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Commissioners Court Minutes

January 26, 2015, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Rebecca Thomas, 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 King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-26

1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.

a. Austin County Mentor Month with Raising Academic Performance.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-27

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

None.

3. **Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide 2 acres from a 5.4590 acres tract on Witte Road in Precinct 1.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-28

4. **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. **Transmittal of Minutes**
 - i. **December 22, 2014**
 - ii. **December 29, 2014**
 - b. **Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Wilfred Krause, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, to be held February 3-6, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas.**
 - c. **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Bradley Rinn and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-29

5. **Consideration and possible action to accept donations to the Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032.**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-30

6. **Consideration and possible action to accept polling places for the House District 13 Runoff Election.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-31

7. **Discussion regarding hours for early voting for the House District 13 Runoff Election and action as appropriate.**

Bellville will have extended hours at the Tax Office from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sealy will have extended hours at the Hill Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (tba).

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-32

8. Discussion of allocation of road bond proceeds.

Commissioner Turner opened discussion with regard to how money should be split between precincts to keep one precinct from funding another precinct.

9. Consideration and possible action to approve painting at the Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-33*

Amend Original Motion to include the clerk's office, but not the courtroom.

*Motion to Amend: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-34*

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of 3 office chairs for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.

Add to next agenda when bids are received.

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize request to change locks at the Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.

Locks can be changed. The copier and fax will be moved to a central location. Courtroom (common area) will remain open for community groups.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-35*

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize repairing and replacing of the lettering on the outside of the Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.

Replace lettering with a sign. Commissioner King will get prices.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-36*

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize cleaning of the carpet in the Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-37*

14. Consideration and possible action to adopt resolution regarding TXDOT participation requirement for bridge construction.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-38*

15. Discussion to replace light fixtures in Courthouse lobby and action as appropriate.

Drop ceiling with new lights. Not to exceed \$4,000.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-39*

16. Discussion and possible action regarding payroll deduction form for purchase of uniforms.

Forms may be used like personal action forms.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-40*

17. Consideration and possible action for authorization to advertise for bid proposals for Caterpillar 308C Excavator for Precinct 4.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-41*

18. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
a. Payment of Claims

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-42*

b. Budget Amendments

None.

c. County Auditor's review of finances

d. County Treasurer review of finances

i. Austin County Payroll & Escrow Report Bank Statement

ii. Payroll & Escrow Report

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-43*

19. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
- a. Constable, Precinct 4 – December 2014
 - b. Education Certificate for 2014 – Bryan Haevischer, Treasurer
 - c. Tax Assessor-Collector – December 2014
 - d. Justice of The Peace, Precinct 2 – December 2014

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-44

20. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Commissioner King discussed the price of gas going down and the price of delivery not going down. Commissioner Turner suggested the discussion be put on the next agenda.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-45

Court adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

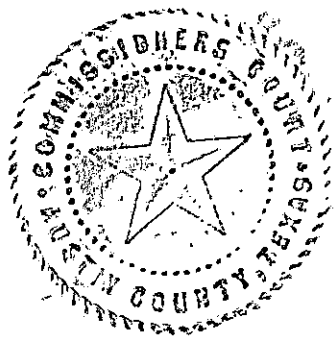
**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS
PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court proceedings for January 26, 2015.

Date : FEB 24 2015

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy



FILED

15 FEB 24 AM 11:10

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AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS