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Commissioners Court Minutes

September 12, 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 Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-292*

9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE and BUDGET

Judge Lapham asked three times if anyone wanted to speak on the Proposed Tax Rate and Budget. No response.

Hearing closed 9:15 a.m.

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Michael Dean questioned the Court with regard to the Road and Bridge fund.

2. Discussion regarding roof repair at Tax Office and action as appropriate.

Price of material has increased since prior bid receive. Amend amount from previous order.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King.
Commissioner Rinn and Commissioner Turner opposed, Judge Lapham tie breaker.
Failed (3-2).*

Table until next week to check on price of material.

*Motion to Table: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-293*

3. Discussion regarding AC in Commissioners Courtroom and upgrades and action as appropriate.

Replace Federal panel and breakers with Sq D in County Clerk's Office.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-294*

4. Consideration and possible action to approve 2016–17 Compensation Order.

Replace "after a successful review a raise can be given not to exceed 5% every six months from the date of hire until the maximum compensation as set out below for the position is achieved" with "after a successful completion of 2 month introductory period a raise can be given not to exceed the maximum compensation as set out below for the position and provided for in the budget" in the Compensation Order.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-295*

5. **Consideration and possible action to approve pay period beginning September 26, 2016 for 2016-17.**

Accruals will be October 1, 2016 for employee compensation.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-296

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding three bridge projects with TxDOT in Precinct 1:**
 - a. **Reese Rd – Caney Creek**
 - b. **E Ueckert Rd – Ives Creek**
 - c. **Kiesewetter Rd – Dry Creek**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-297

7. **Consideration and possible action to sign interlocal agreements as budgeted to serve Austin County citizens:**
 - a. **Combined Community Action**

CCA budget increased.

- b. **Austin County Soil and Water Conservation District**
- c. **Youth and Family Services**
- d. **Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.**
- e. **Helping One Another – Meals on Wheels**
- f. **The Virgil and Josephine Gordon Memorial Library**
- g. **Focusing Families**
- h. **Austin County Fire Fighters Association**
- i. **Texana Center for behavioral healthcare & developmental disability services**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-298

8. **Discussion on budget and action as appropriate.**

Overall tax rate is going down.

No action.

9. **Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**
 - a. **Payment of Claims**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-299*

- b. **Budget Amendments**

Pass.

- c. **County Auditor's**

Per Billy Doherty, County Auditor, everything seems to be good.

- d. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **July 2016 Reconciled Report**
 - ii. **Payroll & Escrow Report**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-300*

10. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - a. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – August 2016**
 - b. **District Court – July 2016**
 - c. **On-Site Sewage Facility – August 2016**
 - d. **Constable, Precinct 2 & 3 – August 2016**
 - e. **Austin County Library System - August 2016**
 - f. **Jail Population Report – August 2016**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-301*

Court recessed 11:03 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

1. **Personnel Matters/Contract (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).**

Court reconvened 11:42 a.m.

11. **Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

12. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

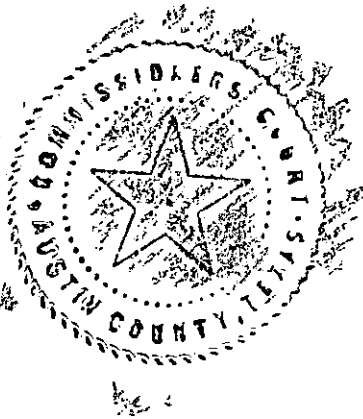
None.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-302*

Court adjourned 11:44 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 Commissioners
Court proceedings for September 12, 2016.**



Date: September 30, 2016

Carrie Gregor

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

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