



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **March 18, 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 – 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #13-80

Court recessed at 8:35 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

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

Court reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

No action from Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

1. Update on County health insurance and action as appropriate.

Don Wallace, Wallace & Associates and Craig Murphy, UMR reviewed the new Health Care Law for next year's budget 2013-2014. UMR is proposing a 2.7% increase in Administrative Services. The Stop Loss Insurance Coverage is increasing 16.27% in response to claims from the past year. Austin County is self-insured and protected for claims beyond \$60,000.00.

Judge Bilski requested a possible financial incentive for county employees to get tests at the new St. Joseph Bellville Hospital.

According to Judge Bilski, she read an email regarding full and part-time employee hours. Hours are changing from 32 hours for full-time status to 30 hours. Up to now benefits have not been offered if less than 32 hours. This is changing for part-time employees working 30 hours, now they will be designated as full-time status and be eligible for benefits.

UMR will return next court date with more information.

2. Discussion regarding Court Order 11-413 pertaining to comprehensive fund balance policy; review of general fund balances; request to authorize additional 2% salary increase to employees, and action as appropriate.

Betty Jez, County Auditor, reviewed the Assigned Fund balance sheet of the General Fund account budgeted for 2012-2013. Balance remaining \$2,148,512.04.

Per Judge Bilski, murder and juvenile trials are still outstanding.

Per Commissioner Turner, trials are coming up, but they have budgeted for them.

Per Betty Jez, there is \$690,539.22 in Contingent/Trial Cost.

According to Commissioner Turner, with budgeted expenditures of \$7,797,936.96 and with what the County has in the bank of \$9,946,449.00, leaves a remaining balance of \$2,148,512.04. He would like to keep the promise the Court made on September 24, 2012 to give the county employees a 2% salary increase.

Per Judge Bilski, increase to be effective on time-sheet starting March 15, 16 or 17, 2013.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-81*

Court recessed at 9:45 a.m.

10:00 A.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

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

Court reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

No action from Executive Session.

3. Commissioners Court Inquiry

None.

Court adjourned at 10:32 a.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 March 18, 2013.

Date: April 3, 2013

Carrie Gregor

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



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