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Commissioners Court Minutes

August 23, 2016 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
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 King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-252

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Marcus Pena, County Tax Assessor-Collector, discussed the drill held at his office and the need for security due to the Child Support Denial Program.

David and Sylvia Mlcak spoke with regard to bridge decay on Sowa Road in Precinct 4.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve installation of twelve (12) Cat 6 drops to ISP Wireless Link Radios.

Request quote for cabling to EMS office in the basement of the Courthouse.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-253

3. **Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide 2 acres out of 32.522 acres on Lesikar Road in Precinct 2.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-254

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. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **August 8, 2016**
 - ii. **August 15, 2016**
 - b. **Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Wiecker Road in Precinct 2.**
 - c. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for employee in Road & Bridge Precinct 1 to carry over 40 unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 through October 31, 2016.**
 - d. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for employee in Maintenance Department to carry over 71.50 unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 through October 31, 2016.**
 - e. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for employee in District Attorney's Office to carry over 40 unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 through September 30, 2016.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-255

5. **Consideration and possible action to approve purchase of HP LaserJet Printer for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 out of Technology Funds.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-256

6. **Discussion on Jail Records copier and action as appropriate.**

Jail has money in their budget to cover cost.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-257

- 7. Discussion and possible action to approve of Walnut Street exchange deed in Precinct 2.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-258

- 8. Discussion regarding Austin County Tax Office roof leaks and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-259

- 9. Discussion and possible action to authorize Tax Office to become an agent with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-260

- 10. Consideration and possible action to approve amending the Sheriff's Office introductory period in the 2016-2017 Compensation Order.**

Change introductory period to 60 days.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-261

- 11. Discussion and possible action on moving Accounts Payable to the Treasurer's Office.**

Leave Accounts Payable in the Auditor's Office.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-262

- 12. Discussion on budget and action as appropriate.**

Three options:

1. Cut budge and leave the tax rate the same.
2. Take some money out of reserves to cover budget.
3. Increase tax rate.

Commissioner Reichardt asked Judge Lapham for his recommendation. Per Judge Lapham, he would like to keep the same tax rate.

Per Billy Doherty, County Auditor, the debt requirement was not refigured with the 2007 Bonds being paid off.

Proposed Tax Rate 0.5641.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-263

Set an evening tax rate hearing.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-264

Set hearings for September 6th at 9:00 a.m. and September 12th at 6:00 p.m. Adoption of Tax Rate September 19, 2016 at 9 a.m.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-265

Commissioner Reichardt suggested to 1/2 the Road and Bridge Fund, then distribute 1/4 to each Commissioner with remainder distributed using the mileage method.

Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Rinn opposed the split.

Judge Lapham requested numbers be laid out before making a decision.

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

Sheriff's salary reduced from \$59,777 to \$59,234.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-266

14. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-267

b. Budget Amendments

None at this time.

c. County Auditor's

Will pay debt with cash on hand, then take CD's if needed.

d. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-268*

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

- a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 & 4 - July 2016
- b. On-Site Sewage Facility – July 2016
- c. Tax Assessor-Collector – July 2016
- d. County Court – July 2016

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-269*

16. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-270*

Court adjourned at 10:40 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 August 23, 2016.**

Date: August 30, 2016

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

