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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

March 27, 2023 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom 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, County Clerk

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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-101

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Reverend J. R. Johnson addressed the Court with regard to a citizen review board. Board would have to pass background checks and work with Sheriff. Board would review Sheriff's office policies and procedure.

Lenel Brandiberg addressed the Court with regard to an individual that passed away in the jail. People have questions about medical care at the jail. Review Board would review policies and procedures.

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

EMS – Per Commissioner Lamp, waiting to get dirt down in Industry then will come to Bellville. Having issues with permit for Bellville.

Per Commissioner Rinn, have one lift hauled to Industry and waiting to get it dried out and compacted. Waiting for some sunshine then will start hauling again.

Per Commissioner Reed, on April 11th bringing boring rig to hook up sewer to the existing City system. Scale has power now. Should be up and running by the end of the week. Thank you to Danny Duron for his help with scale. Still need reflectors due to reflectors being on back order.

Per Billy Doherty, digital equipment in the courtrooms at the Justice Center are having issues. May need a UPS system. Since equipment isn't used very much, it isn't worth spending a lot of money on it. Spoke with Brandon Hoff (County IT), may be able to resolve issue with a couple of hundred dollars versus a couple of thousand dollars. City power glitches are wreaking havoc on system.

3. Discussion and action regarding purchase of 3 Peterbilt 567 Dump Trucks for Pct. 2:

Approve ordering 3 Peterbilt 567 Dump Trucks through Buy Board purchasing price at \$218,667.89 each.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-102

4. Discussion and action to approve purchase of Laptop and related items out of 101-55754-127.

Purchase laptop for Emergency Management for training not to exceed \$2,318.99 from 101-55754-127.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-103

5. Consideration and action to approve Forge Global Industries, Inc. drainage plan, Pct. 4

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-104

6. Consideration and action to appoint additional members to Austin County Historical Commission.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-105

7. Consideration and action regarding private road designation in unincorporated areas of Austin County.

Two or more structures on a lane use NEMA (National Emergency Number Association) standards for naming private roads.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-106

Will include in resolution if there are two or more structures on a lane, a sign needs to be displayed at the road and one on the residence.

8. Consideration and action to accept request for financial depository.

Accept bids for proposal.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-107

9. Consideration and action regarding preliminary plat for Southfork Ranch Subdivision, Pct. 4.

a. Approval of requested variances

Approve four variances; 1. 10-foot utility easement on each side of a side lot line to be required on every other side lot line instead of every side lot line as per subdivision regulations, 2. Right of way width of 60' instead of 70', 3. Block length more than 1,200 linear feet for Southfork Ranch Drive, and 4. Residential lots that do not meet required width to depth ratio of 3:1 for lots 14, 15 and 28 in Block 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-108

b. Approval of preliminary plat

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-109

10. 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. Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company for installation on or near Industry Road, Pct. 2**
- b. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Bryan Haevischer, County Treasurer, to be held June 12-14, 2023 in Georgetown, Texas**

- c. **Consideration and action to approve minutes**
 - i. **February 13, 2023**

Approve a. – b.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-110

10c.

Per Commissioner Rinn, add VIN to #12.

Approve minutes from February 13, 2023 with addition of VIN to agenda item #12.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-111

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

Total = \$406,844.22

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-112

- b. **Fund Transfers**

\$39,750 Doucet – grant payment, \$406,844.22 – current A/P, \$481.20 – Grand Juror payment, and \$675.15 – Intelepeer Services payment.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-113

- c. **Budget Amendments**

#12 – #20.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-114

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), expenditures are doing well. Revenue is not doing so well. Inflation is hurting the citizens of Austin County.

- e. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **Monthly Treasurers Report – February 2023**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-115

- ii. **Payroll and Escrow Report**
 - 1. **03.24.2023**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-116

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

- i. **Criminal Court - February 2023**
- ii. **Civil Court - February 2023**
- iii. **Family - February 2023**
- iv. **OSSF**
 - 1. **April 2019**
 - 2. **December 2022**
 - 3. **January 2023**
 - 4. **February 2023**
- v. **Texas Agrilife Extension Office**
 - 1. **CEA-ANR - January & February 2023**
 - 2. **CEA-FCH - February 2023**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-117

Court recessed at 10:13 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:
1 Real Estate Matter

Court reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

13. Action as appropriate on Executive Session

No action.

14. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-118*

Court adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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

**I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners
Court proceedings for March 27, 2023.**



Date: April 24, 2023
Andrea Cardenas
Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas

FILED

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Andrea Cardenas
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS