

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas, will convene in public session on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to meet in a closed session on agenda items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

*THE BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS OR LISTENING DEVICES MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AT (979) 865-5911 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.*

**OPENING**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Presentation of "I Voted" sticker contest winners
2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.  
*(In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the Commissioners Court. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Commissioners Court.)*
3. Update on Jail Museum by Bruce Noviskie
4. Consideration and action regarding OEM Command Vehicle.
  - a. Open bids
  - b. Award bid
5. Discussion and action to accept Conflicts Disclosure Statement between Matterhorn Express Pipeline, LLC and:
  - a. Judge Tim Lapham
  - b. Commissioner Chip Reed
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
In accordance with Texas Local Government Code §551.071, §551.125 and §551.129, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:
  - a. Legal Matter
7. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.
8. Consideration and action to appoint Jonathan Hopko as Project Coordinator, responsible for coordination and communication of the Matterhorn Express Pipeline, LLC, as it pertains to the installation of a 42" natural gas pipeline as it crosses Austin County.
9. Consideration and action to approve Road Use Agreement with Matterhorn Express Pipeline, LLC pertaining to a 42" natural gas pipeline, to prevent degradation of County Roads in Austin County, Texas.
10. Consideration and action regarding the approval of a construction and performance bond to assure proper installation of a 42" natural gas pipeline and related infrastructure in Austin County, Texas.
11. Discussion and action regarding Austin County 911 Emergency Communications budget approval. (Lamp)
12. Discussion and action regarding Austin County 911 Emergency Communications board member. (Lamp)
13. Discussion and action to accept executed Contract for Services for Austin County Health Authority. (Lapham)
14. Consideration and action to accept Donation deed of property located at 1211 Atchison Street, Sealy. (Lapham)
15. Consideration and action to approve F.Y. 2023-2024 Compensation Order.
16. Discussion and action to approve purchase of 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe for EMS Supervisor.
17. Discussion regarding AMENDED Order of Special Election and action as appropriate.

18. Discussion and action to authorize intermediate certificate pay of \$600/yr. for 1 additional Dispatch personnel. (Brandes)
19. Consideration and action to renew contract with Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services. (Brandes)
20. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 3 acre tract from a 6.68 acre tract on Lezak Road, Pct. 4.
21. Consideration and action to approve and sign interlocal agreements for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, to serve Austin County Citizens:
  - a. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.
  - b. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. (JARC)
  - c. Combined Community Action
  - d. Emergency Medical Services / Industry
  - e. Helping One Another / Meals on Wheels
  - f. Library Services / Gordon Memorial Library
  - g. Fire Fighters Association
  - h. Focusing Families
  - i. USDA / Soil and Water Conservation Services
  - j. Texana
  - k. Youth and Family Services
22. Consideration and action to approve and sign interlocal Law Enforcement Agreements for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
  - a. Bellville
  - b. San Felipe
  - c. Sealy
  - d. Wallis
  - e. Sealy I.S.D.
23. Open Austin County Residential Property Demolition Contractor RFQ's and approve Scoring Committee consisting of Shannon Hanath, Billy Doherty, Leroy Cerny, Chip Reed.
24. Consideration and action to award Construction Contract for CDBG DR# 20-065-065-C184 for Roadway and Drainage Improvements to Fuqua Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,489,024.00.
25. Discussion regarding Road & Bridge bids and action as appropriate:
  - a. Road Material/Gravel
  - b. Hauling/ Road Material
  - c. Asphalts, Liquid Asphalts, Emulsions & Dust Control
  - d. Corrugated Culverts
  - e. HDPE Culvert Pipe
  - f. Concrete/Cement
  - g. Fuel (Gasoline & Diesel)
  - h. Surface Treatments, Asphalt Laydown & Asphalt Milling
26. Consideration and action to approve 2023-2024 timesheets
27. Consideration and action to amend Section 1.13 of the Austin County Employee Policy Manual.
28. Consideration and action to approve an interlocal agreement between Washington County and Austin County in reference to a Tax Office Employee.
29. **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 accept a \$1,500 special donation to Austin County Sheriff's Office per Local Government Code 81.032.
  - b. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Lisa Tobola, Felony Legal Assistant, to be held November 14 – 17, 2023 in Fort Worth, Texas
  - c. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Travis Koehn, District Attorney, to be held November 28 – December 1, 2023 in Frisco, Texas
  - d. Approval of Minutes:
    - i. August 23, 2023 Construction Workshop
  - e. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way Installation by AT&T at the corner of Clens Road & Randi Road, Pct. 2
30. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
  - a. Payment of Claims
  - b. Fund Transfers
  - c. Budget Amendments
  - d. County Auditor's review of finances

- e. County Treasurer's
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Report – 09.22.2023
- 31. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
  - a. Statutory County Court – August 2023
  - b. TxDMV – August 2023
  - c. AgriLife – August 2023
  - d. Constable, Pct. 2 – August 2023
  - e. EMS – August 2023
- 32. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

*(Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.042, the Commissioners Court may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.)*

This Notice of Meeting is a true copy and was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board located in the main foyer, and at or near the main entrance door of the County Courthouse on the 21st day of September 2023 at 4:45 p.m. and is to remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of Meeting.

Tim Lapham / by Dierdra Grob  
Tim Lapham, County Judge

Witnessed By: Erica Desench