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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

January 23, 2023 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd 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

Remove agenda items #7 and #16d.

Adopt amended agenda.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-21

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Nethaniel Gjesdal (Representative Stan Kitzman, Texas House District 85), will lease office on second floor of courthouse.

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

Judge Lapham presented a map of projects coming up in the next couple of years from TXDoT. Traffic light installation at 2429 and 36 is to begin next month. Traffic light is set to be installed at 2187 and 36, May 2023.

Per Commissioner Lamp, please look at TXDoT projects. Precinct 1 has had a 1.775 million bridge replacement at Mill Creek and Grubbs Road. This was done with a 10% matching. There are three more bridges in Precinct 1 set for replacement. Total for each bridge comes

to 4,000,000, 372,000 and 456,000 with only a 10% match from the County. The rest is State grants. Culvert work and other work already being done is used as matching funds. Appreciative of person applying for these grants.

Per Commissioner Rinn, EMS station – Industry sewer line will have to be relocated. County will pay city and city will get line off of County property. Will take three weeks to get line relocated.

Pay \$28,032.00 invoice from City of Industry for relocation of sewer line.

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

Order #23-22

Per Commissioner Lamp, EMS station – Bellville will re-stake tomorrow. Unsure if permit from City of Bellville has been issued.

Commissioner Reed, EMS station – Wallis slab was poured. Scheduled to bring wood and heavy steel out first week of February. It is coming along well.

Scale building has been secured.

Auditor/Treasurer office – Trustees painted the offices. Presently getting bids for flooring for those offices.

3. Discussion regarding fee schedule for development permits and action as appropriate

Approve Permit Fee Schedule as presented.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).

Commissioner Rinn opposed.

Order #23-23

4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding electronic time keeping system.

Per Bryan Haevischer (County Treasurer), employee times can be entered manually. UKG is stating will go live February 10, 2023.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), three options to enter employee time in electronic timesheets. 1. Employee clocks in and out. 2. Employee manually enters time. 3. Manager enters time information for employee. There are bugs still needing to be worked out. Will check minutes to clarify advance scheduler was approved to be purchased.

Approve payment of \$562.50 for Advance Scheduler set up.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-24

5. Discussion regarding body cameras for S.O. and action as appropriate

Per Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office Sergeant), Motorola acquired Watch Guard. Body cameras will no longer be supported. Found a grant that will pay 75% of cost for 30 cameras. County's match will be \$26,000. Server will need to be replaced, but the server can be repurposed for use in the County. Body cameras are for first responders.

Authorize to apply for grant and approve resolution.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-25

6. Discussion and action to accept Conflicts Disclosure Statement between Commissioner Rinn and Ironroc Energy Partners, LLC.

Per Commissioner Rinn, laying temporary water line to run through his personal property.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-26

7. Discussion and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide a 32.843 parent tract into a 6.8 acre tract and an 8.5 acre tract, the remaining 17.543 acres would be added to tract 12, making tract 12 a 98.973 acre tract on FM 949, Pct. 3

No action.

8. Discussion regarding GLO Mineral Lease County Road Bonus of \$306.20 (line item 200- 47825-000) for Davis Road and action as appropriate.

County owns road and minerals. State leases through GLO.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0-1)
Commissioner Rinn abstained.
Order #23-27

9. Discussion regarding Library System Policy Manual and action as appropriate.

No action.

10. Discussion on 2023 – 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Engineering Service Provider proposals and Grant Administration qualifications and action as appropriate.

Per Shannon Hannath (Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant), Commissioners Cerny and Lamp, Billy Doherty (County Auditor) and herself recommend Grantworks for administrative services and Doucet for engineering services.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-28

11. Discussion regarding temporary waterline agreement and action as appropriate

Approve temporary waterline agreement.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-29

12. Discussion and action to declare the following Precinct 4 equipment as surplus:

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| a. | 2000 International 2574 Dump Truck | last 4 of VIN -6789 |
| b. | 2000 Freightliner FLD 120 | last 4 of VIN -3352 |
| c. | 1999 Hilbilt 26' Dump Trailer | last 4 of VIN -5086 |
| d. | 1996 Hilbilt 26' Dump Trailer | last 4 of VIN -5098 |
| e. | 1999 Ford F150 Pickup | last 4 of VIN - 5053 |

Will hold for 30 days then send to auction.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-30

13. Discussion and action regarding Quiddity bond recommendation for Iron Rock Energy Partners, LLC culvert crossing at the following crossings:

- a. Wittner Road
- b. Spiess Road
- c. Mertz Road
- d. Industry Road

Quiddity determined bond should be \$25,500.

Per Commissioner Lamp, bond is too low.

Per Commissioner Rinn, the amount of the bond is for the temporary waterline to cross through the culverts only.

Judge Lapham clarified the amount isn't to cover large trucks driving on roads. The bond will only cover the culvert crossings.

Approve the amount of \$25,500 for the bond for Iron Rock Energy Partners, LLC for the culvert crossings.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0-1).
Commissioner Rinn abstained.*

Order #23-31

- 14. Consideration and action to approve waterline agreements with Ironroc Energy Partners, LLC for the following crossings:**
- a. Wittner Road**
 - b. Spiess Road**
 - c. Mertz Road**
 - d. Industry Road**

Approve waterline agreements with Ironroc Energy Partners, LLC.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0-1).
Commissioner Rinn abstained.*

Order #23-32

- 15. Consideration and action to approve bond with Ironroc Energy Partners, LLC for the following crossings:**
- a. Wittner Road**
 - b. Spiess Road**
 - c. Mertz Road**
 - d. Industry Road**

Approve bond with Ironroc Energy Partners, LLC for Wittner Road, Spiess Road, Mertz Road and Industry Road crossings in the amount of \$25,500.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0-1).
Commissioner Rinn abstained.*

Order #23-33

- 16. 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 27, 2022**
 - ii. December 28, 2022 -EMS Workshop**
 - b. Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$100.00 from CDA to Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032**
 - c. Consideration and action to accept 2022 Racial Profiling Report from:**
 - i. Lance Johnson -Constable, Pct. 1**
 - ii. Dave Schulz -Constable, Pct. 2**

- d. **Consideration and action to approve required schooling application to be held March 19- 22, 2023 in Longview, Texas. for:**
 - i. **David Schulz, County Constable, Pct. 2**
 - ii. **James Clark, County Constable, Pct. 4**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-34

17. Budgetary and Financial Claims -action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$321,557.77. Add City of Industry – \$28,032.00 from fund #123, Stryker Invoice \$24,766.24 from line item #101 – 127 lease, and UKG - \$565.50 from line item #101-127 software.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-35

b. Fund Transfers

Jury pay – \$776, Bluebonnet invoice – \$32,894.97 and current A/P – \$321,557.77.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-36

c. Budget Amendments

None.

d. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), have spent 33% of budget in the first four months. Still on target.

e. County Treasurer

i. December 2022 Treasurers Report

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-37

- ii. **Payroll and Escrow Report**
 - 1. **01.13.2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-38*

- 18. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - i. **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 -December 2022**
 - ii. **Library -December 2022**
 - iii. **Court -December 2022**
 - 1. **Criminal**
 - 2. **Civil**
 - 3. **Family**
 - 4. **Statutory**
 - iv. **Texas Department of Motor Vehicles -December 2022**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-39*

Court recessed at 10:26 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:
1 Personnel Matter – County Clerk**

Court reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

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

No action.

- 20. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Per Commissioner Lamp, State is cleaning out yard.

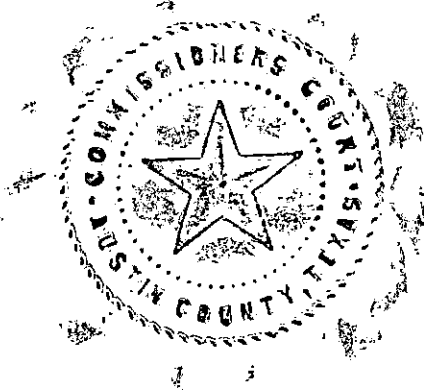
Per Judge Lapham, when he spoke with TXDoT to explain what the County needed. TXDoT responded with a suggestion to wait until March. TXDoT will still need to use barn for distributor trucks. County is not opposed to allowing TXDoT to have use of barn.

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-40**

Court adjourned at 12:30 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 January 23, 2023.**



Date: February 28, 2023

Carrie Gregor

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

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