

Commissioners Court Minutes

October 12, 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 Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-410*

1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.

a) Colonial Texas Heritage Day Proclamation

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-411*

b) Czech Heritage Month

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-412*

c) Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-413*

d) Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-414

e) German American Month

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-415

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Betty Jez, County Auditor informed the Court the 2015-2016 Budget is complete. She also announced her retirement date will be December 18, 2015.

3. Consideration and possible action to approve land division on FM 1456 in Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-416

4. Consideration and possible action to approve plat of Rodriguez Subdivision located on Orange Hill Road in Precinct 4.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-417

5. Consideration and possible action to subdivide 5.3238 acres out of 27.3238 on Brewer Rd in Precinct 4.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-418

6. Consideration and possible action to subdivide 11.808 acres on Saha Rd in Precinct 4.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-419

7. 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 approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Diana Parker, Court Coordinator for County Court at Law, to be held November 1 – 4, 2015, in Galveston, Texas.**

- b) **Consideration and possible action to adopt 2016 Austin County Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program.**
- c) **Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution authorizing the application for funding through The Houston-Galveston Area Council for Fiscal Year 2016 Solid Waste Grant Funds from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-420

- 8. **Consideration and possible action to authorize interlocal agreement between Harris County and Austin County for services to be provided by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences for postmortem examinations through December 31, 2016.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-421

- 9. **Consideration and possible action to authorize signatory authority to execute a contract through the H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-422

- 10. **Discussion and action to renew a Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Austin County and TEEEX to allow EMS students to ride as a part of their clinical education.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-423

- 11. **Consideration and possible action to approve Amended Compensation Order.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-424

- 12. **Consideration and possible action to authorize \$200 clothing allowance per quarter for law enforcement plain clothed officers.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, denied (0-4).
Order #15-425

Sheriff Brandes requested the clothing allowance be raised to \$250 per quarter.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-426

- 13. Consideration and possible action to authorize Finance Contract by and between Austin County and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procurement of patrol vehicles for Sheriff's Department and related equipment.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-427*

- 14. Discussion and possible action on Certificate Pay for Sheriff's Office and Jail.**

As stated in attached documents.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-428*

- 15. Consideration and possible action for authorization to advertise bid proposals for backhoe for Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-429*

- 16. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**

a. Payment of Claims

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-430*

b. Budget Amendments

None.

c. County Auditor's review of finances

None.

d. County Treasurer

i. Payroll & Escrow Report

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-431*

- 17. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**

- a) Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – September 2015
b) Austin County Library System – September 2015**

- c) On-Site Sewage Facility Activity – September 2015
- d) Constable, Precinct 2 & 3 – September 2015
- e) Jail Population Report – September 2015

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-432*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Discussion regarding real estate. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072).

18. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

Court gives Judge Lapham authority to negotiate on behalf of the County.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-433*

23. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

The Judge has the authority to place a burn ban on the County. He will watch and do so when needed.

Commissioner Rinn advised that the TIFF grant projects 1) and 2) are finished.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-434*

Court adjourned 11:50 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 October 12, 2015.**

Date: OCT 27 2015

Carrie Gregor

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

FILED

15 OCT 27 AM 9:21

Carrie Gregor

COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

