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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**September 11, 2023** 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  
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda item #7ai should be a 9 - intermediate not 8.

Adopt amended agenda.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-322**

**1. 5:30 PM – TAX RATE**

Will return at 5:30 for Public Meeting.

**2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

None.

**3. Discussion and action regarding Austin County 911 Emergency Communications budget approval.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, the Austin County 911 Communications Board President needs to appear in court to explain their budget. Postponed until next meeting.

No Action

**4. Discussion regarding Contract for Services for Austin County Health Authority and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-323*

**5. Consideration and action to accept Donation of property located at 1211 Atchison Street, Sealy.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-324*

**6. Discussion and action to approve Drainage Plans for Hennessey Building Addition, Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-325*

**7. Discussion and action to authorize certificate pay for S.O., Jail, and Dispatch.**

- a. **Sheriff's Office:**
  - i. 8 - Intermediate - \$600/yr.
  - ii. 8 - Advanced - \$900/yr.
  - iii. 14 - Master - \$1,200/yr.
- b. **Jail:**
  - i. 2 - Intermediate - \$600/yr.
  - ii. 2 - Advanced Jailer - \$900/yr.
  - iii. 3 - Master - \$1,200/yr.
- c. **Dispatch:**
  - i. 2 - Intermediate - \$600/yr.
  - ii. 3 - Advanced - \$900/yr.
  - iii. 1 - Master - \$1,200/yr.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-326*

**8. Discussion and action to accept executed Interlocal Agreement between Regional Public Defenders Office and Austin County.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-327**

**9. Discussion regarding funding request from Austin County Fair Association for building repairs and action as appropriate.**

Per Charlie Tallerine, the Austin County Fair Association has a 5-year plan for repairs. Expo building has been reinsulated, new gutters, and new doors installed. Roof will be next.

County will donate \$38,000 toward repairs.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-328**

**10. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 4 acre tract from a 20.44 acre parent tract on Orange Hill Road, Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-329**

**11. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 1.2 acre tract from a 30.302 acre parent tract on South Loop, Kenney, Texas, Pct. 2.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-330**

**12. Consideration and action regarding Bartlett RV Park Construction Plans, Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-331**

**13. Discussion and action to authorize request for bids for Office of Emergency Management Command Vehicle.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-332**

14. **Consideration and action to add Bolten Ranch Lane as a new private road to 911 Road Map, Pct. 1.**

*Motion to Add: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-333**

15. **Consideration and action to add Flen Glenn Lane as a new private road to 911 Road Map, Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Add: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-334**

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. **Consideration and action to accept a \$1,000 special donation to Knox Memorial Library from HEB Tournament of Champions per Local Government Code 81.032.**
- b. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - i. **July 31, 2023 Construction Workshop**
  - ii. **July 31, 2023**
  - iii. **August 14, 2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn; passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-335**

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

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-336**

- b. **Fund Transfers.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-337**

- c. **Budget Amendments.**

None

- d. **County Auditor's review of finances.**

None

- e. **County Treasurer's**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report – 09.08.2023**
  - ii. **August 2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-338*

- 18. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
  - a. **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 – August 2023**
  - b. **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 – August 2023**
  - c. **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 – August 2023**
  - d. **Constable Lance Johnson, Pct. 1 – August 2023**
  - e. **Constable James Clark, Pct. 4 – July 2023 & August 2023**
  - f. **Library – August 2023**
  - g. **OSSF – August 2023**
  - h. **Jail Population – August 2023**
  - i. **TxDMV – August 2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-339*

Court recessed at 3:50 p.m.

- 19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items**
    - a. **Personnel Matter**

Court reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

- 20. **Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action

Court recessed at 4:28 p.m.

Court reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. **5:30 PM – TAX RATE continued**
  - a. **Public Hearing on tax rate**

Public Hearing opened at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 5:32 p.m.

**b. Consideration and action to adopt FY 2023-2024 tax rate.**

General M & O - 0.3211, F/M Lateral – 0.07600, R&B Special – 0.07800, Debt Requirement – 0.04490. Total = 0.52000

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #22-340*

**21. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Outside Auditors will be present this week to start interviews and schedule for Audit.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-341*


Court adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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

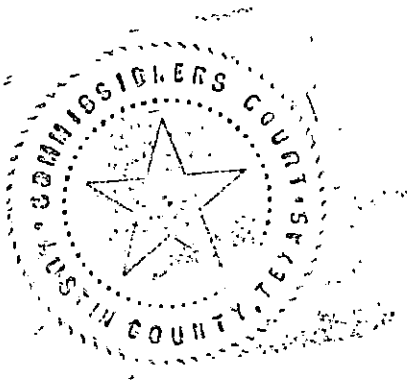
I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for September 11, 2023.

Date: SEP 26 2023

Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas



By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy



**FILED**

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