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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

April 12, 2021 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-103

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**
 - a. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**
 - b. Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month**

Motion to Proclaim: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-104

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Mark Young informed the Court he will be filing a petition to have discontinued road be re-established as a third-class road.

Per Commissioner Reed, tire recycle event went smooth. He thanked the Road and Bridge employees for helping.

Per Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor-Collector), the registration extension will expire on April 15, 2021. She encouraged everyone to get their registrations and titles transferred.

3. Discussion regarding Subdivision Regulations and action as appropriate.

Per Commissioner Rinn, subdivision regulations were approved with revisions, but not sure the Court has the legal authority to make those changes. Per Judge Lapham, he asked Bob Bass (Allison, Bass & Magee) for a template, but Mr. Bass wasn't willing to give a template and couldn't give an estimate for going over the County's subdivision regulations.

Per Commission Lamp, he is concerned with TECQ.

The Court came to the conclusion the septic ordinance needs to be reviewed. Commissioner Rinn suggested Planning and Development look at complaints then draft a letter to TECQ. Bring the letter to Court to be approved. Once the letter is approved then send to TECQ.

No action.

4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

Per Commissioner Reed, building in Wallis is coming along. Per Commissioner Rinn, still waiting on contractor to come out. Per Walter Morrow (EMS Director), still working on garage issues. Waiting on parts to arrive. Per Sheriff Jack Brandes, Sheriff's Department is looking good. Received furniture. There was an issue, but was able to get it fixed. Will receive second shipment tomorrow.

5. Discussion regarding Justice Center Furniture Bids and action as appropriate

Per Judge Lapham, did not receive anything from Kenneth Burns (Burns Architect).

No action.

6. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Reed, work on Tomlinson, Tower and Kloptstedt Roads is going well. Per Commissioner Rinn, adding 2" – 3" of limestone to West Ueckert. Per Commissioner Lamp, changing culverts on Steck Bottom Road. Per Commissioner Cerny, still discussing bridge on Kulow and Cat Spring Roads with Colorado County.

7. Discussion regarding Wendt Street Building update and action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rinn thanked the departments at Wendt Street. Each department gave a punch list.

No action.

8. Discussion regarding Carbonite Safe Server Backup for Tax Office and action as appropriate.

Per Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor-Collector), took a security assessment with AT&T. Recommended cloud back up. Has funds within her budget to cover cost. Will be a yearly expense. It backs up all computers in Tax Office.

\$599.99/year for Cloud backup storage.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-105

9. Discussion regarding Contract(s) for Election Services and action as appropriate:

- a. Bellville I.S.D.
- b. City of Bellville
- c. Township of San Felipe
- d. City of Sealy
- e. City of Wallis

Per Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor-Collector) Sealy ISD not included as they have not presented it to their board yet.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-106

10. Discussion regarding moving the production of address signs and street signs to the County Judge's Office in lieu of the 911 Office and action as appropriate.

Per Jeffery Hill (911), signs are outsourced to another company. Per Otis Haynes, signs were made in the 911 office.

Per Commissioner Reed, main concern is the amount of time to receive signs. Road and Bridge can make signs. Per Commissioner Rinn, can train one of their employees to run machine. Software is needed.

No action.

11. Discussion regarding ETJ Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sealy and action as appropriate.

Per Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney), gives authority back to County for property in ETJ. Properties partially in County and partially in City, the City has jurisdiction.

Motion to Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-107

12. Discussion regarding Surveillance cameras at Knox Memorial Library and action as appropriate.

Vandalism is occurring at Library. Surveillance is needed.

Will pay from Major Repair – Replacements 101-55310-127.

Purchase Surveillance system for \$3,676.99 from Condra Communications with line item 101-55310-127.

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

Order #21-108

13. Discussion regarding the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Austin County Precinct 4 and Brazos I.S.D. and action as appropriate.

Standard renewal.

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

Order #21-109

14. Consideration and action to accept Resale offer on Account Number R09931.

Accept bid amount of \$2,567.49.

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

Order #21-110

15. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 6 acre tract from a 15.891 acre tract on FM 109, Precinct 2.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #21-111

16. Discussion and action to approve right of way installation by New Ulm Water Supply Corp. under Taylor Street at the alley running through blocks 34 & 33, Pct. 2

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

Order #21-112

17. Discussion and action to approve right of way installation by New Ulm Water Supply Corp. on Taylor Street, Pct. 2.

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

Order #21-113

18. Discussion regarding copier/copier contract for Pct. 2 building and action as appropriate.

Contract with UBEO at \$125 per month for 60 months.

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

Order #21-114

19. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 18.766 acre tract (residue of a 21.77 acre tract (2019)) into 4 tracts, Precinct 3.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #21-115

20. Consideration and action to authorize the County of Austin to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

No action.

21. **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. March 22, 2021

- b. Consideration and action authorize a Temporary Access Agreement between Harold Marek and Austin County, Precinct 2**

- c. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Bryan Haevischer, County Treasurer, to be held June 28 – 30, 2021, at Denton, Texas**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).

Order #21-116

Court recessed at 10:39 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION (In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.087).

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Economic Development Matter**
- 2 Law Enforcement Matter**
- 3 Real Estate Matter**
- 4 Real Estate Matter**

Court reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

24. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

1. Economic Development Matter

Allow Judge Lapham to proceed with Hendrix Industries and Hendrix Interests.

Motion to Allow: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-117

22. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$782,610.42

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-118

b. Budget Amendments

c. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still within budget.

d. County Treasurer's

i. Payroll and Escrow Report(s)

1. 03.26.2021
2. 04.09.2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-119

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

a. Justice of the Peace – March 2021

- i. Precinct 2
- ii. Precinct 3

b. Constable – March 2021

- i. Precinct 1
- ii. Precinct 2

c. Jail Population – March 2021

d. Library – March 2021

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-120

25. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-121*

Court adjourned at 12:07 p.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 April 12, 2021.**

Date: April 15, 2021

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy



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