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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**June 14, 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**

Remove agenda item #4.

Adopt amended agenda.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-177**

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

Per Judge Lapham, Ray Chislett, Emergency Manager, is retiring. Looking for a new Emergency Management person.

**2. Discussion and action to accept a petition and acknowledge a third class road off Machala Road in Pct. 4**

Marc Young spoke to the Court with regard to road off Machala Road.

Accept petition and reactivate road off Machala Road in Precinct 4.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0)*  
*Commissioner Cerny abstained.*  
**Order #21-178**

**3. Consideration to approve a resolution to request City of Sealy to annex Sens Road from Hwy 36 to Frazer Road in Pct. 3.**

No action.

**5. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Al Cordeiro (Communication), AT&T is not supporting T-1 lines anymore. Originally thought could use microwaves to help the issue, but is not a permanent solution. Industry Telephone has put in fiber in Bleiblerville. They will allow County to use internet tunnel through their fiber network. Requires County to purchase some equipment (\$12,134.74) to bring the connection to Precinct 1 tower. Funds available in Radio Maintenance and Tower Maintenance line items. Will require a monthly charge of \$90 to Industry Telephone.

Approve \$12,134.74 for fiber option instead of the T-1 line used now at Bleiblerville tower.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-179**

Per Al Cordeiro, three tower issues, Bleiblerville, Wallis and San Felipe.

Per Commissioner Lamp, there are funds from government that may be available for internet.

Per Commissioner Lamp, try to use fiber as much as possible for Wallis and San Felipe. Fiber optic is better solution. Per Al Cordeiro, AT&T is more expensive and harder to deal with. Will get quotes. Per Brandon Hoff (IT), if Bleiblerville connection works well, may try to do the same with Zochnet and Verizon. They work quicker than AT&T to get things restored. Would need cost of equipment.

Per Commissioner Lamp, State found some funds to move fuel tanks from old TxDOT building.

Per Commissioner Rinn, the West End building is being painted and will have cable installed next week.

Will have everything done except Justice of the Peace office.

Met with Ace (XXL Construction) to get estimates for Wendt Street building.

Per Commissioner Cerny, Justice of the Peace, Pct 3 building has floor issues and the door is letting water in.

Per Commissioner Reed, Justice of the Peace, Pct 4 moved back into their building. Getting phone system and hope to be done by Thursday (July 17, 2021).

Per Brandon Hoff (IT), fax ports should be ready tomorrow.

Per Sheriff Brandes, two weeks away from occupying their building.

Per Judge Lapham (County Judge), a couple of months from Justice Center being done.

**6. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.**

Per Commissioner Reed, contractor took a leave of absence until July 5, 2021 due to the rain. Some roads are still closed down. Trying to fix the roads. Had 28" of rain in the last couple of weeks.

Per Commissioner Cerny, trying to work on the roads.

Per Commissioner Rinn, projects on stand still due to flooding. Still working on two-bridge project.

Per Commissioner Lamp, at a standstill on bridge project. May have to stop working on projects due to flood issues this year. After working on repair roads, may not have funds available to continue work on projects.

Per Judge Lapham, spoke with Billy Doherty (County Auditor) and Bryan Haevischer (County Treasurer) about any funding available internally to assist with getting roads fixed. Any money left over from year to year stays in the operating account for your Road and Bridge and F/M Lateral. The money that goes into your contingency fund. There is approximately 3 million worth of CD's between the two funds that could be used if needed. There is 6 million in CD's in General Fund and there are some funds in the operating account for the General Fund. 5.8 million is coming, but County has received half of funds already.

Per Billy Doherty, have discussed taking 1 million from 200 fund and 1 million from General Fund. Roughly about 2 million as discussed with Judge Lapham and Bryan Haevischer.

Commissioner Lamp requested at least \$100,000 for material for each Commissioner.

Per Judge Lapham, the softest blow would be taking 1 million from operating account for General Fund and divide up by road miles.

Transfer 1 million from General Fund operating account to F/M Lateral Fund to be distributed by road miles for road damage due to flooding.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-180*

**7. Discussion and action to approve 381 agreement with Hendrix.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-181*

**8. Discussion and action to declare a 2006 Ford Explorer Asset #10175 as surplus and approve for disposal.**

*Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-182*

**9. Discussion regarding banning certain non-domestic animals and action as appropriate.**

No action.

**10. Discussion and action regarding Emergency Management Director position.**

Ray Chislett is retiring July 1, 2021.

No action.

**11. 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 24, 2021**

**b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Elm Street, New Ulm, Precinct 2**

**c. Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Travis Koehn, District Attorney, to be held June 8-10, 2021 at San Antonio, Texas.**

**d. Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Wilfred Krause, JP 2, to be held June 27-29, 2021 at Austin, Texas.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-183*

**12. Budgetary and Financial Claims -action as appropriate.**

**a. Payment of Claims**

Per Judge Lapham, on page 43, one entry coded incorrectly. Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), will correct.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-184*

Approve June 13, 2021 A/P Fund Transfer.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-185*

- b. Budget Amendments**
- c. County Auditor's review of finances**
- d. County Treasurer's**
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Report -06.04.2021**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-186*

- ii. Monthly Report -May 2021**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-187*

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

- a. Jail Population -May 2021**
- b. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 -May 2021**
- c. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 -May 2021**
- d. OSSF Report -May 2021**
- e. Constable Precinct 1 -May 2021**
- f. Constable Precinct 2 -May 2021**
- g. Agrilife -January -April 2021**
  - i. CEA-ANR**
  - ii. CEA-FCH**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-188*

12c continued.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), County still doing okay.

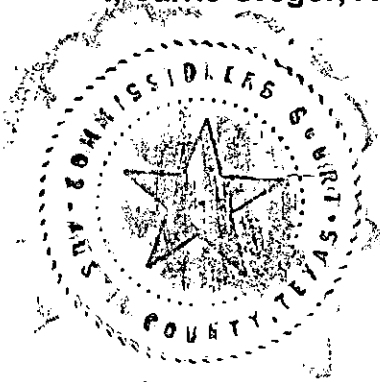
**14. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-189*

Court adjourned at 10:20 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 June 14, 2021.**



Date: July 1, 2021  
Carrie Gregor  
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

**FILED**

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