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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

March 14, 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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-86

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Commissioner Rinn thanked the EMS department for their professional services and quickly coming to the aid of him and his wife. Tammy Rinn is recovering well.

Mike Blommer addressed the Court with concerns about ESD #1 meeting.

2. Open bids for Pct. 2 road projects:
a. Shelby Road
b. Emshoff Road

Received bids for Shelby Road project from Wakefield Bridge, Inc. for \$244,285 and TCB Construction, Inc. for \$366,866.

Received bids for Emshoff Road project from Wakefield Bridge, Inc. for \$251,030 and TCB Construction, Inc. for \$381,742.

Bids will be reviewed then brought back to next Court meeting.

3. Open bids for construction at Wendt Street Building

Per Commissioner Reed, no bids were received. Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Rinn will put together a bid packet to send to contractors. Will bring back next Court.

No action.

4. Discussion and action to accept Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Resolution

Per Judge Lapham, resolution is in regard with HGAC helping County with Hazard Mitigation Plan. They have a grant that will help cover that. Roy is working on it just needs to be updated. There is no match for this grant.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-87

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

Per Judge Lapham, Switzer Auction has started to advertise the Adult Probation building to dispose of. They have a sale scheduled for some time in May. We pushed it a month after we plan to have them out of there so potential bidders have time to look at the building. Will walk through Justice Center to make sure we are on track for all the little things that need to get finished.

Per Judge Lapham, this isn't all the chairs needed. These are just to get started. Will figure out how many more chairs needed. Plan on everyone taking chairs they are sitting in now.

Purchase chairs for Justice Center from Quill for \$12,629.48.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-88

Approve contract between Christensen Building Group and Austin County for EMS stations.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-89

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 2.9 million County is expected to receive in May, but because of Ukrainian conflict may be delayed.

Per Judge Lapham, will have an Open House at the end of the month before anyone moves in. Hope to start moving offices in April. Will have Open House in the evening after next Court which is March 28, 2022. Movers haven't been given a date yet, but sent signed contract to movers and told them to be ready in April. Moving in whether building is ready or not.

Per Commissioner Lamp, setting culvert in parking lot at Justice Center. David Bartay (Goeke Construction) is supposed to put in curb stops on the open end. Will speak with him about parking lot. Per Judge Lapham, there are a couple of handicap spots that can drive right up to the building. Bollards are preferred over curb stops.

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

Per Commissioner Lamp, will seal coat road by high school with Commissioner Rinn's help.

Per Commissioner Rinn, begin rehab on Skalak and Kenney Hall Roads.

Per Commissioner Cerny, continue with routine maintenance. Still working on Kulow Bridge.

Per Commissioner Reed, continue with routine maintenance.

7. Discussion and action to declare the following Pct. 1 items as surplus:

- a. Two - LG window unit air conditioners**
- b. Ice Maker**
- c. Miscellaneous items**

Will send to Switzer Auction to be auctioned.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-90

8. Consideration and action to accept ACESD #1 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Compilation Report.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-91

9. Consideration and action to accept Gift Deed of property on or near Beckendorff Rd, Pct. 4 from Road Ranger, L.L.C.

Per Commissioner Reed, will allow to widen road.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-92

10. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a two 5 acre tracts from a 21.807 acre tract on Grubbs Road, Precinct 1.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-93

11. Discussion regarding increasing culvert installation pricing and action as appropriate.

Per Commissioner Lamp, material prices are going up and takes several hours of labor.

Per Judge Lapham, Commissioners have a decision to make whether to continue installing culverts or not. Per Commissioner Lamp, still sees a need for Commissioners to install, but price needs to increase.

Commissioners Lamp and Rinn will meet to discuss prices. Commissioners Cerny and Reed will meet to discuss prices. Will come back to Court.

No action.

12. Discussion and action to approve contract with the City of Bellville for election services.

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

Order #22-94

13. Discussion regarding the installation of security cameras at Precinct 4 Barn and action as appropriate.

Per Commissioner Reed, last week a county employee found a guy roaming Precinct 4 yard. Commissioners Lamp and Cerny want cameras as well. Will come back next Court to address their issues and concerns.

Not to exceed \$3,500.

Motion to Install: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #22-95

14. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding interlocal agreement for building use between Austin County Precinct 4 and Brazos I.S.D.

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

Order #22-96

15. Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit for the Austin County Jail Commissary Inmate Trust Fund and action as appropriate.

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

Order #22-97

16. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding New Payroll Software Module.

OpenGov bought STW and is doing away with payroll module. Two choices for payroll module; UKG and NeoGov. Annual cost for UKG is approximately \$31,000, initial setup fee is \$11,500 and will take six months to implement. Annual cost for NeoGov is approximately \$75,000, initial setup fee is \$120,000 and will take over a year to implement.

No action.

17. Discussion regarding EMS vacation and holiday benefits and action as appropriate.

Approve as presented effective April 1, 2022.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-98*

18. Discussion and action to approve joint election agreements with:

- a. Bellville ISD
- b. City of Sealy
- c. Sealy ISD
- d. City of Wallis

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-99*

19. Discussion and action to approve contract for election services with:

- a. Bellville ISD
- b. City of Sealy
- c. Sealy ISD
- d. City of Wallis

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-100*

Per Kim Rinn (County Tax Assessor-Collector), Secretary of State has stated will notify on Friday if County-wide voting is approved.

20. 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. February 28, 2022

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-101*

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

Add Vincik's for \$34.94 and Reimburse Kim Rinn for \$55.90.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-102

b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-103

c. Budget Amendments

#32 – #33.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-104

d. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still hanging on.

e. County Treasurer

- i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
 - 1. 03/11/2022**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-105

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

- a. Criminal Court -February 2022**
- b. Civil Court -February 2022**
- c. Family Court-February 2022**
- d. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 & Pct. 4 -February 2022**
- e. Constable Pct. 4 -January 2022**
- f. Constable Pct. 1, Pct. 2 & Pct. 4 -February 2022**
- g. TxDMV -January 2022 and February 2022**
- h. OSSF -February 2022**
- i. Library System -February 2022**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-106

Court recessed at 10:42 a.m.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- a. **Personnel Matter -Planning and Development Office**

Court reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

24. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

Authorize a rehire of a former county employee in Planning and Development office above the introductory rate and starting with 80 hours of vacation.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-107*

25. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

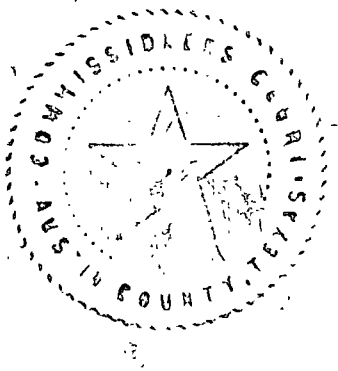
Commissioner Lamp discussed the Commissioners getting together to help one another when needed.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-108*

Court adjourned at 11:19 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 March 14, 2022.



Date: March 22, 2022
Carrie Gregor
 Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
 Clerk of Commissioners Court
 Austin County, Texas
 By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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