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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**February 22, 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 Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-54**

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion regarding Austin County Subdivision Regulations proposed changes and action as appropriate (reminder public hearing on proposed changes will be March 22, 2021)**

Court reviewed changes with some suggestions from Charles Kalkomey. Zach Holland (Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District) presented guidelines and certification for platting paperwork to the Court. Public Hearing set for March 22, 2021.

Court recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

- 3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Judge Lapham (County Judge), EMS was able to move into the new building before the storm. There a few little things to address. Per Walter Morris (EMS), overall, all went well.

Per Sheriff Brandes, Sheriff's office and Jail are a week behind because of the weather. Dispatch console has been delayed for a week due to the weather.

Per Judge Lapham, the Justice Center is a little behind the Sheriff's Office, but moving along. Per Commissioner Lamp, trees are being cut this morning and building is getting electricity and generator pad as well.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), informed the Court as a precaution, Sheriff's building over budget by \$418,000. Justice Center is under budget by \$701,000 and EMS building over budget once Christensen Building Group submits their last invoice of \$206,000. The net of Justice Center and EMS leaves about half million under budget. Will go over numbers with Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture) on Wednesday.

**4. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building damage from Winter Strom event.**

Per Judge Lapham (County Judge), there was a broken sprinkler pipe at the Courthouse on Sunday night. Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), there is a busted pipe right now in the Justice of Peace office in the closet.

Per Commissioner Lamp, there isn't any water to wash our hands at the building. May be a plugged line.

Per Commissioner Rinn, had one issue at their Barn. Library and County Building had six to seven busted pipes. Bryan Haevischer (County Treasurer), had the fittings and were able to fix the issues.

Per Commissioner Cerny, so far so good.

Per Commissioner Reed, pipe busted at Wallis Annex. Flooded the whole building. Contacted TAC. Adjuster came out yesterday. Office may have to be redone. Had 3" of water in the building office. Will need to move Justice of Peace, Precinct 4. May have found a temporary location down the road. Computer and paperwork got completely soaked in Commissioner's office.

**5. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.**

Per Commissioner Reed, not much going on with Tiff Grant. All the culvert installations and ditch cleaning on Tomlinson has been completed. Working on Tower.

Per Commissioner Lamp, getting land acquisitions prepared to bring to Court all at one time. Hope to finalize Mill Creek plats this week. Kiemstedt Bridge has been engineered. The State is wanting to work on two big Mill Creek bridges at the same time as another bridge because it will be costly.

Per Commissioner Rinn, two bridges need to be replaced. Waiting for proposal to get those started. The Rebuild Texas grant, still waiting to get those two projects.

Per Judge Lapham, received letter stating will begin work on bridge on FM 331 and Mill Creek in the Fall. It will be closed approximately ten months.

Per Commissioner Cerny, will work on water crossing on Kulow and Cedar Road. Meeting with Colorado County.

**6. Discussion and action to approve Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office for Capital Cases**

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

**Order #21-55**

**7. Discussion to approve Sheriff's office submitting grant application to Office of the Texas Governor for computer equipment in the amount of \$29,278.05 and action as appropriate**

County doesn't have to match funds. Will reimburse County for computers and licenses purchased.

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

**Order #21-56**

**8. Discussion and action to pay Tyler Technology invoice of \$303.88 out of line item 101-55758-127.**

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

**Order #21-57**

**9. Discussion and action to accept following annual reports from Texana:**

- a. **Approved fiscal year operating budget**
- b. **Most recent annual financial audit**
- c. **Staff salaries by position**

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

**Order #21-58**

**10. Discussion regarding South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference June 28-July 1, 2021 in South Padre.**

**11. 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. **2.8.2021**
- b. **Consideration and action to accept Racial Profiling Report, Const. Pct. 2.**

**c. Consideration and action to accept Racial Profiling Report, Const. Pct. 4.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-59**

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

Add Xpernet - \$1,625.95 (Pay from 101-54980-128), Bellville Medical - \$8,024.48, Goeke (for Sheriff's Office - \$198,070.42, and Goeke (for Justice Center) - \$762,830.15. Total = \$1,196,917.08

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-60**

**b. Budget Amendments**

#40 – 47 (See supporting documents)

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-61**

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), last year at this time of year County had 58% of budget remaining. This year County has 64% of budget remaining. Doing good.

**d. County Treasurer's**  
**i. Payroll and Escrow Report 02.12.2021**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-62**

**13. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**  
**a. District Court – January 2021**  
**b. County Court – January 2021**  
**c. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – January 2021**  
**d. Constable Pct 2 – January 2021**  
**e. Constable Pct. 4 – January 2021**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-63**

**14. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Commissioner Lamp asked about having a Commissioner Ice Storm Preparation checklist. All Commissioners agreed, it's a good idea to have a checklist.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-64

Court adjourned at 11:16 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 22, 2021.**



Date: March 5, 2021

Carrie Gregor

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

**By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

**FILED**

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