

**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 22, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Anderson County Courthouse Annex**

**County Courtroom**

**Palestine, Texas**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Determine a Quorum**
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Consent Agenda**

**The Consent Agenda is considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. However, any Consent Agenda item may be removed for individual consideration pursuant to a request by a Commissioners Court member.**

- **Budget Amendments;**
  - **Consider approving bills;**
  - **Approve utility crossing County Roads**
  - **Treasurer's Report**
  - **Sheriff's Report**
  - **County Clerk's Office**
  - **Tax Assessor Collector Report**
  - **District Attorney's Report**
  - **Auditor's Report**
  - **District Clerk's Report**
  - **IT Reports**
  - **J.P. Reports**
  - **Constable Reports**
  - **Veteran's Report**
  - **Collections Reports**
  - **Historical Commission Reports**
  - **Minutes**
- Regular Meeting 7/25/2022**

- 5. The Anderson County Commissioners Court will recess into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with its attorney in order to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer, and in matters in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct**

of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

6. **Reconvene in Open Session**
7. **Consider and take action, if necessary, on matters discussed in Executive Session.**
8. **Approve the appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judges for a two year term beginning September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024.**
9. **Approve the following Elections Personnel for the Central Counting Station for the November 8, 2022 General Election:**
  - Manager – Casey Brown**
  - Tabulation Supervisor – Felecia Johnson**
  - Assistant Tabulation Supervisor - Socorro Najera**
  - Assistant Tabulation Clerk, as needed – Keturah Wilbourn**
10. **Order General Election for Local County Offices.**
  - Judge Johnston**
11. **Consider and take action on relocating two Polling Locations for the General Election. The locations can no longer be used due to safety concerns. Denson Springs (Commissioner Precinct 1 Voting Box 5) to be moved to Slocum Volunteer Fire Department Station #2, in Slocum, Texas. Slocum Independent School District (Commissioner Precinct 1 Voting Box 4) to be moved to Slocum First Baptist Church in Slocum, Texas.**
12. **Approve Interlocal Agreements with Local Entities to conduct a Joint Election with Anderson County: City of Palestine, Slocum Independent School District, Cayuga Independent School District and Neches Independent School District.**
13. **Hear from Mary Raum with the City of Palestine, concerning Anderson County's support of the Palestine Wayfinding Design and System Plan, and take action as necessary.**
14. **Consider and take action on the FY 2023 Proposed Budget.**
15. **Conduct a Public Hearing on the FY 2023 Proposed Budget.**
16. **Consider and take action on the adoption of the FY 2023 Budget.**
17. **Consider and take action on ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2023 Budget.**
18. **Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2022 Tax Rate.**
19. **Consider and take action to adopt the 2022 Tax Rate which will fund the 2023 Budget.**
20. **Consider and take action on an Addendum to the Contract between Anderson County and Meals on Wheels of Palestine, Inc., for a one-time allotment of \$100,00.00, to be used to provide home-delivered meals to the elderly of**

**Anderson County.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 1)**

- 21. Consider and take action on an Addendum to the Contract between Anderson County and Westside Volunteer Fire Department for a one-time allotment of \$50,000.00 for equipment, supplies and repair of existing equipment, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 2)**

- 22. Consider and take action on the purchase of bunker gear and thermal imaging camera (TIC) for Westside Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$50,000, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 3)**

- 23. Consider and take action on the purchase of communication equipment (radios) for Slocum Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$7,387.66, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 4)**

- 24. Consider and take action on the reimbursement to Tennessee Colony Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of rescue equipment, rescue tools, and emergency repairs, in the amount of \$12,510.49, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 5)**

- 25. Consider and take action on awarding Request for Proposals to provide and install Fiber Optic Broadband that starts at the North Loop in Palestine and ends at the corner of Highway 155 and Perry Street, near Frankston High School, a total of 22.6 miles.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 6)**

- 26. Consider and take action on an estimate from Emergency Solutions, Inc. for Setup Fees for Volunteer Fire Department accounts 84 East, Bethel-Cayuga, Bradford, Elkhart, Elmwood, Frankston, Montalba, Neches and Tennessee Colony, in the amount of \$2,250.00, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Judge Johnston (Enclosure 7)**

- 27. Consider and take action on authorizing the Auditor's Office to go out for Requests for Proposals, to provide Fiber Optic Broadband to the area of FM 1990, to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act Funds.**

**Commissioner Mims (Enclosure 8)**

- 28. Consider and take action on purchasing 2 (Two) riding lawnmowers for Dogwood Park.**

**Commissioner Hill (Enclosure 9)**

- 29. Consider and take action to approve the Anderson County Purchasing and Debarment Policies and Procedures per GO LHMPP Application Specifications.**

**Auditor Megan Lambright (Enclosure 10)**

30. Consider and take action on items collected from IT, such as computers, monitors, printers, telephones, and miscellaneous items, to be declared surplus and sold at auction.

Auditor Megan Lambright (Enclosure 11)

31. Consider and take action on the 2023 County Choice Silver Retiree Medical Program (Post-65 Group Retiree Healthcare Program) renewal.

Auditor Megan Lambright (Enclosure 12)

32. Consider and take action on approving an additional payment to Acoustical Ceilings, LLC, in the amount of \$684.00, for removing and replacing ceilings in the Anderson County Agriculture Building, located at 519 N. Sycamore Street.

Auditor Megan Lambright (Enclosure 13)

33. Consider and take action on 2023 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees.

Sheriff Flores (Enclosure 14)

34. Consider and take action on authorizing the County Auditor to raise the limit on the Sheriff and Chief Deputy credit card to \$5,000 per month.

Sheriff Flores (Enclosure 15)

35. Consider and take action on changing the County Leave Policy to allow the following: "Cadet Peace Officers, Jailers and Dispatchers who are attending the required Basic Academy Training will be allowed to accrue up to 480 hours of compensatory time during said training. This time must be used within one year after the employee's completion of field training. After that time, any remaining time will be paid to the employee."

Sheriff Flores (Enclosure 16)

36. Consider and take action on Peace Officer Certification Training Reimbursement Agreements.

Sheriff Flores (Enclosure 17)

37. Consider and take action on authorizing the County Judge to sign an amended contract with Southern Health Partners.

Sheriff Flores (Enclosure 18)

38. Adjourn

COMMISSIONERS COURT ANDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Robert D. Johnston  
ROBERT D. JOHNSTON, ANDERSON COUNTY JUDGE



I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the Courthouse of Anderson County, Texas and at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 19th day of August, 2022 at 9:06 AM PM.

Mark Staples  
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COUNTY CLERK

*Krista Mising*  
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BY DEPUTY

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