

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **July 9, 2012** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
David Ottmer, 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

Need flexibility with Executive Sessions regarding a vacancy and addendum on Treasurer's resignation that will be considered after 10:30 a.m.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-246

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions
 - a. Distinguished Service Award to Austin County Historical Commission
- 2. Petitions or Requests from the Public

None.

3. Presentation of Annual Report of Austin County Historical Commission

Annual report and update by Grace Holtkamp and Joy Neely.

4. Discussion regarding request to approve resolution to form library district in geographical area of Sealy I. S. D. to provide public library services, and action as appropriate

Review by Bill Moehl, Gordon Library, regarding salaries, budget, improvement and expansion of library.

Chris Coffman, City of Sealy, reviewed Chapter 336 of the Local Government Code, Multi-Jurisdictional Library Districts.

Per Debra Mergel, Mergel Law Firm, there are no other findings regarding library districting.

Per Judge Bilski, need more research from Debra Mergel, will also talk to Rep. Lois Kolkhorst and Senator Hegar's office.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-247

- Consideration and possible action to adopt Special Road Use Memorandum of Understanding to use County roads and bridges
 - a. Overweight vehicles
 - b. Other potentially damaging activities

Take Brazoria County Permit and modify to suit Austin County.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). **Order #12-248**

 Consideration and possible action to authorize Seismic Survey Permit between Austin County and Calloway Engineering LLC for R055331: A210 H&TCRR Survey

Discussion with two Pearl Energy representatives reviewing map with location sites. A target date of September 1, 2012 to begin project.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-249

- 7. Consideration and possible action to authorize Seismic Survey Permit between County and Calloway Engineering LLC for
 - a. R053321; A210 H&TCRR Survey
 - b. R048711; A210 H&TCRR Survey
 - c. R066802; A329 J Blaschke Survey

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-250

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize bid proposals for retaining walls on Hoff Road at Piney Creek in Precinct 1

Advertise in The Bellville Times for bids on Piney Creek. Open bids August 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-251

9. Presentation by Intermedix on Emergency Medical Services billing

Jeremy Kizer, Intermedix, reviewed Financial Summary and Department Statistics Report for Austin County EMS January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders, banknote paper, and deed binder out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the total amount of \$1,251.02

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). **Order #12-252**

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize Contract and Agreement for Secure Short-Term Residential Services of Juvenile Offenders with Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Center

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-253

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize Contract and Agreement for Secure Long-Term and Short-Term Residential Service of Juvenile Offenders between Hays County and Austin County on behalf of Austin County Juvenile Probation

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-254

14. Consideration and possible action to update Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) notice, appointment of officer and any other action as appropriate

Appoint Debra Mergel as Privacy Officer for Austin County.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-255

Court recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

ADDENDUM TO ACTION AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action to accept letter of resignation from Elery Kimes, County Treasurer

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-256

Court recessed at 11:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items;

1. Personnel Matters regarding County Treasurer position.

Court reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

2. Action as appropriate from Executive Session

No Action.

17. Consideration and possible action to accept resignation from Robert D. Burger as Constable, Precinct 1, effective July 2, 2012

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-257

Court recessed at 12:26 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Personnel Matters
 - a. Constable Precinct 1 position
 - b. County Judge Staff / Environmental

Court reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Per Ron Dille agenda #10 will be postponed at this time.

18. Action as appropriate from Executive Session

Appoint Virgil Price, Constable to unexpired term of Constable, Precinct 1.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-258**

Virgil Price took the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer for the position for Austin County Constable, Precinct 1.

15. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-259**

b. Budget Amendments

None.

c. County Auditor's and Treasurer's review of finances

None.

Court received Re-appointment of County Auditor, Betty Jez from Judge Steinhauser, effective August 1, 2012 and terminating July 31, 2014.

Court received Salary for Assistant Auditor, William Ferguson from Judge Steinhauser, effective July 5, 2012.

- 16. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices
 - a. Monthly Fees and Commissions from Tax Assessor-Collector March and April 2012

20. Commissioners Court Inquiry

Per Judge Bilski, Tonya Mewis came in under the salary amount and after 4 months did not get to entry level. She is asking the Court to consider a 5% increase in salary to \$22,172.00 annually.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-260**

Court adjourned at 12:50 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 9, 2012.

Date:

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk

Clerk of Commissioners Court Austin County, Texas

By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy

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