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### COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

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On **August 4, 2014** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement meeting room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, 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

#### Opening – 1:00 p.m.

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation**  
**Pledges of Allegiance**  
**Certification of Quorum**

#### **Consideration/Adoption of Agenda**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-236**

#### **1. Presentation by Brazos River Authority.**

Commissioners requested help finding owners of land at Allen's Creek for permission to clean, to help with creek flow.

#### **2. Consideration and possible action to adopt Consent Agenda Format.**

#### **3. 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 possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$163.48.**

- b. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of Commissioners Court binder out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$173.20.**
- c. Consideration and possible action to renew Texas VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday) Annual Services & Maintenance Grant Contracts for Fiscal Year 2015.**
- d. Consideration and possible action to set fees for Sheriff and Constables to be effective January 1, 2015 and report to Comptroller.**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-237**

- 4. Consideration and possible action to ratify County Library Staff positions and compensation.**

The West End Librarian will become the County Librarian. Salary will increase to reflect change.

*Motion to Ratify: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-238**

- 5. Consideration and possible action regarding County Road and Bridge option fees.**

*Motion to Decline: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-239**

- 6. Request from Freddy Hall for one-time hardship variance from On-Site Sewage Facility Order to place home on .430 acre tract located at 415 Sunflower in Precinct 2 and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-240**

- 7. Discussion regarding resolution to Texas Association of Counties optional workers' compensation coverage to include elected officials, volunteers, first responders, jurors and election personnel and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-241**

- 8. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of 20 chairs for second floor courtroom out of capital 101-127-5757 for an amount not to exceed \$2,153.80.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-242**

- 9. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of a file cabinet and office chair for County Court at Law Office out of Stationary and Office Supply 101-103-3150 for \$167.50, and Capital 101-127-5757 for \$153.49 for a total amount of \$320.99.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-243**

- 10. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of one new computer with dual monitors and two (2) Cannon Scanners for Human Resource Office out of 101-127-5754.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-244**

- 11. Consideration and possible action authorize Resolution amending authorized representatives for TexPool Funds to transact county business.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order # 14-245**

- 12. Budget Workshop and action as appropriate.**

**a. Sheriff**

Presentation by Sheriff Brandes.

**b. EMS**

Presentation by Ron Dille.

**c. Texas AgriLife**

Postponed to later meeting.

**d. Implementation of time clocks**

Bryan Haevischer, County Treasurer will look at cost and implementation.

**e. Other Departments**

**f. Review revenue and expenditures**

**13. Discussion regarding effective tax rate and revenues; proposed tax rate and action as appropriate.**

Effective tax rate will stay at 51.83 per hundred.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-246**

**14. Consideration and possible action to adopt a proposed tax rate and if necessary schedule public hearings.**

No public hearings needed.

**15. Consideration and possible action to set proposed salaries and allowances for county officials.**

3% increase for County Officials  
6% increase for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (3-1).  
Commissioner Turner opposed.*  
**Order #14-247**

**16. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

None.

Court Adjourned at 4:14 p.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 record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for August 4, 2014.

Date: August 19, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

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



**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas, will convene in public session on **Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Basement Meeting Room**, Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to meet in a closed session on agenda items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

**THE BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS OR LISTENING DEVICES MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AT (979) 865-5911 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**1:00 P.M. OPENING**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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  16. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**  
*(Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.042, the Commissioners Court may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.)*



Carolyn Bilski  
 Carolyn Bilski, County Judge

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Administrative Assistant

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Carrie Gregor, County Clerk of Austin County, Texas, certify that the Notice of Meeting is a true copy and was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board located in the main foyer, and at or near each entrance door of the County Courthouse on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2014 at 3:42 P.m., and is to remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of Meeting.

Carrie Gregor  
 Carrie Gregor, County Clerk

By: Rebecca Thomas  
 Deputy

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