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Commissioners Court Minutes

August 8, 2016 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Andrea Cardenas, Deputy County Clerk

Commissioner King absent.

9:00 A.M. OPENING
CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. changed to an Open Session.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (3-0).
Order #16-236

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Marcus Pena, Tax-Assessor Collector, spoke with regard to voter registration and security.

2. Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution transferring duties of JP #4, as local registrar and all birth and death records in possession to the Austin County Clerk's Office, as prescribed by the section 191.023 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0).
Order #16-237

Move #3 until Commissioner King arrives.

4. **Discussion of sale of land to HOA.**
5. **Consideration and possible action to approve interlocal agreement for law enforcement assistance between Austin County, Blinn College and City of Sealy.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0).
Order #16-238*

6. **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. **July 25, 2016**
 - b. **Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Wiecker Road in Precinct 2.**
 - c. **Consideration and possible action to set fees for Sheriff and Constables to be effective January 1, 2017 and report to Comptroller.**
 - d. **Consideration and possible action to accept 2 donations to the Austin County Sheriff's Department per Local Government Code 81.032.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0).
Order #16-239*

Commissioner King present.

7. **Update of Burn Ban and action as appropriate.**

Still in effect.

3. **Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide property on Bartlett Road in Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-240*

8. Review of Certified Value Report with action as appropriate.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-241

9. Discussion regarding effective and rollback tax rate and action as appropriate.

Tax rate information as provided by Austin County Appraisal District.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-242

10. Preliminary discussion on budget and action as appropriate.

Set not to exceed salaries for Elected Officials.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-243

Court recessed 9:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Personnel Matters Treasurer's Office. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).**
- 2. Pending litigation. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071).**
- 3. Deliberation regarding Contract being negotiated. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.0725).**

Court reconvened 2:20 p.m.

13. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

1. Additional information needed.
2. No action.
3. No action.

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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-244

- b. Budget Amendments**

None.

- c. County Auditor's**

Per Billy Doherty, County Auditor, finances still look good.

- d. County Treasurer**
i. Payroll & Escrow Report
ii. Payroll & Escrow Report
iii. 3rd Quarter 2015-2016-Reconciled Investment Report
iv. 3rd Quarter 2015-2016 Reconciled Report
v. June 2016 Reconciled Report

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-245

- 12. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 & 3 – July 2016
b. Jail Population Report – July 2016
c. Austin County Library System – July 2016
d. Constable, Precinct 2 & 3 – July 2016

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-246

- 4. Personnel Policy Handbook.**

14. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

Change Introductory period from 90 days to 60 days for Clerical, EMS, Road and Bridge. Sheriff's Office is excluded.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Reichardt opposed.
Order #16-247

15. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-248*

Court adjourned 3:45 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 August 8, 2016.**

Date : August 16, 2016

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy



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