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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

December 14, 2020, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement 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
Chip Reed, 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-431

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Rick Mitchell spoke with regard to road maintenance in Precinct 2.

2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

Walter Morrow (EMS Director) presented a quote for computer equipment for EMS.

Per Commissioner Lamp, fence is up at tower site.

Per Judge Lapham, nothing has been worked out at Wendt Street building.

Will come back.

3. Consideration and approval of Christian City Fellowship as an Auxiliary Branch Courthouse to conduct socially distant jury selection for District Court and County Court at Law trials, as considered under Texas Government Code Sec.

24.022, Texas Local Government Code Sec. 292.0231, and Texas Local Government Code Sec. 292.002

Approve usage of Christian City Fellowship as an Auxiliary Branch Courthouse.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-432

- 4. Discussion regarding purchase of laptop for District Clerk's Office to be paid out of Capital Outlay and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-433

#2 continued.

Purchase computer equipment for EMS Sealy in the amount of \$7,120.44 out of 101-55754-127.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #20-434

Invoice from Telomack Cabling Solutions must go through Burns Architect first to be paid for with Bond funds.

- 5. Discussion and action regarding purchase of new 2021 F350 Chassis and complete ambulance**

Purchase new 2021 F350 Chassis for from Chastain Ford for \$42,272 and Build out from Frazer for \$151,960.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #20-435

- 6. Discussion and action regarding purchase of Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) equipment for ambulances and supervisors.**

Purchase 10 units for \$18,430.00 out of tobacco funds.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).

Order #20-436

- 7. Consideration and action to authorize Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Wharton County Junior College and Austin County EMS.**

Renew Clinical Affiliation Agreement.

Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-437

- 8. Discussion regarding clothing allowance for newly promoted investigator and action as appropriate.**

Approve adding investigator to clothing allowance.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Reichardt opposed.
Order #20-438

- 9. Discussion regarding payment of Tyler Technologies Invoice out of 101-55754-127 and action as appropriate.**

Yearly fee for Dispatch software.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-439

- 10. Consideration and action to approve Pipeline Agreement with IRONROC Energy Partners, LLC for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, laying, operating, and/or repairing pipelines utilized for the transportation of liquids or gaseous materials along the right of ways and/or under the following Precinct 2 Roads:**
- a. Schoenau Road**
 - b. Zetter Road**

Need variance for Schoenau Road.

Approve variance on angle of approach for pipeline crossing on Schoenau Road.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-440

Approve pipeline Agreement for Zetter and Schoenau.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-441

- 11. Consideration and action to authorize Bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 (each) for the purpose of pipeline crossing for the following Pct 2 Roads:**
- a. Schoenau Road**

b. Zetter Road

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-442

- 12. Consideration and action to authorize Superheavy or Oversized Bond, in the amount of \$690,000.00, for the following Pct 2 Roads:**
a. New Bremen

Approve bond with Strand Energy.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-443

- 13. Consideration and action to accept Road Usage Bond from IRONROC Energy Partners, LLC Precinct 2 Roads:**
a. New Bremen

Agenda item #13 should say Strand Energy.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-444

- 14. Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Audit for the Austin County Jail Commissary Inmate Trust Fund and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-445

- 15. Consideration and action to review Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the Sheriff's Office.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-446

- 16. Consideration and action to review Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Report for the District Attorney's Office.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-447

17. Consideration and action to approve the UBEO Business Services Manage Rental Agreement for Ricoh MP3055sPDF for the Auditor's Office.

Approve 5 year contract.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-448

18. Consideration and action to select indigent contract attorneys:

- a. John Anderson
- b. Calvin Garvie
- c. Stephen Longoria

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-449

19. Discussion and action to authorize interlocal agreements for street maintenance between:

- a. Austin County Precinct 1 and the City of Bellville
- b. Austin County Precinct 2 and the City of Industry
- c. Austin County Precinct 3 and the City of:
 - i. Sealy
 - ii. San Felipe
- d. Austin County Precinct 4 and the City of:
 - i. Brazos Country
 - ii. San Felipe
 - iii. Sealy
 - iv. South Frydek
 - v. Wallis

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-450

20. Discussion regarding Holiday Pay for Part-time Employees and action as appropriate

Approve Holiday Pay for part-time employees, if employee was scheduled to work, at the rate of 4 hours each day the County closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-451

21. 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. **September 28, 2020**
- ii. **November 23, 2020**
- iii. **Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on Peters San Felipe Road, Precinct 3**
- iv. **Consideration and action to approve Agreement for Temporary Access between Carlie and Alice Rogers (Hofheinz Rd) and Austin County, Precinct 2**
- v. **Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by the City of Bellville on Clens Road, Precinct 2**
- vi. **Consideration and action to appoint Leroy Cerny to Texana Center Board of Trustees for a two year term.**
- vii. **Consideration and action to appoint Leroy Cerny to the Combined Community Action Board for a one year term.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-452*

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

Total = \$1,181,701.05.

Added Christian City Fellowship for \$300 for use of facilities for Grand Jury from 101-54012-117.

Per Commissioner Reed, \$1,235.70 on page 37 is to be split four ways between the Commissioners.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-453*

b. Budget Amendments

#10 – #19. *see supporting documents. #12 change from 101-55757-127 to 101-55702-127.
#13 change to tower lease.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-454*

c. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), to be at the end of the first quarter, spending seems to be pretty low.

d. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report

1. 11.23.2020
2. 12.04.2020
3. 12.11.2020

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-455

- 23. Written reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. District Court – November 2020
 - b. County Court – November 2020
 - c. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 & 3 – November 2020
 - d. Constable Precinct 2 – November 2020
 - e. Jail Population – November 2020
 - f. On-Site Sewage Facility – November 2020
 - g. Library System – November 2020
 - h. AgriLife Extension CEA-FCH – November 2020

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-456

Court recessed at 10:02 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Real Estate Matter.
- 2 Real Estate Matter.

Court reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

24. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

1. Judge to make deal on land in Industry for EMS.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-457

2. No action.

25. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Reichardt, his wife is throwing a retirement party for him at Crossroads Tavern on January 9, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Court adjourned at 10:28 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 December 14, 2020.**



Date: December 23, 2020

Carrie Gregor

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

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COUNTY CLERK
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