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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**December 11, 2023** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Pull Item 5ii. from Consent Agenda.

Adopt amended agenda.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-758**

**1. Introduction of Austin County Disaster Assessment Recovery Agent.**

Per Michelle Wright (Agri-Life Agent), introduced Stephen Burnett Disaster Assessment Recovery Agent.

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

Commissioner Reed spoke with regard to San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site's meeting Settling Austin's Colony at 6:00 pm tonight, December 11, 2023.

**3. Discussion and action to update signers on deposit box at Industry State Bank for JP2.**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), Bank requires Court approval to update signers to deposit box.

Update signers from Betty Jez (former County Auditor) to Billy Doherty (County Auditor).

*Motion to Update: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-759**

**4. Consideration and action to purchase 2 pieces of property (ID 80622 and 80623), Pct. 4.**

There is a drainage issue in this area. Total cost is \$100,000. Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), will find funds to purchase.

Purchase properties for \$100,000.

*Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-760**

**5. 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. Discussion and action to renew agreement with Dr. Benjamin Oei to serve as Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services for Austin County.
- b. Consideration and action to accept Check from Heidelberg Materials for LiDaR mapping of Austin County. Per Local Government Code 81.032
- c. Discussion and action to approve interlocal agreement between HGAC and Austin County for purchase of remote sensing data and related services.
- d. Consideration and action to accept Letter of Credit for Eric Tanner and Jessica Tanner regarding the construction and completion of circle drive off Republic Road and FM 1458, Pct. 4
- e. Discussion regarding Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and action as appropriate.
- f. Consideration and action to accept a Texas Department of Transportation Grant in the amount of \$19,983.32 for STEP/IDM Program.
- g. Consideration and action to accept executed interlocal agreements for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, to serve Austin County Citizens:
  - i. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.
  - ii. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. (JARC)
  - iii. Combined Community Action
  - iv. Emergency Medical Services I Industry
  - v. Helping One Another I Meals on Wheels

- vi. **Library Services I Gordon Memorial Library**
- vii. **Fire Fighters Association**
- viii. **Focusing Families**
- ix. **USDA I Soil and Water Conservation Services**
- x. **Texana**
- xi. **Youth and Family Services**
- h. **Consideration and action to approve Final Plat for Phase 2 of Creekmore Meadows, Pct. 4**
- i. **Consideration and action to renew contract(s) for representation of indigents in Austin County for the following attorney(s):**
  - i. **John Anderson**
  - ii. **Calvin Garvie**
  - iii. **Stephen Longoria**
- j. **Consideration and action to accept executed agreement between Austin County and VEOCI**
- k. **Consideration and action to approve primary elections services contract between Austin County and:**
  - i. **Democratic party**
  - ii. **Republic party**
- l. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - i. **November 13, 2023**
  - ii. **November 15, 2023**

Approve a – h and i. ii. – iii.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-761*

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

Early bills = \$25,683.83. Total = \$374,793.21.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-762*

- b. **Fund Transfers**

*Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-763*

- c. **Budget Amendments**
- d. **County Auditor's review of finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), within budgetary constraints.

- e. **County Treasurer's**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report - 12.01.2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-764**

- 7. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
  - a. **Justice of the Peace Court, Pct. 2, 3, & 4 - November 2023**
  - b. **Constable, Pct. 1 - November 2023**
  - c. **Jail Population - November 2023**
  - d. **TxDMV - November 2023**
  - e. **Library - November 2023**
  - f. **OSSF - November 2023**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order 23-765**

Court recessed at 9:28 a.m.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**In accordance with Texas Local Government Code §551.071, §551.125 and §551.129, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

- a. **Economic Development Matter**
- b. **Personnel Matter**

Court reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

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

- a. Motion to approve to enter into contract #BF20278769 with BNSF Railway for a new railroad crossing and approve all signatures necessary to complete the contract.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-766**

- b. no action.

**10. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Per Commissioner Lamp, wants to look at a concrete crusher.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), with regard to his employees' vacation time. Both employees will not be able to take the vacation because of Tyler Technologies training.

**Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-767**

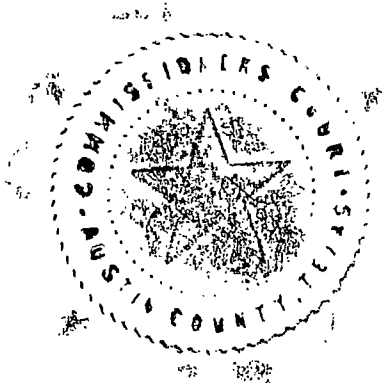
Court adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**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 December 11, 2023.**

Date: December 21, 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, CLERK