



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

ONE EAST MAIN
BELLVILLE, TEXAS 77418

PH: 979-865-5911
FAX: 979-865-0336

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

January 25, 2021 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
Leroy Cerny, 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-20

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Per Commissioner Lamp, a drainage district is needed to regulate private property and subdivisions to avoid drainage issues.

Commissioner Reed asked the Public to please stop stealing stop signs.

2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

Per Judge Lapham, A/C repairs scheduled for this Thursday or Friday.

EMS may be able to occupy building in the next 30 days. Still working on purchasing property for EMS station in Industry and Wallis.

3. Discussion and action regarding Enterprise Lease vehicles for:
a. Sheriff's Office

Per Judge Lapham, County owned vehicle totaled in an accident. Need to add a vehicle to lease.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.*

Order #21-21

b. Precinct 4 Road and Bridge

Replacing vehicle will save County \$145.89 per month.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.*

Order #21-22

4. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 1.2 acre tract from a 2.747 acre tract on FM 1456, Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #21-23

5. Discussion and action to approve final plat of West Hills Subdivision on Clens Road, Pct 2.

Approve final plat contingent upon City of Bellville signing plat.

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

Order #21-24

6. Discussion and action to set Public Hearing to erect stop signs at Skalak and Tiemann Road, Pct 2

Public Hearing set for February 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to put a stop sign at Tiemann and Skalak Road.

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

Order #21-25

7. Discussion regarding amending Austin County Subdivision Regulations, setting public hearing dates and action as appropriate.

Judge Lapham requested the Commissioners look over the Subdivision Regulations to possibly amend where needed. Commissioner Rinn requested a workshop at next Court date. Commissioners need to look at Water District regulations as well.

Item #5 continued.

Add place for Mayor and City Council to sign or attach an affidavit to Plat.

8. **Discussion and action regarding purchase of 2 laptop computers for County Court at Law from Court Reporter Fund 117-55751-165.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-26*

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 1, 2021**
 - ii. **January 11, 2021**
 - b. **Consideration and action to accept report by Sheriff's Office regarding Racial Profiling per Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook**
 - c. **Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Bryan Haevischer, County Treasurer, to be held April 19 – 21, 2021, at San Marcos, Texas.**
 - d. **Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Lance Johnson, County Constable, Pct 1, to be held February 15 – 19, 2021, at College Station, Texas.**
 - e. **Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance (due to staff shortage) for County Judge's Employee to carry over 13.25 hrs of unused vacation hours.**

Per Judge Lapham, e. is changed to 8.5 hours which will be used this week.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-27*

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

Add \$2.00 – Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, \$3,996 – Xpernet Services, \$52,852.81 – Christensen Building Group and Bond Payments – \$1,646,157.71 Total=\$3,172,539.30

- b. **Budget Amendments**

#27-#34 (See supporting documents).

- c. **County Auditor's Review of finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 69% of Budget remaining.

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

1. 01.15.2021

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-28*

ii. Monthly Treasurer Report – December 2020

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-29*

- 11. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. District Court – December 2020**
 - b. County Court – December 2020**
 - c. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Report – December 2020**
 - d. Justice of the Peace, Pct 2 – November 2020 and December 2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-30*

Court recessed at 10:02 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Real Estate Matter**
- 2 Real Estate Matter**

Court reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

12. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

Authorize County Judge to move forward with purchase of property at HWY 36 and FM 159.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-31*

Declare County property at 906 Fowlkes Street as surplus and move forward with disposal.

*Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-32*

13. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Charley Smith (City of Bellville Attorney) inquired of the Court what was needed to finalize West Hills Subdivision Plat. Per Mr. Smith, the City only providing water to subdivision.

Commissioner Reed informed the Court recycling dates need to be set. County received grant for recycling.

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-33**

Court adjourned at 10:29 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 January 25, 2021.**

Date: January 27, 2021

Carrie Gregor

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

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy



FILED

2021 JAN 27 PM 2: 32

Carrie Gregor
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS