



**CARRIE GREGOR**  
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

## COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **June 16, 2014** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room, at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge  
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

### Opening – 9:00 a.m.

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation**  
**Pledges of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call and Certification of Quorum**

### **Consideration/Adoption of Agenda**

Judge Bilski proposed Item 8 be moved to the top of the agenda.

*Motion to Adopt: Judge Bilski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-186**

- 8. Consideration and possible action to authorize Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sealy Police Department and the Austin County Sheriff's Office to establish the telecommunications responsibilities and duties of the respective parties.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-187**

- 1. Consideration and possible action to approve Design Criteria & Specifications Quality Assurance Requirements Precinct 2 for TXDOT County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-188**

- 2. Consideration and possible action to replace carpeting in District Attorney's Office for an amount not to exceed \$8,884.00 by All American Floor.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-189**

- 3. Consideration and possible action to replace carpeting in Juvenile Probation Office for an amount not to exceed \$2,758.00 by All American Floor.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-190**

- 4. Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Craig Brown and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-191**

- 5. Consideration and possible action to amend Compensation Order for Precinct 2 employee slot for Class C to Class A Entry Level Pay.**

*Motion to Amend: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-192**

- 6. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way Installation of buried conduit and fiber optic cable by VersaLink Enterprises LLC on North Side of Educator Lane in Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-193**

- 7. Consideration and possible action to authorize Application for Eligibility to receive Federal Surplus Property.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-194**

- 9. Workshop to review of all current county budget balances, accrued compensation time and any action as appropriate.**

Per Judge Bilski most departments are within their budgets for 2014. She will be asking for a pay increase for Anna Garcia in the Maintenance Department because of the extra duties she performs. This increase will come out of Budget Amendments.

Sheriff Brandes reviewed needs he anticipates for the new budget year including new vehicles, uniforms and higher pay for jail staff, patrol and dispatch. The Sheriff's Department is losing employees because of higher pay in other counties. He wants to discontinue comp time and propose an 80 hour pay period every two weeks. Within the 80 hour pay period, they would be given 4 hours overtime. Anything exceeding 4 hours overtime would require written authorization. Uniforms and vehicles would be paid for out of Forfeiture Funds.

Because of a shortage in jail staff, prisoners are being housed in other counties which is costing Austin County more money. Members of the Court discussed different options and ways to adjust the budget to solve the problems that exist within the Sheriff's Department.

Per Judge Bilski there is SCAAP money in the budget for the jail not being used. Jesse Skinner, District Attorney's Office, will draw up an official order to follow up on the Court's conversation. Personnel policy and salary orders need to be amended in three different places. This change would start the next pay period.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #14-195*

#### **10. Commissioner Court Inquiry**

None.

Court adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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

**I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the  
Commissioners Court proceedings for June 16, 2014.**

Date: June 25, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy**

