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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

May 12, 2025 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Greg Mikel, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Greg Cerny, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Diane Day, County Clerk
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Per Judge Lapham, Consent Agenda items 9.b-9.d will be removed.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)
Order #25-151

- 1. Proclamation and Special Recognitions.**
 - a. Mental Health Awareness Month**

Judge Lapham presented proclamation to court.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)
Order #25-152

- b. Proclamation Opposing Wind Farms**

Judge Lapham presented proclamation to court.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)
Order #25-153

2. Petitions or request from the public.

Former Commissioner Mark Lamp asked the court to increase veteran and senior citizens discounts for upcoming budget year. Former Commissioner Mark Lamp also thanked the court for moving forward with the EMS projects.

3. Open bids for TDA CDBG Grant CDV23-0303 Grubbs Rd Project.

Proposed bids:

MB Western Construction (Houston) - \$934,050
Affinity Construction LLC (College Station) - \$986,210
S&D Construction Inc - \$709,308.94

Per Judge Lapham, will review and bring back to court at later date.

4. Discussion regarding Beckendorff Development Drainage Study and action as appropriate.

Per Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) this development will be 673 acres and significantly help with drainage in the area. This development will be in Pct. 3.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0)
Order #25-154

5. Discussion regarding the Floodplain Remediation Plans and action as appropriate.

Per Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) this has been an ongoing issue and letters have been sent out. Moving forward all soil must be ticketed and accounted for.

Motion to Table: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-155

6. Discussion regarding Contract for Election Services between Brazos ISD and Austin County Elections Office and action as appropriate.

Kim Rinn (County Tax Assessor and Collector) advised this is just a routine housekeeping item and request the court to approve.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0).
Order #25-156

7. Discussion regarding EMS Special Events Pay and action as appropriate.

Chief Walter Morrow (ACEMS) stated there has been issues with payroll averaging out lately due to special event pay. Payroll should be a weighted average.

Tyler Technologies advised weighted averages can be done however they are not being done correctly.

Commissioner Reed states this seems to be a constant issue.

Commissioner Rinn asked if only special event pay is affecting this issue.

Judge Lapham asked how should it be paid out to EMS employees.

Chief Walter Morrow (ACEMS) stated this will require billing amounts to increase. This will not affect overtime or regular schedule. Medics will not be taken off ambulances or taken away from 911 calls.

This change will take effect May 25th.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)
Order #25-157

8. Discussion regarding the Sheriff's Office Taser Contract and action as appropriate.

Per Lt. Donald Darracq (Sheriff Office), SB 22 funded the new tasers.

Two deputies attended training for the new Taser 10 Models and will conduct training for Sheriff Office.

The contract is in effect for 5 years and will receive 100% credit to exchange for the Taser 10 model. Currently the Taser 7 model is being used but will not be supported after 2 years.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-158

9. **CONSENT AGENDA** - Items listed are of routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by member of Commissioners Court.
- a. Consideration and action to accept special donation to the Austin County Library System per Local Government Code 81.032.:
 - i. Donations to Knox Library:
 - 1. \$50
 - 2. \$100
 - 3. \$100
 - 4. \$100
 - 5. \$100
 - 6. \$200
 - 7. \$1,500
 - ii. Donations to West End Library
 - 1. \$25
 - 2. \$200
 - 3. \$500
 - b. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way installation of fiber optic cable by AT&T Communications on Rexville Rd, Pct 4
 - c. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way installation of fiber optic cable by Industry Telephone on Ashenbeck Rd, Pct 2.
 - d. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone on Star Hill Rd, Pct 2.
 - e. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way Dedication Agreement between Kamineni Family Trust and Austin County
 - f. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way Dedication Agreement between Austin County and:
 - i. Laxman Rao Bolineni
 - ii. IWAY RV & BOAT STORAGE, LLC

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-159

10. **Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.**
- a. **Payment of Claims**

Total = \$1,328,181.67

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-160

b. Fund Transfers

Total = \$640,695.88

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order# 25-161

c. Budget Amendments

d. County Auditor's Review of Finances

e. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report

1. 05.02.2025

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed 4-0
Order #25-162

11. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.

i. JP, Pct 2, JP, Pct 3, and JP, Pct 4 – April 2025

ii. Jail Population - April 2025

iii. Constable, Pct 2 – April 2025

iv. Constable Pct. 2 – April 2025

v. TxDMV – April 2025

vi. AgriLife – April 2025

vii. Library – April 2025

viii. OSSF – April 2025

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0)
Order #25-163

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

a. Economic Development Matter - SP

b. Economic Development Matter - SR

c. Legal Matter - OE

d. Legal Matter - CS

Court reconvened at 11:45am.

13. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

Commissioner Reed motions to enter 381 Agreement with Sealy Raceway Investment LLC.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-164

14. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Daniel Sanchez (Shellback Construction) gave an update on all current projects for the EMS Building Project and stated he would continue to provide updates.

Court recessed at 11:53 a.m.

Court reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

Private closed-door meeting was held between Judge Lapham, Commissioners, and Ben Westcott.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)
Order #25-165

Court adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED
BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

I, Diane Day, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for May 12, 2025.

Date: June 19, 2025
Diane Day, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas

By: Allison Gerik
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk



FILED

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Diane Day
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS