



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **July 29, 2013** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Cyndi Gomez, Deputy County Clerk

Opening – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #13-244

- 1. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation of buried conduit and fiber by USFon, Inc. on Columbus Road and Florence Road in Precinct 4.**

Approval is contingent upon appropriate documentation and guidelines set by engineer.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #13-245

- 2. Consideration and possible action regarding request by Austin County Appraisal District to add a field appraiser.**

Court to confirm the Board of Directors action to add a Field Appraiser with no change in the amount of money the County pays.

Motion to Confirm: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-246

3. Consideration and possible action to accept annual Road and Bridge reports.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-247

4. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$150.65.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #13-248

5. Discussion regarding agreement by and between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Austin County Sheriff's Office for computer aided dispatch application and related services and action as appropriate.

The Court reviewed agreement with Jim Price, Law Office of James A. Price, Jr., with regard to comments on counter proposal.

Sheriff Brandes discussed an issue with the 911 office and Tyler Technologies.

Greg Henry and Brandon Hoff have worked things out, issues resolved and they are ready to go live.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-249

Commissioner Reichardt questioned the delay with Tyler Technologies and this issue, after the ongoing problems within the County Clerk's office.

Per Carrie Gregor, County Clerk, there's been a situation with an audit in her office ongoing since March 2013. Tyler is now making corrections, and changing how we were previously trained. They can be very convincing, but not always right.

Judge Bilski sent an e-mail to Greg Wallace of Tyler Technologies saying they are negotiating a contract. According to Bilski, Tyler lost the records management contract with the County Clerk's office due to service concerns. They don't want to lose this one.

Per Commissioner Reichardt, amend contract and bring back to court.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-250

6. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims

None.

c. Budget Amendments

None.

d. County Auditor's review of finances

None.

e. County Treasurer review of finances

Review July 26, 2013 Payroll & Escrow Report.

7. Budget Workshop

a. County Clerk

Carrie Gregor, County Clerk, requested a 5% increase for Deputies, and to add a second part-time Records Management Clerk position to be funded by the Records Management Fees account.

i. HB 1513 – increase Records Archive fee from \$5 to \$10, review plan and adopt as part of the budget.

Effective September 1, 2013.

*Motion to Adopt Archive Fee: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-251*

b. Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Brandes requested a 5% increase for his employees and reviewed some salary adjustments within the department.

Lt. Al Cordeiro reviewed the vehicle fleet for the department.

Jail Captain, Lynn Drake discussed purchase of ammunition, salary adjustment for Rebecca Kmiec and a 5% increase for the jail staff employees.

c. Courthouse Security

Sheriff Brandes discussed a metal detector for courthouse access, which will need two people to man. He is requesting an extra part-time position, one full-time Courthouse

Security person and an additional Traffic Deputy/Courthouse Security position sharing responsibilities.

e. Review of appraisal roll certification and effective tax rate notice with action as appropriate.

Betty Jez, Auditor, ran report with the .5283 effective rates for the Court to review and discuss.

Per Commissioner Turner, there is two million dollars more in the bank now, than the year before. Why would taxes need to be increased if we have this money to start the 2013-2014 Budget?

Auditor, Betty Jez, will draft a budget with requests for the next court date.

f. Discussion regarding proposed salaries and allowances for county officials, and action as appropriate.

The Court proposed a 3% increase for elected officials.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner

After further discussion with court, Commissioner Reichardt would consider amending his original motion to reflect a 5% increase; however the motion for a 3% increase remained.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, Judge Bilski, passed (3-2).

Opposed: Commissioner Reichardt, Commissioner King
Order #13-252

Court recessed at 11:25 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Personnel Matters regarding EMS Staff. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).**

Court reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

8. Action as appropriate from Executive Session.

No Action.

Court recessed at 11:42 a.m., July 29, 2013.

Court reconvened at 9:15 a.m., July 31, 2013.

7. Budget Workshop - CONTINUED

d. Other Departments

Presentation by Ron Dille regarding Proposed 2013-2014 EMS Operating Budget.

e. Review of appraisal roll certification and effective tax rate notice with action as appropriate.

Judge Bilski reviewed the Estimate Worksheet for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Auditor, Betty Jez, reviewed 2013 Valuation/2012-2013 Last Year's Budget worksheet.

Commissioner Turner wants to consider looking into rental property prior to building EMS a new facility in Sealy, to save money.

Per Judge Bilski, need to look at the General Fund Balance. Auditor to prepare for court.

Court recessed at 10:55 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Per Betty Jez, County Auditor, and the General Fund Balance last year 2012 was \$5,769,916.00, this year is \$7,059,413.00; \$1,417,497.00 more than last year at this time.

Per Commissioner Turner, with this money in the bank, we can do what we need at a minimum without raising taxes.

Commissioner King feels Ron Dille, EMS, would be more interested in keeping employees and paying them more. Possibility putting the new station off for another year.

Per Commissioner Rinn, we need our employees to keep the county going.

Auditor to run a draft report with 3% increase for all employees, with requests from EMS, Sheriff and District Attorney's offices and additional positions for the court to review.

Court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS
PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for July 29, 2013 and July 31, 2013.

Date: September 20, 2013

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy



FILED

13 SEP 20 AM 10:44

Carrie Gregor

COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS