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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

**November 13, 2017**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-345**

**1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**

**b. Bellville FFA Agricultural Sales Team National Champions**

Bellville FFA at a competition and will be on the next Court's agenda.

**a. Home Care & Hospice Month**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-346**

**2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

Buddy Koenig thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their actions and spoke with regard to Republican Party applications for upcoming elections.

**4. Presentation by Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP regarding property/tax/fine/fee collections.**

**3. Introduction of Texas Agricultural Extension Agent.**

Donnie Montemayor, District Office Manager, introduced the new Texas Agricultural Extension Agent, Haylee Woolford. Haylee will begin January 1, 2018.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-347*

**5. Discussion regarding XperNet Invoice #17054261 for Sonicwall at Knox Library in Wallis and action as appropriate.**

Pay from Computer Expenses.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-348*

**6. Discussion regarding XperNet Invoice #17054258 & #17054259 for repairs at Sheriff's Office and action as appropriate.**

Pay from Professional Services.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-349*

**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. Approval of Minutes**

**i. October 9, 2017**

**b. Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling for Travis J. Koehn, Criminal District Attorney to be held December 6 – 8, 2017 in Austin, Texas.**

**c. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc on Hinkel Road in Precinct 2.**

**d. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Blezinger Road in Precinct 2.**

- e. **Consideration and possible action to approve copier contract between Toshiba Financial Services and Austin County, Community Supervision.**
- f. **Consideration and possible action to review Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture report form for Constable Precinct 3.**
- g. **Consideration and possible action to review Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture report form for Constable Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-350**

- 8. **Consideration and possible action to accept donation deed from Lorne and Lori Eben and Brian and Lisa Eben to Austin County.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-351**

- 9. **Discussion on holiday pay for regular part time employees and action as appropriate.**

Regular part time employees will accrue 4 hours each day if scheduled to work Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-352**

- 11. **Consideration and possible action to canvass returns and declare results of the November 7, 2017 Constitution Amendment Election.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-353**

- 10. **Discussion regarding courthouse repairs and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor damages and action as appropriate.**

Per Judge Lapham, he will provide Travis Koehn, District Attorney, contact information for Kenneth Burns with Burns Architecture, LLC and have remaining carpet/glue removed from County Clerk's Office.

- 12. **Sheriff Activity Report – October 2017**

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve service contract between Austin County Sheriff and Voice Products Service, LLC.**

Table for two weeks to gather more information.

*Motion to Table: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-354**

**14. Discussion regarding purchase of 3 pickups for patrol vehicles and action as appropriate.**

Pay from fund 127.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-355**

**15. Consideration and possible action to authorize interlocal agreement with Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-356**

**16. Discussion regarding Precinct 1 Constable position and action as appropriate.**

Resignation of Virgil Price, Precinct 1 Constable. Wait for upcoming election to proceed.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-357**

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

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-358**

- b. Budget Amendments**
- c. County Auditor's**

Per Billy Doherty, Auditor, \$200,000.00 moved to cover medical expenses. Approximately one million in General Fund. We are okay on cash flow. With the extra costs we are incurring we will have to dig into CDs.

- d. County Treasurer**
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Reports**
  - ii. May 2017 Reconciled Report**

- iii. June 2017 Reconciled Report
- iv. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 – 2017- Reconciled Report

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-359*

18. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. Jail Population Report – October 2017
  - b. District Court – October 2017
  - c. Austin County Library System – October 2017
  - d. On-Site Sewage Facility – October 2017
  - e. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 & 3 – October 2017
  - f. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 – September 2017
  - g. Austin County Library System – Annual Report 2016 / 2017
  - h. County Court – August 2017
  - i. Constable, Precinct 2 & 3 – October 2017

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).  
(Commissioner Reichardt unavailable)  
Order #17-360*

19. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Discussed Courthouse repairs.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-361*

Court adjourned at 11:00 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 the Commissioners Court proceedings for November 13, 2017.



Date: November 21, 2017

Carrie Gregor

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

**FILED**

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