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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**January 24, 2022** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Leroy Cerny, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Andrea Cardenas, Deputy County Clerk

**9:00 A.M. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Per Judge Lapham, remove agenda item #15.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-16**

**1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

Julie Ebers read a statement from Henry Mlcak with regard to ESD Board Commissioners.

Jerry Ebers spoke with regard to ESD#1 Commissioners purchasing \$62,000 in hand sanitizer because they believed they would be reimbursed by the Federal Government. Per Mr. Ebers, Kim Silvers is very valuable as Treasurer and is not opposed to Vivian Williams being on the Board.

Mike Blommer spoke with regard to his concern of current ESD#1 Commissioners' spending.

**2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, will need to go out for bids for more Wendt Street repairs.

Per Commissioner Lamp, a generator is needed for the Justice Center. Per Commissioner Reed, the Justice Center has back up lighting for 90 minutes. Per Commissioner Lamp, the heating and cooling system could be damaged if it doesn't have the proper power.

**3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.**

Per Commissioner Lamp, will rock Lake Road next week. Having a hard time getting certain size culverts. Will have to get metal culverts. More expensive, but unable to get the others. Signs have been damaged in twenty-eight different locations. Nelius Road is closed.

Per Commissioner Rinn, will go out for bids for Emshoff/Shelby Road bridge. Continuing routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Cerny, continuing with routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Reed, continuing with routine maintenance.

**4. Consideration and action to appoint/reappoint Austin County Emergency Services District #1 Board Members to 2 year term:**

- a. Ray Chislett
- b. Vivian Williams
- c. Kim Silver

Per Commissioner Reed, not ready to discuss this issue.

No action.

**5. Discussion and action to request annexation of part of Harrison Road by the City of Sealy.**

Request City of Sealy to annex a portion of Harrison Road and give County Judge authority to sign required documents.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*

**Order #22-17**

**6. Discussion and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide a 1.293 acre tract from a 4 acre tract at 9851 FM 331 N., Precinct 1.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*

**Order #22-18**

- 7. Discussion and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide a 7.999 acre tract into a 3+ acre and a 4+ acre tract at 3539 Stokes Road, Precinct 1**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-19**

- 8. Discussion and action to accept Gift Deed of 0.125 acres on Beckendorff Road in Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-20**

- 9. Discussion and action to accept Gift Deed of 0.542 acres on Kulow Road in Precinct 3.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-21**

- 10. Consideration and action to approve Master Copier Rental Agreement.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-22**

- 11. Discussion and action to approve modification #2 of grant #G20HN0026A (HIDTA Grant).**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-23**

- 12. Discussion regarding approval of Technology Update Round 2 Resolution and action as appropriate.**

Apply for grant and approve County Judge to sign resolution.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-24**

- 13. Discussion regarding approval of Interoperable Communications Grant Resolution and action as appropriate.**

Grant is for sixty handheld radios. Apply for grant.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-25**

**14. Discussion regarding VSO pay rate and action as appropriate.**

Amend Compensation Order for Veterans Service Officer rate of pay from \$20,000 per year to \$20 per hour and required to work a minimum of 1000 hours per year.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-26**

**15. Discussion regarding EMS vacation and holiday time and action as appropriate.**

**16. Discussion on process for payment on CDBG & Mitigation grants and action as appropriate**

Per Billy Doherty, issue came up at Grant Audit. County receiving interest on grant money. In order to eliminate interest being accrued on grant funds, request to pay bills when they come in instead of waiting for Court to approve.

Authorize County Auditor to pay grant bills in advance of Court approving to eliminate interest being accrued on grant funds.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-27**

- 17. Consideration and action to add Private Road Names to AC. 911 Road Map**
- a. **Countryhix Lane Pct. 1.**
  - b. **Legacy Lane, Pct. 4.**
  - c. **Republic Lane, Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Add: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-28**

**18. Consideration and action to advertise for proposals to prepare and submit Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2020-21.**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), need to go out for bids for Audit.

*Motion to Advertise: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-29**

**19. 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. **Approval of Minutes**
  - i. **December 27, 2022**
  - ii. **January 10, 2022**

- b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by San Bernard Electric Cooperative on Red Bird, Pct. 2
- c. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on New Bremen Road, Pct. 2
- d. Consideration and action to accept Racial Profiling Report Const. Pct. 2.
- e. Consideration and action to approve required schooling applications for V.G. Young Institute of County Government School for County Judges and Commissioners to be held February 22 - 24, 2022. Tim Lapham, Mark Lamp, Bobby Rinn, Leroy Cerny, Chip Reed.
- f. Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for County Judge's office Employee to carry over 8.75 hrs. of unused vacation hours through February 28, 2022
- g. Consideration and action to reappoint Leroy Cerny to Combined Community Action Board for a one year term.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-30*

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

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-31*

- b. **Fund Transfers**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-32*

- c. **Budget Amendments**
- d. **County Auditor's Review of finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 69% of budget remaining. Still doing good.

- e. **County Treasurer**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
    - 1. **1/14/2022**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-33*

- 21. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 - December 2021**
  - b. Constable, Precinct 2 - December 2021**
  - c. Extension Office**
    - i. CEA-ANR- December 2021**
    - ii. CEA-FCH - December 2021**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #2-34**

Court recessed at 9:56 a.m.

- 22. EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**
- a. Security/law enforcement LGC 551.076**

Court reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

- 23. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

Amend current Compensation Order to reduce one patrol position and add one sergeant position.

*Motion to Amend: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-35**

Move \$38,322 from line item 101-51104-113 to line item 101-51125-113.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-36**

- 24. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-37**

Court adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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

**I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners  
Court proceedings for January 24, 2022.**



Date: January 26, 2022

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

**FILED**

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