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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

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**October 27, 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  
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

**9:00 A.M. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Move Item #17 to follow Item #4

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-379**

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

Tommy Johnson discussed issues with regard to the jail.

**2. Update by George Patterson, Texana Chief Executive Officer.**

George Patterson advised Court Texana MHMR is renaming their main conference room as a tribute to Judge Bilski.

**3. Consideration and possible action to adopt Consent Agenda Format.**

**4. 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**
  - i. **September 22, 2014**
  - ii. **September 24, 2014**
- b. **Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Cheryl Kollatschny, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, to be held May 25-29, 2015 in Rockwall, Texas, to be paid in January 2015.**
- c. **Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$163.41.**
- d. **Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of recording paper out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$2,583.72.**
- e. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for West End Library employee to carry over 24.50 hours of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2013-14 through November 15, 2014.**
- f. **Consideration and possible action to accept Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture report for Sheriff's Department.**
- g. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Knox Library employee to carry over 5 hours of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2013-14 through November 15, 2014.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-380**

**17. Discussion regarding proposal from Centurion Industries, Inc. for a replacement roof for Knox Library and action as appropriate.**

Contingent upon Centurion Industries Inc. providing the Performance Bond, a W-9, and Workman's Compensation.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-381**

5. **Consideration and possible action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to sell 2 acres out of tracts 2 & 3 totaling 2 acres located on Catbird Lane in Precinct 1 with 25 feet road frontage for access.**

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-382**

6. **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement between Department of State Health Services Health Service Region 6/5 South and Austin County for use of Austin County Fairgrounds Convention and Expo Center for the Public Health Emergency.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-383**

7. **Consideration and possible action to adjust and add 40 vacation hours for Tax Office employee due to error and extend to use on or before December 12, 2014.**

*Motion to Adjust: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-384**

8. **Consideration and possible action to adopt resolution to adopt GASB 68 for compliance with Texas County and District Retirement System.**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-385**

9. **Consideration and possible action to approve purchase of SF Shelving Adder for Knox Library for an amount not to exceed \$690.00 out of 115-010-0000 special Knox Library account.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-386**

10. **Consideration and possible action to appoint Sandra Merz to replace Presiding Judge for Precinct 207 for a two year term which began on September 1, 2014.**

*Motion to Appoint: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-387**

11. **Consideration and possible action to appoint Judy Schulz to replace Presiding Judge for Precinct 208 for a two year term which began on September 1, 2014.**

*Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-388**

12. **Consideration and possible action to accept \$3,000 reimbursement Award to recognize Austin County Precinct 3 Constable Ronnie Griffin's participation in the 2014 Memorial Day Click It or Ticket safety campaign.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-389**

13. **Sheriff's Activity Report – September 2014**

15. **Discussion regarding burn band need for disaster declaration and action as appropriate.**

No action taken.

16. **Consider possible action to upgrade and replace two (2) computers for Tax Office out of Capital Outlay/All Departments 101-127-5757.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-390**

18. **Consideration and possible action to relocate 24 ton maximum weight limits sign on Pyka Road in Precinct 3 approximately 2,766 feet North.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-391**

19. **Open bid proposals for Financial Audit Services and action as appropriate.**

1. Brewer, Eyeington, Patout & Co, LLP
2. Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP
3. Belt Harris Pechacek
4. Singleton, Clark & and Company, PC
5. Davis Kinard & Co
6. Sandersen Knox & Company, LLP
7. BrooksCardiel PLLC
8. Davis, Heinemann & Company, PC
9. Hereford, Lynch, Sellars & Kirkham

Postpone until Carolyn Bilski, County Judge, and Betty Jez, County Auditor can review.

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-392**

**14. Review of plan for jail staffing and action as appropriate.**

Unused salaries to pay for housing while inmates are in Fort Bend County jail. Decrease Jailer's Salary line item \$75.000 and increase Housing line item 101-114-4665.

Authorize Judge Bilski to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-393**

**20. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**

**a. Payment of Claims**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-394**

**b. Budget Amendments**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-395**

- c. County Auditor's review of finances**
- d. County Treasurer review of finances**

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

- a. Austin County Library System – Annual Report 2013 – 2014**
- b. County Court – September 2014**
- c. Tax Assessor-Collector – September 2014**
- d. Justice of The Peace, Precinct 2 – September 2014**
- e. Constable Precinct 1 – September 2014**

Court recessed at 10:20 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

**1. Personnel Matters.**

- a. Employment classification of certain employees. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).**
- b. Evaluation of Jail employees**

Court reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

**22. Action as appropriate from Executive Session.**

Variance requested to the Compensation Order by Sheriff to clarify and award jailers and appropriate dispatcher (on attached list) increases before 6 month introductory period is over, subject to satisfactory reviews, not to exceed the maximum pay. Effective November 9<sup>th</sup> timesheet.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-396**

Authorize Carolyn Bilski, County Judge, Jesse Skinner, Assistant District Attorney and Billy Doherty, Public Accountant to meet with the Betty Jez, County Auditor, to better engage the classifications of payroll to see if they can come to a compromise on contract vs employee classification.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-397**

**23. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Court Adjourned at 12:20 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  
Commissioners Court proceedings for October 27, 2014.

Date: November 20, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy

