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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

May 24, 2021 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
Leroy Cerny, 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 Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-164

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Commissioner Reed thanked all who helped with tire collection and recycling event.

2. Discussion regarding Bullinger Creek Subdivision in Pct. 3 and action as appropriate.

Ron Bryant (A Survey, Inc.) spoke to the Court with regard to drainage questions from the Court. Judge Lapham suggested to allow the City of Sealy to handle subdivision since they want to be annexed by City of Sealy. Commissioner Lamp suggested to get the agreement with City of Sealy in hand before approving. Per Mr. Bryant, letter of agreement is being worked on now. Per Judge Lapham, the Court will wait for letter.

Will come back.

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

Per Commissioner Reed, contractor is done with painting JP#4 building. A few things to finish.

Per Commissioner Rinn, going to get contractor back out there to go over repairs and see about pricing for the Library.

Per Judge Lapham, nothing to report on Justice Center.

Per Sheriff Brandes, waiting on phone recorder. Should arrive this week. Once it has arrived, it takes AT&T 7 – 14 days to get it switched over.

4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Lamp, depending on the weather, concrete will be poured for bridge on Coshatte Road. Once bridge is in it takes 30-45 days for concrete to cure before he can begin cutting the road in. The weather has hindered River Road project. Going to lay some base material down on Peters San Felipe Road when the weather allows.

Per Commissioner Rinn, now that we have received a good rain, West Ueckert is ready to lay limestone down and get the road stabilization put in the next month or two. Spoke with Charles Kalkomey (Jones and Carter) about surveys for the two-bridge projects and get bid packages together. Will need to do a lot of road maintenance due to rain.

Per Commissioner Cerny, I-10 got shut down due to the rain. Traffic was re-directed through Precinct 3 for about six hours. Had to band-aid the roads in the water. Still in the process of getting roads patched up. Interlocal agreement is presented in Colorado County for approval. Once approved will begin bid process.

Per Commissioner Reed, due to the rain, contractor hasn't been able to do much the last two weeks. Klache Road has a lot of boulder work and cleaning ditches to do. Still working Tomlinson and Tower Roads. Klopsteck Road has a lot of work to be done.

5. Discussion regarding CRF Funds allocation and action as appropriate.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), County has \$968,527.45 in CRF funds remaining.

Reimburse schools at 100% and get more information about San Felipe Fire Department.

Amend motion to reimburse schools at 50% now and 50% in 60 days, if funds are available.

Motion to Approve Amended Motion: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #21-165

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

Order #21-166

Per Judge Lapham, will invite ESD board and San Felipe Fire Department to next Commissioners Court.

6. Consideration and action to allow fireworks sales for the Memorial Day Season.

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

Order #21-167

7. Discussion and action regarding sale of property at 955 Frydek Road, Sealy, to H.O.A. Inc. and to authorize County Judge to sign related documents.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).

Commissioner Rinn abstained.

Order #21-168

8. Discussion regarding amending court order adopting rules for On-Site-Sewage-Facilities (OSSF), and action as appropriate.

Submit letter to make changes to rules.

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

Order #21-169

9. Discussion regarding repairs at Wendt Street Building and action as appropriate.

Bid proposal from XXL Construction for \$36,872 to finish repairs from prior remodel, when someone ran into the building and freeze damage.

Repair freeze damage and car damage, but pull #3 (install base and trim on ceiling), #6 (Add vent into existing door in computer storage) and #8 (Fix 2 old door openings).

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, failed (0-4).

Per Judge Lapham, Commissioner Rinn to contact contractor.

No action.

Continue #2.

Mr. Bryant returned to Court with a letter from City of Sealy. Per Judge Lapham, letter is not what was requested.

Commissioner Cerny recommended waiting two weeks until information requested is correct.

No action.

10. 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. May 10, 2021

b. Consideration and action to authorize a Temporary Access Agreement between James Balke and Austin County, Precinct 2

c. Consideration and action to authorize a Temporary Access Agreement between Ben D. Marek and Austin County, Precinct 2

d. Consideration and action to accept special donation(s) to Austin County E.M.S. per Local Government Code 81.032, of:

i. \$500

ii. \$100

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-170*

11. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$1,351,573.66

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-171*

b. Budget Amendments

#65, #68-101. See supporting documents.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-172*

c. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still within budget. Everything looks good.

d. County Treasurer's
i. Payroll and Escrow Report – 05.21.2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-173

ii. Monthly Report – April 2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-174

- 12. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. District Court – April 2021**
 - b. County Court – April 2021**
 - c. Constable Precinct 2 – April 2021**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-175

13. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Reed, Road and Bridge reports are due soon.

Per Commissioner Lamp, over 5 million dollars was given to us for Corona Virus infrastructure that can be used for water, broadband internet, and septic. Agri-Life put a lot of effort into everyone getting vaccinated. Met with them to see what the future looks like because the State may use Agri-Life as a resource for disaster relief. In the future, may need to move them into another facility. They are currently in the Wendt Street building and that isn't accommodating for them. Will let Commissioner Lamp know what changes may be occurring in the future.

Commissioner Lamp advised he will not be moving into the State building. State notified him it doesn't have funds in their budget to remove fuel tanks for a year and half from the old TxDot building near the Justice Center, therefore he asked for the Sheriff's building. Commissioner Lamp suggested each Commissioner think about what could be done with the building or who could move into the building.

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-176**

Court adjourned at 10:33 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 May 24, 2021.**



Date: May 27, 2021

Carrie Gregor

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

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Carrie Gregor
COUNTY CLERK
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