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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**February 10, 2020**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, Commissioner Precinct, 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Andrea Cardenas, Deputy County Clerk

**9:00 A.M. OPENING**  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
**INVOCATION**  
**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**  
**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Amend agenda by removing item #11.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-033**

- 1. Public Hearing regarding erecting stop signs at Hintz Road at Settler's Ct Drive, Precinct 3 (Commissioner Reichardt)**
- 2. Action as appropriate from Public Hearing**

Put stop signs up.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-034**

- 3. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

Per Commissioner Reed, taking donations for Doug King Memorial until March 1, 2020. Still need about \$1,000.00.

Per Kim Rinn, Tax Assessor-Collector, early voting starts Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Wendt Street, Bellville from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and at Hill Community Center, Sealy from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**4. Presentation of request from Austin County Fair Association and action as appropriate.**

Robert Winklemann, President of Austin County Fair Association, requests help to repair road in front of the building. Fair Association asked for one-half of cost to repair.

Pay one-half of cost (\$27,000) from 127 fund – Capital outlay.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-035**

**5. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Construction materials testing needs to be done for each project.

Sealy EMS – contract guaranteed maximum price of \$2,924,949 and a construction timeline of 365 calendar days. Financing of project will come out of GO bonds. County has funds to cover contract and will be reimbursed once GO bonds have been received.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-036**

Authorization for County Judge to sign contract for Sealy EMS.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-037**

Approve contract with Raba Kistner, Inc. for \$31,639 for construction materials observation and testing for Sealy EMS and authorization for County Judge to sign contract.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-038**

Jail and Sheriff's Office project:

Getting cabling from Radio Tower by Precinct 1 to Justice Center. Will connect us to Sheriff Office new dispatch and back to Justice Center. Run 4" conduits 2,800 ft. Total \$25,887.72. The cost is not added into any project at this time. Need to determine cost added to which project; Jail and Sheriff's Office or Justice Center.

Makes the most sense to add to the Sheriff's Office because the Sheriff's Office will be the primary usage.

Add \$25,887.72 to the guarantee maximum price for Sheriff's Office and Jail.

Approve guarantee maximum price for Sheriff's Office and Jail is 8,882,808 plus 520 calendar days for construction.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-039**

Authorize County Judge to sign contract for Sheriff's Office and Jail project.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-040**

Gessner Engineering for \$28,210 for construction materials testing for Sheriff's Office and authorization for County Judge to sign contract.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-041**

Total anticipated number for Justice Center is \$16,000,000.

Commissioner Rinn concerned with debt service and tax rate for taxpayers.

Per James Gilley (US Capital Advisors), will put together a timetable and will target sale date of March 23, 2020.

Justice Center construction contract cannot be signed until County has enough cash to cover contract. At this time, County doesn't have enough cash on hand to cover contract. Justice Center is held up for now due to funding.

**6. Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 2 acre tract from a 5.689 acre tract on Reinhardt Road, in Precinct 1. (Commissioner Lamp)**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-042**

**7. Consideration and action to accept payment from Aspen Midstream Partners Holdings, LLC of \$3,582.52 for repair/replacement of road/culvert damaged on New Wehdem Road, Pct 2. (Commissioner Rinn)**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-043**

- 8. Consideration and action to release Aspen Midstream Partners Holdings, LLC. Road Bond covering New Wehdem Road. (Commissioner Rinn)**

Bond #7000000122.

*Motion to Release: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*

**Order #20-044**

- 9. Discussion and action to accept HIDTA Grant (G19HN0026A) Modification, increasing grant by \$1,260 bringing total to \$20,360.69. (Sheriff Brandes)**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*

**Order #20-045**

- 10. Discussion and action to accept HIDTA Grant (G18HN0026A) Modification, decreasing grant by \$1,958.39 bringing total to \$17,141.61. (Sheriff Brandes)**

Didn't use all of grant. Sheriff's Office is returning unused portion of funds.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*

**Order #20-046**

- 12. Discussion regarding the transfer of funds to purchase Motorola Radios for the Sheriff's Office and action as appropriate. (Sheriff Brandes)**

*Motion to Transfer: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*

**Order #20-047**

- 13. Discussion regarding NewWave Communication Services Contract(s) and action as appropriate. (Billy Doherty)**

To terminate contract for services for AgriLife the fee is \$1,700. Will look for a County building to transfer services.

No action.

- 14. Consideration and action regarding discontinuance of a public alley located in Precinct 3. (Commissioner Reichardt)**

Approval contingent on correcting paperwork.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).*

*Commissioner Reichardt abstained.*

**Order #20-048**

15. **Consideration and action to authorize all County employees who have access to the County's computer system or database and all elected officials of the County to complete an annual cybersecurity training course offered by TAC and certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources. (Judge Lapham)**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-049**

16. **Discussion regarding Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 security system and action as appropriate. (Commissioner Reed)**

Condra Communications for \$2,975. Pay from fund 174 - Security.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-050**

17. **Discussion regarding A.D.A Compliant Bathroom at Knox Library and action as appropriate. (Commissioner Reed)**

Brazos Country Builders for \$102,000; pay from 101-115 – Repairs and replacement.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-051**

18. **Discussion regarding Burns Architecture LLC Invoice for R&B Pct. 1, payment from General Fund account 128 and action as appropriate (Billy Doherty)**

Pay \$2,000 invoice from 101-128 – Professional services.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-052**

19. **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. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **01.27.2020**
  - b. **Consideration and action to approve interlocal agreement with the City of South Frydek for OSSF Permitting Services.**
  - c. **Consideration and action to accept report by Constable, Precinct 2 regarding Racial Profiling per Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-053**

**20. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**

**a. Payment of Claims**

Total = \$1,115,491.87

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-054**

- b. Budget Amendments**
- c. County Auditor's review of finances**
- d. County Treasurer's**
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Report 01.31.20**
  - ii. Reconciled Report**
    - 1. April 2019**
    - 2. May 2019**
    - 3. June 2019**
    - 4. Third Quarter 2018 - 2019**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-055**

**21. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**

- a. County Court – January 2020**
- b. Jail Population – January 2020**
- c. Constable, Precinct 1 – January 2020**
- d. Constable, Precinct 4 – December 2019**
- e. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – January 2020**
- f. OSSF Report – January 2020**
- g. Library Report – January 2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-056**

Court recessed at 10:46 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

- 1 Deliberation regarding Economic Development. (This in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.087).**

Court reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

**22. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

**23. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #20-057*

Court adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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

**I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners  
Court proceedings for February 10, 2020.**



Date: February 20, 2020

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas**

**By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

**FILED**

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