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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

**February 12, 2018**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
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**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0).*  
**Order #18-23**

Commissioner King present.

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

Per Commissioner Lamp, Mill Creek is open again. Continued work is being done on Hay and Kieseewetter bridges. Vandalism has occurred in the past 6 months.

**2. Discussion regarding Constable Precinct 3 position.**

Ronnie Griffin, Constable Precinct #3, requested his position become full-time instead of part-time in next year's budget, as the demand to be in Court is greater than before. Judge Cheryl Kollatschny spoke on his behalf as well.

3. **Discussion and action to approve purchase of 20 new P.C.'s – 4 for District Clerk's Office, 16 for S.O.**

\$27,056 pay from Computer Tech fund.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-24**

4. **Discussion and action on time keeping system.**

*Motion to Table: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-25**

5. **Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 5 acre track from a 2600 acre track on Old Columbus Road, in Precinct 3.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-26**

6. **Discussion and action on Resolution Opposing the Continued Operation of Five Oaks Achievement Center in New Ulm, Texas.**

*Motion to Oppose: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-27**

7. **Discussion and action to authorize AFG Grant submission by Austin County EMS.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-28**

8. **Discussion and action on acceptance of completion certificate on Old Hwy 36 and Old Nelsonville Road project.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-29**

9. **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. **January 08, 2018**
    - ii. **January 22, 2018**

- b. Consideration and action to accept report by Constable, Precinct 2 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.
- c. Consideration and action to accept report by Constable, Precinct 3 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.
- d. Consideration and action to accept report by Constable, Precinct 4 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.
- e. Consideration and action to accept report by Austin County Sheriff's Office regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.
- f. Consideration and action to approve submission of a Grant for Interoperable Communication-APX500 Multi-Band Console Project.
- g. Consideration and action to authorize a hardship variance for an employee in the D.A.'s office to carry over 16 of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Carry over hours should be taken by March 31, 2018.
- h. Consideration and action to authorize a hardship variance for an employee with EMS to carry over 96 of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Carry over hours should be taken by April 30, 2018.
- i. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Benjamin Nystrom, Assistant District Attorney, to be held February 25 - February 28, 2018, at Horseshoe Bay, Texas.
- j. Consideration and action to approve submission of a Criminal Justice Division Grant in the amount of \$123,969.00 to replace aging laptop computer at the S.O.
- k. Consideration and action to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$45,717.00 for the purchase of a heavy duty patrol vehicle.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-30**

**10. Discussion regarding Burn Ban and action as appropriate.**

No action.

**11. Discussion and action to redistribute FEMA funds from holding account.**

Return money to each Precinct.

*Motion to Redistribute: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #18-31**

**12. Consideration and action to appoint Sick Leave Pool Committee Members.**

*Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).  
Commissioner Rinn abstained.*

**Order #18-32**

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

- a. Constable, Precinct 2 - January 2018
- b. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – January 2018
- c. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 – December 2017
- d. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 – January 2018
- e. Jail Population Report – January 2018
- f. On-Site Sewage Facility – January 2018
- g. Austin County Library System – January 2018

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*

**Order #18-33**

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

- d. County Treasurer's
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Report

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*

**Order #18-34**

**a. Payment of Claims**

Commissioner Lamp requested invoice for Longhorns International Trucks, \$199,240.00 be included in the Payment of Claims for a Grand Total of \$1,263,820.15.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*

**Order #18-35**

**b. Budget Amendments**

Remove #9. Revisit amendment with Kim Rinn, County Tax Assessor-Collector.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*

**Order #18-36**

**c. County Auditor's review of finances**

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

Court recessed 10:37 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Discussion regarding Economic Development Negotiations. (This in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.087).
- 2 Discussion regarding Economic Development Negotiations. (This in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.087).

Court reconvened 11:27 a.m.

**15. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

1. Allow Judge to negotiate a contract on behalf of the County with a new potential client for economic development purposes.

*Motion to Negotiate: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #18-37*

2. Authorize Judge to make decision on abatement brink discussed in Executive Session.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #18-38*

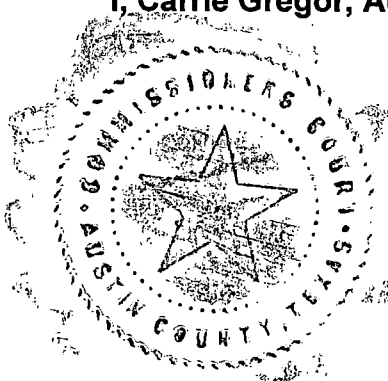
**Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #18-39*

Court adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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

I, **Carrie Gregor**, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for February 12, 2018.



Date: February 23, 2018

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

**FILED**

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