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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**October 10, 2022** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courtroom 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**

**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Remove item#10a, #11 and #13.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-409**

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Presentation of Collection Report by Michael Darlow -Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott.**
- 3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Commissioner Lamp, will move a building to make driveway larger for EMS – Bellville station.

- 4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.**

Per Commissioner Lamp, Mill Creek bridge at Steckbottom and Grubbs Roads is opened. Continuing with routine maintenance. Had to replace ten stop signs. FM 331 is closed. There is a 178 day turn around. May be completed sooner, but will depend on weather.

Per Commissioner Rinn, continuing with routine maintenance. Beginning to kick off some of the bridge projects pretty soon. Waiting on contracts to know when they will begin. Redid intersection of Skull Creek and Cutoff Roads.

Per Commissioner Cerny, continuing with routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Reed, continuing with routine maintenance.

**5. Consideration and action to authorize 2023 Austin County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-410**

**6. Discussion and action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Jail Services between Austin County and Waller County.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-411**

**7. Discussion regarding burn ban and action as appropriate.**

Re-instate Burn Ban.

*Motion to Re-instate: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-412**

**8. Discussion regarding the donation of old county jail at Sealy to Historical Group and action as appropriate.**

Nancy Naron (Sealy Area Historical Society) requested the old County Jail in Sealy be deeded to the Sealy Area Historical Society. The Historical Society has had a lease agreement with City of Sealy since 1989.

Nancy Stiles spoke in support of the Sealy Area Historical Society.

Move forward with donating County Jail to Sealy Area Historical Society.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-413**

**9. Discussion and action to declare the following S.O. vehicles as surplus:**  
**a. 2001 Ford E350 Van VIN: 1FBSS31L81HA98747**

- b. **2011 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN: 1GNLC2E04BR260934**

*Motion to Declare: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-414**

- 10. **Consideration and action to accept Donation Deed of Property from:**
  - a. **Shelley Ann Harkey on or near Maresh Road, Pct. 2.**
  - b. **Otis Maresh on or near Maresh Road, Pct. 2.**
  - c. **Charles Perry and Debra Perry on or near Maresh Road, Pct. 2.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, land being donated to create a turn around on Maresh Road.

Approve b. & c.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-415**

- 11. **Consideration and action to accept Donation Deed of Property from Clark Land Interest, LLC on or near Skull Creek Road and Cutoff Road, Pct. 2.**
- 12. **Consideration and action to award Construction Contract for CDBG DR#20-065-065-C184 for Roadway and Drainage Improvements.**

Construction Contract for CDBG DR#20-065-065-C184 for Roadway and Drainage Improvements awarded to Forde Construction Company, Inc.

Being funded through a \$4 million grant.

*Motion to Award: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-416**

- 13. **Consideration and action to accept Superheavy or Oversized Bond, in the amount of \$555,000, from Verdun Oil Company for Wolff Road, Pct. 2**
- 14. **Consideration and action to release Verdun Oil Company bond covering Pct. 2 Roads:**
  - a. **Skull Creek Road**
  - b. **Cutoff Road**

*Motion to Release: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-417**

- 15. **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. **September 28, 2022**

- b. **Consideration and action to accept special donation to Austin County EMS of \$500 per Local Government Code 81.032:**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by AT&T on Shumann Road, Pct. 1**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-418**

#### **ADDENDUM TO ACTION AGENDA**

- 1. **Discussion and action to approve the consolidation of two time periods into one time period.**

Change Clerical and Road and Bridge from Saturday start to a Sunday start.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-419**

- 2. **Discussion and action to approve 2022-2023 timesheet.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-420**

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

Early bills = \$29,023.72

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), add invoices for County of Fayetteville \$40,574.736 and City of Bellville \$302.04. Closes out 2022.

Grand total = \$1,148,077.87

Closes out 2022.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-421**

- b. **Fund Transfers**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #22-422**

- c. **Budget Amendments**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), will bring next Court.

**d. County Auditor's Review of finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 10% remaining of budget. Will break even this year.

**e. County Treasurer**

**i. Payroll and Escrow Report - 10.07.2022**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-423*

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

- a. Justice of the Peace Pct(s): 2, 3, 4 - September 2022**
- b. OSSF - September 2022**
- c. Jail Population - September 2022**
- d. Constable:**
  - i. Pct. 2 - September 2022**
  - ii. Pct. 4 - August & September 2022**
- e. Library - September 2022**
- f. TxDMV**
- g. Agrilife - August 2022**
- h. OSSF - September 2022**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-424*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

**1 Legal Matter**

**18. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

**19. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), last Court bid for Pct. 4 loader was approved to be awarded to Capital Government. Capital Government called stating couldn't have everything ready by the end of the fiscal year. The interest rate would go up. Decided to call Welch to see if they could keep the same interest rate. Welch will keep same interest rate. Financed equipment through Welch Bank instead of Capital Government.

Auditor's office will be out this week for a conference.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-425

Court adjourned at 10:15 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 October 10, 2022.



Date: October 12, 2022

Carrie Gregor

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

**FILED**

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