

On this 15th day of July, 2013 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 11th day of July 2013 at 3:36 p.m. with the following members being present:

Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Jerry Magness	Commissioner, Precinct 3
	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Towery, Treasurer

ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Judge Carter declared a quorum has been established; Commissioners Whitlock, Barker and Magness are present.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Steve Filipowicz of BEDCO will be sponsoring a Free Port Presentation on Wednesday, August 7th at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall; invited is speaker Laura McKinney – the manager Small Business from the Governor’s Economic Development Division, as well as Michael Jones and staff, as requested by Trans Cable International; the meeting will address the needs of businesses as they relate to government with regard to free port; the State of Texas currently has 175 days of free port.

ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes presented are for July 8, 2013.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the Minutes.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING EMS MONTHLY PROFIT/LOSS REPORT –BONHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Chief Brad Nichols presented the report.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION REGARDING LAKE FANNIN – HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tom Thornton representing Fannin County Historical Commission stated Lake Fannin has an 80 year history, is on the National Registry of Historic Places and is of no value with the gates locked; request is made for the County to participate in an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to open the gates, no funding is designated by either entity so volunteers become indispensable.

Judge Carter stated he has discussed the problem with Congressman Ralph Hall; it has been advised that options might be either a land swap or purchase from the Federal Government; it is unknown if the County could fund the purchase and other options are being considered; the Federal Government will be receiving approximately 15,000 from the Lower Bois D'Arc Reservoir and perhaps that could be considered in trade; it is uncertain that Rep. Phillips can assist in a Federal matter.

Commissioner Barker stated the U.S. Forestry did not maintain the property in accordance with Federal guidelines but in turn the expectation from the Forestry Service is that those same guidelines should be imposed on the County; it would be appropriate for the County to assume care of the lake but funding is an issue, additionally, why should the County purchase or swap for the land which was probably given to the Federal Government.

Commissioner Whitlock stated appreciation for the public being in attendance to show support for the Lake.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E911 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) SERVICES BETWEEN FANNIN COUNTY AND TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCOG) AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY – TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

C. J. Durbin from the Public Safety Department of TCOG presented the agreement which is the same that was signed by the County 2 years ago; equipment is supplied to the Sheriff's Office through this program, it has no impact on the County budget.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve and authorize the County Judge to sign.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE COLLECTION OF OPTIONAL FEES (CHAPTER 502.401 & 502.403 OF TRANSPORTATION CODE)

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 AND COMPLETE IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FORM, TO BE RETURNED TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES – TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Gail Young, Tax-Assessor/Collector stated the statute requires the implementation of optional fees be submitted by the Court to notify the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; currently collected are \$10 for Road & Bridge the other option is a Child Safety fee.

Commissioner Magness asked if the fee would be added on. Ms. Young stated it would be added on and then used to fund crossing guards and other programs.

Commissioner Whitlock asked if the fee was an option to the public. Ms. Young stated it would not be an option.

Commissioner Barker moved to keep the same fees currently in use; [specifically] the Road and Bridge collection.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FANNIN COUNTY TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013 – TREASURER

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THREE (3) YEAR EXTENSION FOR CLEAR PRO PLUS WEB ANALYTICS FROM WESTLAW, A DIVISION OF THOMSON REUTERS FOR CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZED COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY - PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated the extension of the current contract permits the maintaining of the pricing at the same rate of \$216.41 with an increase of 5% over the each of the next two years.

Commissioner Barker asked if Mr. Glaser would want to pay for the item from the District Attorney's budget.

Richard Glaser, Criminal District Attorney stated the software program is used to track defendants and hot check writers of which \$53,000 has been returned to merchants through this program; defendants are notorious for not providing currently addresses, locating witnesses can also be done through the program.

Judge Carter stated there are other funds that can be considered during Budget talks.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve payment from General Fund.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION SERVICES & EQUIPMENT FOR FANNIN COUNTY – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated in the past an informal bid process has been used; at this time a formal bid is requested so a multi-year contract can be used, three years is recommended with bids due August 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Magness moved to approve the solicitation of bids for fire extinguisher services.

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #13007/ RENOVATION OF NEW AGRI-LIFE BUILDING – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated two contractors responded to the solicitation of bids, Bobby Smallwood Construction and Brazos Building; the committee consisted of Judge Carter, Commissioner Magness and Bethany Aries; Bobby Smallwood scored the highest, the cost was negotiated down to \$77,627.74; the work commences July 24th upon approval and will take 4-6 weeks to complete; approval is requested.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DATES FOR 2013/2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP(S) – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Carter recommends the workshop be conducted on July 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. with a second workshop on August 6th at 9:00 a.m. if needed.

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 – AUDITOR

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated a 6.1% increase has been proposed due to healthcare reform, this is slightly higher than the state-wide average of 5.85% due to County usage; this will include the increases of \$1.00 participation fee, \$63.00 per life-covered and the Wellness Program; emergency co-pay for employees has increased from \$75.00 to \$90.00 which is the only change to co-pays; there is a surplus distribution based upon longevity and surplus for the whole pool which is estimated at about \$70,000; approval is requested and for the county judge to sign.

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM PRISONER HOUSING (10-565-380) TO PRISONER MEDICAL (10-565-405) – AUDITOR

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated a budget amendment is requested for \$45,000 from the Prisoner Housing to Prisoner Medical; it is estimated this should be sufficient for the rest of the year.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed

Judge Carter clarified the motion is to approve the amendment moving \$45,000 from Prisoner Housing to Prisoner Medical.

ITEM 16. CONSIDERTION AND ACTIN TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS - AUDITOR

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 3-0 Passed

ITEM 17. ADJOURN


Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 3-0 Passed

Adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 15th day of July, 2013.

(LGC 81.003)

ATTEST:



Tammy Biggar
Fannin County Clerk

