



CARRIE GREGOR

AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **February 24, 2014** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room, at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Shannon Hanath, Deputy County Clerk

Opening – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Agenda item #14 should be final plat.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-74

1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.

a. Severe Weather and Flood Safety Awareness

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Dan White voiced his concern with regard to new contract with Tyler on mobile data terminals; Dan Leedy invited the Court and Public to attend the Election night returns being posted in the Courthouse; Tom Sherman discussed the water situation and people receiving two ballots.

3. Update by Dwayne Virnau representing Gordon Memorial Library.

Dwayne Virnau from the Gordon Memorial Library reviewed their Year-End Financial Report and usage statistics.

4. Presentation by Brazos River Authority.

Cathy Dominguez updated the Court on Allen's Creek, drought and reservoir capacities.

5. Update on County Life Insurance Plan, including voluntary dental, vision, and life coverages and action as appropriate.

Don Wallace discussed firm rates from Zurich; Pam Sanders discussed Dental and Vision plans. Don Wallace will talk with Block Vision on the billing issues.

Motion to Continue with One America Life Insurance and Always Care Dental: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-75

6. Discussion regarding adopting resolution for accounts payable claims that are routine and reoccurring items and action as appropriate.

Discussion as to which claims to set as routine and reoccurring.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).

Order #14-76

7. Consideration and possible action to authorize licensing agreement for EMS in conjunction with Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) totaling \$18,100.00 with partial use of Tobacco Funds.

Motion to Table: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-77

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of eleven (11) iPads for EMS to be used with the CAD system for a cost of \$6,929.89.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).

Order #14-78

9. Discussion by Sheriff Brandes regarding computer needs and action as appropriate.

Sheriff Brandes discussed computer needs. Jail Picket is old and worn out, new one will cost \$1,023.00. There is \$71,000.00 in the budget.

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

Order #14-79

Computers must be switched to Windows 7 before April 8th. This is an unfunded Federal Mandate. CJIS upgrade for Dispatch Sonic Firewall \$995.25, Judy's computer \$1,384.00 and 25 MDT's at \$750.00 each for a total of \$18,750.00.

Greg Henry, XperNet Services, Inc. and Brandon Hoff, IT discussed technical issues. Brandon checked Juvenile Department computers, they need to be updated also.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-80

10. Activity report by Sheriff Brandes.

Monthly Report for January reviewed by Sheriff Brandes.

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Sheriff's Office employee to carry over 76 unused vacation hours in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 through April 28, 2014.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-81

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize installation of a Wireless Router for connection to TXBB Public Network at Justice of The Peace Precinct 3 building for \$210.00 to be paid out of JP 3 Justice Court Technology Fund.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #14-82

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from subdivision platting for a one acre tract with house out of a 5.2175 acre tract located at 1404 Peters San Felipe Road in Precinct 1.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-83

14. Consideration and possible action to approve final plat of Merito Plaza located in Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-84

15. Open bid proposals regarding bridge construction on Frazer Road in Precinct 3 and action as appropriate.

Wakefield Bridge, Inc., \$8,800.00.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-85

16. Consideration and possible action to adopt Consent Agenda Format.

Single Motion, see agenda #17.

17. 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. Transmittal of Minutes from January 27, 2014.**
- b. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Skalak Road in Precinct 2.**
- c. Consideration and possible action to accept report by Constable Precinct 1 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.**
- d. Consideration and possible action to accept report by Constable Precinct 3 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.**
- e. Consideration and possible action to accept report by Constable Precinct 4 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.**
- f. Consideration and possible action to renew pre-storm contract between AshBritt, Inc. and Austin County for disaster recovery services through July 27, 2015.**

Motion to Accept b-f: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-86

On Agenda a, pg 4, #16 add Peace.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-87

18. Discussion and update on counterfeit currency and corrective actions.

Marcus Pena, Austin County Tax Collector Assessor discussed office procedures for counterfeit currency. He has been in contact with all the local banks and is looking at a money scanner for \$2,695.00. The office has gone back to taking cash.

Sheriff Brandes and Marcus will be giving a class in April on detecting counterfeit currency for the public to attend.

19. Consideration and possible action to donate salvage communication tower sections to The Stephen F Austin Amateur Radio Club to assist in providing emergency communications.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-88*

Court recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

20. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-89*

b. Budget Amendments

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-90*

c. County Auditor's review of finances

d. County Treasurer review of finances

i. Payroll & Escrow Report Bank Statement

ii. Payroll & Escrow Report

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

a. County Court – January 2014

b. Tax Assessor-Collector – January 2014

c. Justice of The Peace, Precincts 1, 2, 3 & 4 – January 2014

d. Constable, Precincts 1, 2, 3 & 4 – January 2014

e. District Clerk Court Activity – January 2014

f. Continuing Education Certificate for 2013 – Sue Murphy, District Clerk

Court recessed at 11:45 a.m.

Court reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

1. Personnel Matters.

- a. Courthouse Security Personnel evaluation from Sheriff Brandes. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).**
- b. Auditor Staff**
- c. County Judge Staff**

2. Update regarding litigation. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071).

22. Action as appropriate from Executive Session.

No action Courthouse Security Personnel.

Auditor and County Judge Staff to be in line with the County Clerk and Tax Office effective first payroll in March.

Motion to Amend Salary Order: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-91

23. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

- PennzSuppress
- Knox Library Weblink
- Election
- Training

Court adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for February 24, 2014.

Date: March 18, 2014



Carrie Gregor, County Clerk
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Shannon Hanath, Deputy

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AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS