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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

July 10, 2023 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom 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, 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 Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-227

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**
- 2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 3. Budget Workshop.**

Judge Lapham presented proposed budgets with 4% salary increase, \$1 per hour salary increase and requests from Officials.

- 4. Discussion and action to approve final plans and drainage calculations for 3013 Truck Storage, Pct. 4.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-228

- 5. Discussion regarding Review of Construction Plans for Southfork Ranch Subdivision, Section 1 and action as appropriate., Pct 4.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-229

- 6. Discussion regarding Review of First Baptist Church of Bellville Construction Plans and action as appropriate.**

Approve First Baptist Church.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-230

- 7. Discussion regarding Review of Faith Academy Construction Plans and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-231

- 8. Discussion and action to appoint Austin County Health Authority.**

Appoint Dr. Don Bosse.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-232

- 9. Discussion regarding interlocal agreement with Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-233

- 10. Discussion and action regarding purchase of computer for Knox Memorial Library from 127.**

Purchase not to exceed \$16,664.97 out of 127.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-234

11. **Discussion and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 1 acre tract from a 6.96 acre parent tract on Hwy 159 E, Pct.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #23-235

12. **Discussion and action to approve donation of 11 surplus WatchGuard, in-car video systems from Austin County SO to Austin County EMS.**

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

Order #23-236

13. **Consideration and action to accept/ratify warranty deed from Clarence and Lisa Noak to Austin County. Pct. 4.**

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

Order #23-237

14. **Consideration and action to accept/ratify warranty deed from Michelle Frye to Austin County. Pct. 4.**

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

Order #23-238

15. **Consideration and action to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for Austin County for the CDBG-MIT MOD Program.**

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

Order #23-239

16. **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. **Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Bernard Rd, Pct. 2**
- b. **Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Shunka Rd, Pct. 2**
- c. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **May 22, 2023**

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

Order #23-240

17. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Early bills = \$26,935.42. Regular bills = \$362,780.47.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-241

b. Fund Transfers

\$400,000 to cover payments from OEBT Account, \$7,263 to pay for carport for Pct. 4, \$26,935.42 – early bills, and \$362,780.47 – regular bills.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-242

c. Budget Amendments

Sheriff's office requested to move \$25,000 from AC & Heating Maintenance to Inmate food to replenish emergency food supply.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-243

d. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still within budgetary constraints.

e. County Treasurer's

i. Payroll and Escrow Report – 06.30.2023

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-244

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

- a. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 & Pct. 4 - June 2023**
- b. Jail Population - June 2023**
- c. Library - May 2023**
- d. Agrilife - June 2023**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-245

Court recessed at 10:10 a.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items

- a. Personnel Matter

Court reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

20. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

21. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Lamp, will start on detention pond.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-246*

Court adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for July 10, 2023.



Date: July 14, 2023
Andrea Cardenas
Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas

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