

#### **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

On **July 30, 2012** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room 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 Ottmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-285

 Consideration and possible action to authorize bids for courthouse roof repair / replacement

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-286** 

- 2. Discussion regarding asphalt bids, subsequent increases and action as appropriate for specific road projects
  - a. Cougar Road Precinct 4
  - b. Educator Lane Precinct 4

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-287

#### c. New Bremen Road - Precinct 2

Review bids from Sealy Paving, Inc. and Century Asphalt - Hot Mix.

Century Asphalt, HMAC Type D, \$61.60 per ton - Hot Mix.

Motion to Award: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-288

3. Consideration and possible action to accept annual road and bridge reports

Reports from Precinct's #1, 2, 3, & 4.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Ottmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-289

4. Discussion regarding property and casualty insurance coverages, and action as appropriate

Reviewed insurance proposal with Trident Insurance Services, seek proposals and coverages for general conditions including tax interruption features, equipment break down, professional liability for Public Officials and Law Enforcement.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). **Order #12-290** 

 Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Alfonso Acosta, Environmental Officer, to be held August 5, 2012 in Rosenberg, Texas

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-291

## 6. Budget workshop

# a. Appraisal District Information

Discussed Property Taxable Rate, Certified Appraisal Roll for 2012 with last year's rate 0.5379, Effective Tax Rate 0.5277 and Rollback Tax Rate 0.5711.

#### b. EMS

Power Point presentation by Ron Dille regarding equipment, personnel qualification and request of salary increase for 2012 – 2013 Budget.

## 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

7. Public Hearing regarding Austin County Subdivision Regulation Amendments (addressing pipeline specifications and replats), and action as appropriate

# 10:10 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING - Closed

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Ottmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-292

Court recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

#### 6. Budget Workshop -- Continued

#### b. EMS - Continued

Continuation of power point presentation with Ron Dille and Jim Turnbull.

#### c. Other departments

Per Betty Jez, County Auditor, the Effective Tax Rate will increase the General Fund \$539,282.00.

Per Judge Bilski, the General Fund will be used for courthouse roof repair, replacement and disposing of materials. The Capital Fund is for department needs and replacement of large iterms.

Reese Turner, Commissioner Elect 2013, Precinct 1, asked the Court if the floor was open to question Ron Dille regarding quotes made during the EMS presentation.

Judge Bilski rejected his request due to violation of the "Open Meetings Act." She stated two Commissioners and Ron Dille can sit in with him for discussion.

Per Reese Turner, private meetings don't do any good. This is the chance to ask questions in front of the people and press.

Judge Bilski will ask the Attorney General's office at what point the Court can talk without violating the "Open Meetings Act."

# 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 July 30, 2012.

Date:

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

**Austin County, Texas** 

By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy

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