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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

November 12, 2019, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-418

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion regarding County Wide Burn Ban and action as appropriate**

Lift Burn Ban.

Motion to Lift: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-419

- 3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Sheriff Jack Brandes, swipe cards should be used on sally port doors. Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architect), site work and soils report has been done. Friday before Thanksgiving design should be complete. Bidding process will begin and hopefully construction on Justice Center February 2020.

Justice Center site has been determined. County finally reached an agreement with TXDOT. TXDOT will release a portion of the land to County which will allow County to begin construction. There is a two-phase site development. First phase is to build parking lot out towards Chelsey Street and let TXDOT use the land as well to access their office. Phase two is once TXDOT moves County can take out office building then build staff parking lots.

Burns meeting with City of Sealy in the afternoon to discuss EMS building.

Burns reviewed documents prepared by State. There are bidding documents prepared by the State, but the documents were not sealed by the Architect with the Texas Historical Society. Will be on roof to review work that has been done previously. Will meet with Brandy Robinson (Assistant District Attorney) today to determine what the next step should be.

Per Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor-Collector), office will be closed on November 14, 2019 for contractor to work on teller areas.

- 4. Discussion and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide a total of 6.589 acres (4.85 acres in Austin County/1.739 in Washington County) out of a 9.692 acres tract on New Wehden Rd, Precinct 2.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-420

- 5. Discussion regarding the modification of previous service agreement or change service provider for EMS equipment and narcotic tracking software and action as appropriate.**

Enter agreement with PS Tracks for 5-year contract.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed 4-0).
Order #19-421

- 6. Discussion regarding updated pipeline permit application and action as appropriate.**

Change made requires applicants to provide all state load permits of contractors to Road and Bridge administrator and County Judge's office. Minor changes are to change email address on page 1 of application and add a revision date on the application.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-422

7. Discussion on holiday pay for regular part time employees and action as appropriate.

Pay same as last year.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-423

8. Discussion regarding Secondary Rail Spur Agreement and action as appropriate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-424

9. Consideration and action to accept Road Bond from AMP Intrastate Pipelines, LLC, Texas.

- a. **Bedner Road, Precinct 2**
- b. **Schultz Road, Precinct 2**

\$200,000 bond originally accepted is for another project. Cannot be combined with \$400,000 bond to make a \$600,000 bond.

Accept \$600,000 bond issued for current project.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-425

10. Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Audit of the Austin County Jail Commissary Inmate Trust Fund and action as appropriate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-426

11. Discussion and action regarding Austin County Herbicide Regulations.

Have Public Hearing at next Commissioners Court meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-427

12. Discussion regarding EMS Director job requirements and action as appropriate.

Remove stipulation of on duty to staff a unit.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed (4-0).
Order #19-428

13. Discussion regarding Maintenance Position and action as appropriate.

Hire Maintenance Coordinator at \$17.50 per hour for 32 hours per week.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-429

14. Discussion and action to canvass and declare results of the November 05, 2019 Special Election.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-430

15. Discussion regarding purchase of a truck and bed for Pct 2 and action as appropriate.

Not to exceed \$37,000. Purchase truck from Lonestar Truck Group and use Woltmann's Welding & Fabricating for bed.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-431

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. **October 28, 2019**
- b. **Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Carrie Gregor, County Clerk to be held February 03-06, 2020 at San Marcos, Texas.**
- c. **Consideration and action to ratify 2019-2020 Contract for Services with Helping One Another (H.O.A.)**
- d. **Consideration and action to accept U.S. Government of Justice 2018 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant of \$4,763.00**
- e. **Consideration and action to renew service agreement with Cummins Sales and Service for maintenance of generator located at S.O./Jail.**
- f. **Consideration and action to approve right-of-way installation by New Ulm Water Supply on Taylor Street, Pct 2.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-432

17. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

- a. **Payment of Claims**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-433

- b. **Budget Amendments**
- c. **County Auditor's Review of Finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), County is still good.

- d. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **Payroll and Escrow Reports**
 - 1. **11.08.19**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-434

- 18. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - a. **Jail Population Report – October 2019**
 - b. **District Court – October 2019**
 - c. **County Court – October 2019**
 - d. **On-Site Sewage Facility – October 2019**
 - e. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – October 2019**
 - f. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – October 2019**
 - g. **Austin County Library System – October 2019**
 - h. **Constable, Precinct 2 – October 2019**
 - i. **Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – October 2019**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-435

Court recessed at 9:59 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- a. **Economic Development Matters**

Court reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

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

No action.

20. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-436*

Court adjourned at 10:46 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 November 12, 2019.**



Date: 11-15-19

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

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