

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **May 29, 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-190

Court recessed at 9:01 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

1. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation. (This is accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071).

Court reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

1. Action as appropriate from Executive Session

No action.

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public

George Einkauf commented on the unfairness of increased taxes and appraised values on properties within the county.

- 3. (In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the Commissioners Court. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Commissioners Court.)
- 4. Consideration and possible action to add Red Dog Lane as a new private road for 911 Road Map in Precinct 1

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-191

Consideration and possible action to add Longwood Lane as a new private road for 911 Road Map in Precinct 1

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-192

6. Update on EMS activities and needs

Goes with agenda #7.

7. Consideration and possible action to authorize use of tobacco funds to convert ambulance to bariatric use ambulance with stretcher and ramp system

Tobacco fund has \$143,991.00 and is dedicated to medical emergencies.

Ron Dille requested \$13,840.00.

The Court approved up to \$14,000.00.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-193

 Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. between FM 2187 and Hahn Road in Precinct
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Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-194

 Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. between FM 2187 and Jackson Street in Precinct 3

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-195

 Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary easement between Charles Abel and Austin County Precinct 3 to clean fence line from FM 2187 on Jaloway Rd. for drainage

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-196

11. Consideration and possible action to set public hearing for stop signs at Kurtz Rd. and Remmert Rd. and a yield sign at Houston St. and Jackson St.

Motion to Set Hearing: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). **Order #12-197**

12. Consideration and possible action to set road mileage allocation for each precinct

Precinct #3 gains 7.386 miles.

Precinct #2 gains .10 mile.

Motion to Establish: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-198

- 13. Discussion regarding asphalt bids, subsequent increases and action as appropriate for specific road projects
 - a. Mixville Road

Precinct #4, Durwood Greene \$126,395.00

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #12-199**

Per Judge Bilski, declaring emergency declaration for health and safety of the roads.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-200**

b. Old Columbus Road

c. Jackson and George Clark Streets

Century Asphalt \$157,537.50

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). **Order #12-201**

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize forfeiture funds for Law Enforcement vehicle and budget amendment as appropriate

Fleet safety equipment request is \$36,785.53.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-202

15. Consideration and possible action to approve Annex K (Road and Bridge/Public Works Emergency Response)

Road and Bridge emergency management responsibilities and public works for disposal for roadway clearance, debris reduction/removal, and burnable materials from yard waste to dead animals, and anything posing a hazard to health safety and environment. Each Commissioner being their precinct boss and the EOC is the Senior Commissioner.

County also has an existing contract with Ash Britt Environmental Removal.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #12-203**

16. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-204**

b. Budget Amendments

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-205

- c. County Auditor's review of finances
- d. County Treasurer's review of finances

Report for March 2012.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-206

Report for January - March 2012.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #12-207**

- 17. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices
 - a. Constable, Precincts 1, 2, 3, & 4 April 2012
 - b. Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1, 2, 3, & 4 April 2012
 - c. OSSF Activity April 2012

Court recessed at 10:55 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Deliberation regarding Real Property. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).
- 2. Personnel Matters (This is accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074).
 - a. Environmental Enforcement Position
 - b. Human Resources

Per Commissioner Reichardt, Fire Chief for Austin County, there have been grass fires in surrounding areas. He is advising the residents take precautions.

Court reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

- 18. Action as appropriate from Executive Session
 - 1. Deliberation regarding Real Property

No action.

2. Personnel Matters

- a. Environmental Enforcement Position
- b. Human Resources

Employees to continue working in accordance with the budget.

No action.

9. Commissioners Court Inquiry

Commissioner Reichardt discussed echoes and excessive feedback problems with the 800 line for the fire department.

Court adjourned at 11:40 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 May 29, 2012.

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk

Clerk of Commissioners Court

Austin County, Texas

By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy

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