



DIANE DAY

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

April 28, 2025 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Greg Mikel, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Diane Day, County Clerk
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (3-0)
Order #25-138

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Donna Jacobs thanked the commissioners for protecting the community against the BESS project. Donna Jacob presented facts on the dangers of BESS.

Leann Wilde stated she spoke with president of On Energy, Sal Minopoli, who offered to provide a battery to Austin County to attempt to destroy. Sal Minopoli also offered to rent a bus to tour other On Energy battery storage sites.

2. Collection Report presentation by Leslie Schkade with Perdue Brandon.

Tina Swonke with Austin County Appraisal District was present to discuss collection report with Leslie Schkade from Perdue Brandon.

Delinquent tax report presented.

Account breakdown chart presented.

3. Consideration and action to award Command Vehicle Building Bid

Proposed Bids:

Shellback Construction: \$282,651

Premier Builders: \$288,920

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) recommends court to award bid to low bidder, Shellback Construction.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, Passed (3-0)
Order #25-139

4. Discussion to reapply with the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (Military LESO) Program and action as appropriate.

Lt. Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office) request court to approve renewal between Austin County Sheriff's Office and the Law Enforcement Support Office of the Defense Logistics Agency. This program allows Austin County Sheriff's Office, access to certain decommissioned military surplus equipment.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0)
Order #25-140

5. Discussion and action regarding building construction/ repair projects.

County Annex Building (Wendt Street) needs to have all doors rekeyed to card strike entry (ADA approved) and front door to AgriLife replaced.

Dianna Grobe (County Judges Office) ask if the second entry door can be removed to be open frame.

Commissioners agreed to remove the second entry door and leave it open framed.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (3-0)
Order #25-141

6. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding financing of Constable Vehicles

Billy Doherty (County Auditor) requests the court approve financing for Constable vehicle to be with Welch State Bank.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, passed (3-0)
Order #:25-142

7. Discussion regarding inmate telephone and technology service agreement and action as appropriate.

Rebecca Kmiec (Austin County Sheriff's Office) advised the telephone and technology service agreement will remain the same but no more commission will be collected causing rate to drop by 12%. Inmates will also receive tablets at no fee provided by Synergy. Tablets will be placed in docking stations in the cell tanks for purchasing audio calls, video calls, and games.

Sheriff Brandes gave his approval.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0)
Order #25-143

8. Discussion and action to declare Pct. 1 truck (2007 Ford ½ Ton VIN 1FTRX12W07KAS5543) as surplus

Commissioner Mikel motions to declare Pct. 1 truck surplus due to internal engine issues causing it to smoke.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0)
Order #25-144

9. 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. **Consideration and action to ratify contract with Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS)**
- b. **Consideration and action to accept special donation(s) to SO per Local Government Code 81.032**
 - i. **\$15,000**
 - ii. **\$2,000**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way application for installation by Frontier Communications on Cunningham Road, Pct. 4**

- d. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulation to divide two (2) 5.2-acre tracts from a 20.7 acre parent tract on FM 1952, Pct. 4
- e. Consideration and action to approve a Temporary Access Agreement between Debra Smith (Blackbird Ln) and Austin County, Pct. 1
- f. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Abigail Hicks, Assistant D.A., to be held July 13-16, 2025, in Austin, Texas

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0)
Order #25-145

10. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.
a. Payment of Claims

Total: \$1,408,088.35

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, Passed (3-0)
Order #25-146

b. Fund Transfers

Total: \$241,119.84 (April 23, 2025)
 Total: \$733,660.67 (April 28, 2025)

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, Passed (3-0)
Order #25-147

- c. Budget Amendments
- d. County Auditor's Review of Finances

Budget Report (Account Summary) issued for review.

- e. County Treasurer
 - i. Payroll and Escrow Report
 - 1. 04.18.2025

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Mikel, Passed (3-0)
Order #25-148

11. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
a. Statutory County Court- March 2025
b. Civil Court - February 2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, Passed (3-0)
Order #25-149

12. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Mikel, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #25-150

Court adjourned at 9:51 am.

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

I, Diane Day, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for April 28, 2025.

Date: June 11, 2025
Diane Day, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Allison Gerik
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk



FILED

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Diane Day
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS