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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

February 14, 2022 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

Per Commissioner Rinn, item #11 should be Kenney Hall Road instead of Hall Road.

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

Order #22-38

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, Wendt Street Building bid questions due March 10, 2022 at noon, bids due March 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Open bids on March 14, 2022. Will discuss during agenda item #20.

Charlie Tallerine installed plugs and is working on lighting.

Judge Lapham presented bid from Celina Movers for moving offices from Courthouse to Justice Center. Includes computers and books from Law Library for \$11,299.26.

Judge Lapham anticipates will take two days.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-39

Per Judge Lampham, renovations for TXDoT are to pull fiber, replace 36 ceiling lights with LED lights and change front glass to hardy. Fence lighting will be addressed at a later time.

Pay from 101-55310-127 Major Repairs.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-40

Per Judge Lapham, issue with EMS Stations contract and Christensen Building Group. Kenny Burns (Burns Architecture), Jesse Skinner (Assistant Criminal District Attorney) and Contractor are working on it. Should have the final contract next Court date. There is an alley issue in Wallis. Working on getting it resolved.

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

Commissioners discussed routine maintenance in their Precincts.

Per Commissioner Reed, State is giving recycle asphalt and big boulders of concrete away. Can pick up later this week or early next week.

Per Commissioner Lamp, ordered 36 road and stop signs. \$50,000 - \$60,000 in signage have been stolen in a year.

4. Discussion to approve computer purchase for Planning and Development Department from 101-55754-127 and action as appropriate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-41

5. Discussion regarding Mobile CAD Server Replacement and action as appropriate

Purchase new sever and pay from 101-55754-127 Computer Expenses.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-42

6. Consideration and action to appoint/reappoint Personnel Policy Committee Members.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (2-1). Commissioner Lamp opposed. Commissioner Rinn abstained.

Order #22-43

7. Consideration and action to appoint/reappoint Sick Leave Pool Committee Members.

Replace Al Cordeiro with Donald Darracq.

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

Order #22-44

8. Consideration and action to appoint/reappoint Austin County Emergency Services District #1 Board Members to 2 year term:

- a. Ray Chislett
- b. Vivian Williams
- c. Kim Silver

Henry Mlcak requested to nominate Ray Ables in place of Ray Chislett.

Mike Blommer spoke with regard to his experience with the ESD 1 meeting. He has requested an audit report of finances for ESD 1 and has not received it.

Ray Chislett spoke with regard to the budget of ESD 1 and audit report being on website.

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

Order #22-45

9. Discussion and action to update the Austin County Hazardous Mitigation Plan, City of Sealy section as requested.

Kimbra Hill (City of Sealy Interim City Manager) spoke with regard to updating the Austin County Hazardous Mitigation Plan, City of Sealy, section to take advantage of funding opportunities.

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

Order #22-46

10. Discussion and action to approve request for proposal to construct Wallis Communication Tower and related items.

Al Cordeiro (County Communications) presented information with regard to constructing the Wallis communication tower. County received 1.1 million HGAC grant. Radio equipment has been ordered. Need to advertise for bids to build 300' tower.

Per Commissioner Reed and Judge Lapham there is a local person who can construct an 8'W X 10'L X 8'H concrete shelter.

Approve request for proposals for Wallis communication tower and open proposals on February 28, 2022.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-47

11. Discussion and action to approve Jones/Carter Proposal for Skalak and Hall Road Project, Precinct 2

Per Commissioner Rinn, only change to proposal is Kenney Hall instead of Hall Road.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-48

12. Discussion and action to approve request for bids for Shelby Road Bridge, Precinct 2

Accept bids until 4:00 p.m. on March 11, 2022. Open on March 14, 2022.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-49

13. Discussion and action to approve request for bids for Emshoff Road Bridge, Precinct 2

Invitation to bid on Emshoff Road Bridge. Accept bids until 4:00 p.m. on March 11, 2022. Open on March 14, 2022.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-50

14. Discussion and action to accept Gift Deed of .38 acres (Tract I) and .03 acres (Tract II) on Shelby Road, Precinct 2.

Will have gift deeds from Davis property (.03 of an acre).

Accept donation deed of .03 acres for Shelby Road project.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-51

15. Discussion and action to approve purchase/payment for land/right of way for Woodley Road Bridge Project, Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-52

16. Discussion regarding final site plan/drainage approval for Road Ranger #283 and action as appropriate, Pct. 4

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-53

17. Discussion regarding the Opioid Settlement(s) and action as appropriate
a. Approve Opioid ENDO TX Subdivision Release Form
b. Approve Opioid TEVA TX Subdivision Release Form

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-54

18. Discussion regarding 02/03/2022 and 02/04/2022 timesheets and action as appropriate

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), gave Admin Leave to employees for inclement weather per JC-0131 to County offices that closed early on February 3, 2022 and opened late on February 4, 2022 due to bad weather. The Courthouse was not officially closed. Austin County policy does not apply. Each elected official/department head can determine whether office should close or not.

Commissioners discussed issue from different perspectives.

No action.

19. Consideration and action to accept executed interlocal agreements:
a. Law Enforcement
i. City of Bellville
ii. Township of San Felipe
iii. City of Sealy

- iv. City of Wallis
- v. Sealy ISD
- b. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.
- c. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. (JARC)
- d. Combined Community Action
- e. Industry - Emergency Medical Services
- f. Helping One Another | Meals on Wheels
- g. Fire Fighters Association
- h. Focusing Families
- i. USDA Soil/Water Conservation Service
- j. Texana
- k. Youth and Family Services, Inc.
- l. Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-55

20. Consideration and action to advertise for bids on remodeling/repairs of Wendt Street Building.

Motion to Advertise: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-56

21. Discussion and action as appropriate of the final regulations of the ARP Funds, recognition of said funds and where to record and classify those funds.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 2.9 million County received and 2.9 million should be receiving in May 2022 will now become funds for the County to put in General Fund.

Take standard allowance for replacing lost public sector revenue for the ARP Funds.

Motion to Take: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-57

22. Discussion and action as appropriate on Software transition to OpenGov.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), issues with upgrading to Cloud. Revamped Chart of Accounts to streamline. Informed that software company will use our server, renumber our Chart of Accounts, continue using our server and eventually move to Cloud. Opengov has disbanded their payroll module on their software. Bringing in a third-party vendor (Kronos). Hope to meet President and setup a demo of Kronos. STW will leave numbering system alone. Will be half on Cloud and half on our server. Still need to run payroll in STW on server. Will do journal entries to Cloud base version so historical data doesn't change. Will do this until Kronos has their software developed for Cloud based software. STW will stop doing updates for their software as of September 2024. Recommendation to stay with STW.

- 23. 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. December 13, 2021 with changes to item 2:**
 - 1. Commissioner Rinn presented the court with an estimate from Charlie Tallerine for**
 - 2. Motion to approve Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed**
 - b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on New Bremen Road & Tiemann Road, Pct. 2**
 - c. Consideration and action to accept Racial Profiling Report from Sheriff's Department.**
 - d. Consideration and action to approve required schooling applications for Lance Johnson, Constable Pct. 1 to be held February 22 -25, 2022, Virtual (Civil Process).**
 - e. Consideration and action to accept special donation to Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032 in the amount(s) of:**
 - i. \$500.00**
 - ii. \$100.00**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-58*

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

Court recessed at 11:01 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-59*

Pay Langford Community Management Services \$671,587.16 and Wilson Engineering Company, PLLC \$744,334.59 when grant funds are received.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-60*

- b. Fund Transfers**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-61*

c. Budget Amendments

Approve budget amendments #19, #21-#25.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-62

d. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 64% of the budget remaining.

e. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report

1. 01/28/2022

2. 02/11/2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-63

ii. Monthly Treasurer Report -January 2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-64

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

a. District Court -January 2022

b. County Court/Civil & Family -January 2022

c. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 & Pct. 3 -January 2022

d. Constable, Pct. 1, Pct. 2, Pct. 4 -January 2022

e. Jail Population -January 2022

f. OSSF Report -January 2022

g. Library Report -December 2021 and January 2022

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-65

26. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-66

Court adjourned at 11:30 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 February 14, 2022.



Date: February 23, 2022

Carrie Gregor

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

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Andrea Cardenas
COUNTY CLERK
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