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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**October 26, 2020**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement 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  
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Andrea Cardenas, 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**

Remove item #12.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-377**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON NAME CHANGE OF MALINOWSKI LANE TO ELLIS RIDGE ESTATES LANE, Pct. 2**

Public hearing began at 9:02 a.m.

Letters submitted by James and Emile Loeblein against the name change.

Public hearing ended at 9:04 a.m.

**2. Action from Pubic Hearing**

No action.

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

**4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture), all projects are going well. Justice Center and Sheriff's Office are meeting about furniture. Tour of the Justice Center at 11:00 a.m. today. Currently, not as many walls up as anticipated. There is a 1:00 p.m. Construction meeting followed by a 3:00 p.m. Furniture meeting.

Sealy EMS should be finished by March 2021.

**5. Collection Report presentation by Perdue Brandon**

Presentation by Michael J. Darlow (Perdue Brandon).

#4 continued.

Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture), he and Brandy Robinson (Assistant District Attorney) had a virtual conference with the Texas Historical Commission. Grant is coming for courthouse repairs.

**6. Consideration and action to award Construction Contract for CDBG DR #19-076-037-B689 Roadway and Drainage Improvements**

CDBG DR #19-076-037-B689 construction contract awarded to Tierra Lease Services, LLC for \$2,733,663.55.

Grant is for 1.7 million. Costs over the grant amount is paid by the County. Grant is to redo Klopsteck, Tomlinson, Tower, Koechele and Blakely roads. Roads will be completely remodeled. Per Commissioner Reed, will divide costs over two fiscal years and pay from contingencies.

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

**Order #20-378**

**7. Consideration to accept a modification to current HIDTA Grant and action as appropriate.**

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

**Order #20-379**

**8. Discussion regarding an increase to current Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDFT) Contract and action as appropriate.**

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

**Order #20-380**

**9. Consideration and action to accept a \$47,032.00 grant from Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Offices of the Governor.**

Per Don Darracq (Sheriff's Office), this grant requires the County pay the funds upfront then will be reimbursed. Sheriff's office request \$47,032 paid to enhance current in car and body camera program. At this time, Sheriff's office doesn't have funds to pay upfront.

Accept grant and pay \$47,032 from 101-55757-127. Once grant pays, funds are to return to 101-55757-127.

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

**Order #20-381**

**10. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 5 acre tract from a 39.78 acre tract on Hwy 36, Precinct 4.**

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

**Order #20-382**

**11. Consideration and action to authorize 2021 Austin County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.**

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

**Order #20-383**

**13. 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. October 12, 2020 \* Marked Revised**

**b. Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Leroy Cerny, Newly Elected County Judges and Commissioners Seminar, to be held January 11 – 15, 2021.**

**c. Consideration and action to approved required schooling for Constable Dave Schultz, to be held July 19-23, 2021**

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

**Order #20-384**

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

**a. Payment of Claims**

Add Sears Hometown Store for \$6,112.94. Invoice is for appliances for Sealy EMS.  
Total = \$837,512.65

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-385**

- b. **Budget Amendments**
- c. **County Auditor's Review of finances**

Billy Doherty (County Auditor), submitted financial statements (see supporting documents).

- d. **County Treasurer**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
    - 1. **10.23.2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-386**

- 15. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
  - i. **County Court – September 2020**
  - ii. **District Court – September 2020**
  - iii. **Constable, Pct 4 – September 2020**
  - iv. **OSSF – September 2020**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #20-387**

Court recessed at 9:41 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 1 **Real Estate Matter**

Court reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

- 16. **Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

- 17. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #20-388

Court adjourned at 10:19 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 October 26, 2020.



Date: November 5, 2020

Carrie Gregor

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

**FILED**

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