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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

**August 10, 2015**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Cyndi Gomez, 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**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-272**

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

Fred Strauss spoke about road conditions.

**2. Discussion and possible action pertaining to accepting new two-year Service/Maintenance contract for eight (8) Stryker Power Pro Stretchers.**

Cost per year \$8,714. Total price \$17,428.40.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-273**

3. **Discussion regarding early voting and consolidation of polling locations for November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election and action as appropriate.**

No action.

4. **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. **July 13, 2015**
  - b. **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between John Patton and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**
  - c. **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Kathleen Davis Niendorff and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**
  - d. **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Road and Bridge Employee in Precinct No. 1 to carry over 40 hours of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through October 31, 2015.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-274*

5. **Consideration and possible action to adopt 2016 holiday calendar.**

Include July 5<sup>th</sup> as a holiday.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-275*

6. **Discussion regarding the Austin County Library System, and action as appropriate.**

No action.

7. **Discussion regarding funding alternatives for roads and public safety facilities and action as appropriate.**

Commissioner Turner suggested placing road bond issue on the ballot.

No action.

**8. Discussion regarding need for burn ban, and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-276**

**9. Discussion regarding Web-Based Mass Notification System presentations and action as appropriate.**

Award contract to Code Red for 130,000 minutes bank.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-277**

**10. Discussion regarding effective tax rate and revenues; proposed tax rate and action as appropriate.**

Proceed with the process to go over the effective tax rate if necessary.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-278**

**11. Consideration and possible action to set public hearing for a stop sign on Lake Road at Ueckert Road.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-279**

**12. Consideration and possible action to adopt a proposed tax rate and if necessary schedule public hearings.**

No action.

**13. Consideration and possible action to set proposed salaries and allowances for county officials.**

Proposed salary increase 3%.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #15-280**

Court recessed at 10:55 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

**14. Preliminary discussion on budget and action as appropriate.**

No Action.

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

**a. Payment of Claims**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-281*

**b. Budget Amendments**

None.

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

None.

**d. County Treasurer review of finances**

**i. Payroll & Escrow Report**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-282*

**ii. March 2015 Reconciled Report**

**iii. April 2015 Reconciled Report**

**iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 – 2015 – Reconciled Report**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-283*

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

**a. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, 2 & 3 – July 2015**

**b. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 & 4 – June 2015**

**c. On-Site Sewage Facility – July 2015**

**d. Constable, Precinct 3 – July 2015**

**e. Jail Population Report – July 2015**

**f. Austin County Library System – July 2015**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-284*

**18. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Commissioner Reichardt discussed posting weight limit, 24 ton signs on roads.

Commissioner King discussed Fiber Optic installers laying cable without permission.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-285*

Court adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

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

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court proceedings for August 10, 2015.

Date: August 25, 2015

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy



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