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#### **Commissioners Court Minutes**

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March 9, 2015, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, 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

9:00 A.M. OPENING
CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

#### CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Replace Item #1 with Petitions or Requests from the Public. Grace Holtkamp will speak at a later date.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #15-91

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Jennifer Ruby served the County with Notice of Default on her property.

Philip Shackelford, Austin County Extension Agriculture Agent is leaving to accept a position at Texas A & M.

2. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from manufactured home rental community (Gore's Mobile Home Park) platting to add one manufactured home and on-site sewage on Cowbird Lane in Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #15-92

- 3. 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 possible action to accept donation of \$125.00 to EMS from Wallis Catholic Daughters of America.
  - b. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of additional server for upgrade.
  - c. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by New Ulm Water Supply Corporation from 2334 Texas Street and stops at Walnut Street Precinct 2.
  - d. Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Bryan Haevischer, Treasurer, to be held April 20-23, 2015 in San Marcos, Texas.
  - e. Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Bernice K. Burger, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, to be held March 29-April 1, 2015 in San Marcos, Texas.
  - f. Consideration and possible action to appoint Kimberly Silver to Austin County Emergency Services District 1.
  - g. Consideration and possible action to appoint Joan Buenger to Austin County Historical Commission per Local Government Code, Chapter 318.002.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #15-93

4. Consideration and possible action to accept donation deed from Frank and Kathleen Niendorff to Austin County for approximately 3.040 acres of existing and new right-of-way on Old Highway 36 in Precinct 2.

County will pay for a new fence, half the survey and one driveway.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #15-94

5. Consideration and possible action to authorize amendment of current contract between AshBritt, Inc. and Austin County for debris removal.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #15-95

6. Consideration and possible action to approve Austin County SAM Policy.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #15-96** 

7. Consideration and possible action to authorize depository notice for the public funds of Austin County from June 2015-2019.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #15-97** 

8. Consideration and possible action to accept recommended changes to Personnel Action Form from Independent Auditors.

Employees must sign the form.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #15-98

9. Consideration and possible action to appoint Austin County Personnel Policy Manual Committee Members.

Karen Byers/Treasurer's Office
Al Cordeiro/SO
Ron Dille/EMS
Liz Ferreira/Auditor's Office
Bryan Haevisher/Treasurer
Tim Lapham/County Judge
Sharon McCowin/Human Resources
Bobby Rinn/R&B
Jesse Skinner/Assistant DA

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (3-0). Commissioner Rinn abstained.

Order #15-99

10. Discussion on Treasurer's Office attending Payroll Law 2015 Seminar to be held April 9, 2015 in College Station, Texas and action as appropriate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Riechardt, passed (4-0). **Order #15-100** 

11. Discussion regarding phone problems in the Tax Office and action as appropriate.

Phone system crashed. Eight lines are running, but need one more to be at full capacity. The cost estimate is \$300. Court allowed \$400 to cover any additional fees.

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

Order #15-101

### 12. Sheriff's report on Five Oaks Achievement Center.

Mr. Bib, owner of Five Oaks, has changed things to minimize the number of runaways. A fence should be going up in the next couple of months. Sheriff Brandes made one report against the Center because two children ran away earlier this month, but he feels like the Center is headed in the right direction.

## 13. Discussion regarding County Health Insurance Plans and action as appropriate.

Stay with current plan. Will use consolidated billing at this time. Don Wallace will work with Sharon to get quotes from carriers.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #15-102

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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #15-103

b. Budget Amendments

None.

- c. County Auditor's review of finances
- d. County Treasurer review of finances

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #15-104** 

- 15. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
  - a. Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1, 3 & 4 February 2015
  - b. Constable, Precincts 2 & 3 February 2015
  - c. On-Site Sewage Facility Activity February 2015
  - d. Austin County Jail Population February 2015
  - e. 155th District Court Activity February 2015
  - f. Tax Assessor-Collector January 2015
  - g. Austin County Library System February 2015

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #15-105

16. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Move Longevity pay to October.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #15-106** 

Court Adjourned 10:30 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 Commissioners Court proceedings for March 9, 2015.

Date: (10, 2015

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court

**Austin County, Texas** 

By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy

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