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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

December 28, 2020, 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
Randy Reichardt, 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-458

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Billy Doherty (County Auditor) presented Commissioner Reichardt a retirement gift from the Auditor's Office.

Per Tinson Rasbury (Auditor's Office), County is not receiving utility bills from City of Bellville. Last three months they've had to contact the City to get bills. No bill for December received.

Per Joe Southern (Sealy News), last day with Sealy News is December 31, 2020.

2. Open Furniture Bids for Sheriff's Office.

Texas Correctional Industries, \$61,180 for various office furniture for Sheriff's Office.

Will come back.

3. Discussion and action regarding CRF funding request from Bellville Medical Center.

Dan Bonk (CEO of Bellville Medical Center), requested \$78,981 for 2 Cepheid GeneXpert machines to provide rapid testing for several different respiratory infections. One will be at Bellville Medical Center and one will be in Sealy.

With this equipment can get results within one hour. It differentiates between COVID, Flu and other respiratory type infections.

Approve \$78,981 to be paid by CRF funds. \$55,581.62 paid from COVID funds already in hand and \$23,399.38 from Tobacco funds until remaining COVID funds are received. Add to bills paid today.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).

Order #20-459

4. **Discussion regarding purchase of laptop, not to exceed \$2,144, for County Clerk's Office to be paid out of Capital Outlay 101-55754-127 and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #20-460

5. **Discussion and action regarding surplus equipment.**

Ronnie Griffin (Constable, Precinct 3) requested a policy in place when dealing with surplus equipment.

Equipment declared surplus will not go to auction for 30 days once declared.

No action.

#2 continued.

Accept bid for \$61,180 to be paid with Bond funds.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

Per Commissioner Rinn, would like more to see pricing from other vendors.

Per Judge Lapham, will put on Friday's agenda.

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

Per Judge Lapham, reached out to Honeycutt Air Conditioning for prices. Working on it.

Per Commissioner Reed, City of Sealy reached out to him because Old Jail looked pretty bad. The cost to paint old Jail in Sealy was \$2,300.

Look into disposing of Civil Defense building and old Jail in Sealy on Main Street.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-461

- 7. Discussion and action to authorize 2 year agreement between CareerCert and Austin County EMS for Continuing Education Management.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-462

- 8. Discussion and action to declare 2013 Ford ambulance as surplus.**

Declare surplus 2013 Ford ambulance 26B.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-463

- 9. Discussion and action to approve payment of VoiceProducts Service, LLC invoice for recording equipment**

Pay from 128.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-464

- 10. Discussion and action to approve Beyer & Co Contract.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-465

- 11. Discussion and action to appoint members to the Austin County Historical Commission Board, per Local Government Code, Chapter 318.003.**

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-466

- 12. 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 14, 2020

b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on North Front Street, Precinct 2

- c. Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance (due to military time) for EMS Employee to carry over 22 hrs of unused vacation hours.
- d. Consideration and action to accept a special donation to Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,000 from the Welcome Lutheran Church per Local Government Code 81.032.
- e. Consideration and action to approve required schooling applications for V.G. Young Institute, School for County Judges and Commissioners to be held February 2 – 4, 2021

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-467*

13. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
a. Payment of Claims

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), cut check on the 15th to Goeke Construction in the amount of \$809,106.69 for Justice Center. This will be added to today's invoices.

Add \$78,891 to Bellville Medical Center. Pay from 101-54981-128 Disaster Funds and remaining balance from Tobacco Funds until CRF funds received.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-468*

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), so far, we are still in governmental constraints.

- d. County Treasurer**
 - i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
 - 1. 12.18.2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-469*

Court recessed at 10:28 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Real Estate Matter.**

Court reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

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

Approve Judge Lapham authority to make land deal for new EMS Station in Wallis.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-470

2. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Commissioner Lamp has two tanks with oil residue in bottom of tanks. Will bring to Court to declare surplus.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-471

Court adjourned at 10:43 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 December 28, 2020.**



Date: December 29, 2020

Carrie Gregor

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

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Carrie Gregor
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS