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## **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**July 25, 2022** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Mark Lamp, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Leroy Cerny, 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

Pull #13 from agenda.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0). Order #22-296

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.
- 2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

Per Judge Lapham, no updates on EMS stations.

Per Commissioner Rinn, received a quote for ADA compliance door at Wendt Street building for \$5,373. Unsure which door to make compliant. Will bring back. Donated flower pots will need 4 ½ yards of concrete. Road and Bridge employees will do work.

3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Reed, continuing with routine maintenance. State will wait until Mlcak Road bridge is complete before working on the scale. It will take a day and a half to erect building.

Per Commissioner Cerny, continuing with routine maintenance. Kulow/Sealy bridge is still curing.

Per Commissioner Rinn, continuing with routine maintenance. Will begin working on Emshoff and Shelby Road once other projects are complete.

Per Commissioner Lamp, Steckbottom/Grubbs Road bridge is down. Will use concrete from old bridge as RAP material for side walls. Nelius Road bridge work will begin in a week or two. Doing routine maintenance.

### 4. Budget discussion and action as appropriate.

Per Judge Lapham, required to file proposed budget with County Clerk's office by end of July. Should receive tax worksheets by end of the week.

Per David Childers (Veteran's Officer), will need to increase hours. Current office hours Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday, half day. 75% of time spent researching for veterans. Having issues getting certified and accessing State computer system. Have asked Regional and District Manager for help as well.

Changes made to proposed Compensation Order for EMS include Assistant Chief and Clinical Manager positions. They usually spend half time in office and half in the field.

Set Budget Hearing for August 22, 2022.

Motion to Set: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #22-297

5. Consideration and action to establish schedule of Commissioner's Court meetings for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #22-298

6. Consideration and action to adopt Holiday Calendar for 2023

No action.

7. Consideration and action to set 2023 Sheriff and Constable Fees effective January 1, 2023

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #22-299

8. Discussion and action regarding Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bellville.

Agreement for Boggy Creek.

Approve contingent upon letter from Engineer.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). Order #22-300

- 9. Consideration and action to approve Voting Locations: (Kim Rinn)
  - a. Early Voting
  - b. Election Day

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). **Order #22-301** 

10. Discussion and action to approve Election Judges and -Election Clerks.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #22-302

11. Discussion and action to adopt the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolution for FY 2023

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0). Order #22-303

12. Consideration and action to accept or decline the funds allocated through HGAC conditionally approved preliminary Method of Distribution.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). **Order #22-304** 

14. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 5.906 acre tract and a 11 acre tract from a 32.44 acre tract on corner of FM 2502 and Wiecker Road, Pct. 2.

Authorize with 70' right-of-way.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). **Order #22-305** 

15. Consideration and action regarding recommendation to award Disaster Debris Services Management Bids.

Approve DRC services contingent upon Jesse Skinner's (Assistant District Attorney) approval.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). Order #22-306

- 16. 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. June 27, 2022
  - b. Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for EMS Employee to carry over 44 vacation hours through August 31.
  - c. Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$3,500 to Austin County Sheriffs Office per Local Government Code 81.032
  - d. Consideration and action to accept special donations to Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032
    - i. \$5,000
    - ii. \$1,000

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). Order #22-307

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

Total = \$1,278,118.58

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #22-308** 

- b. Budget Amendments
- c. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #22-309

d. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 27.2% budget remaining.

## **County Treasurer's**

Payroll and Escrow Report - 07.15.2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0). Order #22-310

#### ii. Treasurer's Report - June 2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0). Order #22-311

- Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices. 18.
  - Constable, Pct. 2 & Pct. 4 June 2022
  - Library June 2022 b.
  - OFFS June 2022 C.
  - Agrilife Extension May & June 2022

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0). Order #22-312

#### **Commissioner Court Inquiry.** 19.

Per Judge Lapham, a workshop is scheduled for August 3, 2022 with Madder Horns Pipeline and Whitewater.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0). Order #22-313

Court adjourned at 10:38 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 July 25, 2022.

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk

**Clerk of Commissioners Court** 

Austin County, Texas

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy