trim asked that the Board decide either way on opening the Glennville satellite location. Chairman Trim recommends the Board agree with the Board of Elections recommendation to not open the Glennville precinct for early voting as the Board of Elections is here for a purpose and have made their decision.

Mr. Odom stated the Board of Election must plan for a run off regardless when budgeting.

County Attorney Joe McGovern stated that elections are being challenged in courts these days.

Brenda Baggett, Board member of Board of Elections stated that she made the motion to not open the satellite location for early voting as voters can vote three weeks early in Reidsville, absentee ballots can be done, and two different precincts will be open on election day. She also does not think it is feasible to have to train three employees for one satellite precinct.

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Chairman Trim stated he needed a motion either way. He agrees that you cannot put a price on voters, however, according to the Board of Elections, there will be plenty of time to vote early and other voting options.

Commissioner Wayne Tatum made a motion to approve funds to open the Glennville precinct for early voting. This was 2nd by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously.

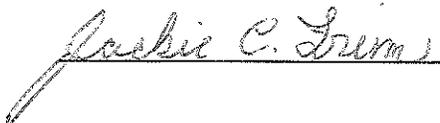
County Attorney, Joe McGovern stated that the Board of Elections still has the final decision whether Commissioners approve funds or not.

Committee reports:

8. Dennis Odom stated that resurfacing is underway on LMIG projects.
9. Walt Rogers stated the foundation is being poured today for the TCHS Fire Station.
10. Stan Dansby of the City of Glennville reminded everyone of the Glennville Sweet Onion Festival this weekend.
11. Wayne Dasher also reminded everyone of the Glennville Sweet Onion Festival Also. He also reminded everyone of the Development Authority Meeting this Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

With no need for executive session, there was a motion by Commissioner GW Thompson and 2nd by Commissioner Bobby Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JACKIE C. TRIM, CHAIRMAN



CHRISTY D. MCCALL, COUNTY CLERK

