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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

September 28, 2020, 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
Randy Reichardt, 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

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Change in #14 – should be Precinct 1 not Precinct 2.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-335

Public hearing began 9:02 a.m.

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Gary Kuciemba spoke with regard to tax increase.

Tom Stark spoke with regard to condition and safety of Gindorf Road.

2. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Commissioners questioned a couple of payments. 1) Page 31 Juvenile Probation – did not spend all funds received from State. Funds not spent must be returned.

2) Page 14 Travis County medical from 2019. Auditor's office received a forwarded email from Judge Krause, per State, they didn't get paid for an invoice.

Total = \$687,131.66

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-336

b. Budget Amendments

#74 – Last year's compensation order, line items combined and item numbers mixed up.

#83 - #121 (see supporting documents)

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-337

c. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 16.9% remaining in budget for the year.

d. County Treasurer

- i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report - 09.25.2020**
- ii. Monthly Treasurers Report – August 2020**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-338

3. Discussion and action to approve Austin County Emergency Communication District F.Y. 2020 – 2021 Budget

Jeffrey Hill, Executive Director with Austin County 911, presented budget.

Per Commissioner Rinn, he would like to have more time to look over budget.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.
Order #20-339

4. Discussion regarding F.Y. 2020-2021 Compensation Order and action as appropriate.

Changes made to Compensation Order. Page 3 effective date October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020 all departments. Page 6 change 51115 to 51124. Page 12 Add Operator position back in.

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

Order #20-340

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

Roof is now on the EMS – Sealy building. The generator has been moved. One fan has been replaced and the other should be replaced next week at the Wendt Street building.

Per Judge Lapham, with rain there were leaks in the District Attorney's office. Ronnie Thrasher (Maintenance) is spearheading project of fixing Courthouse roof.

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

Order #20-341

6. Consideration and action to accept Commercial Land Lease Agreement.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #20-342

7. Discussion regarding MetLife Supplemental Insurance and action as appropriate

Per Scott Wallace (Wallace & Associates), if approved today MetLife could replace supplemental insurances such as Vision and Dental currently carried by the County. With MetLife, rates will stay the same for three years. For dental, maximum will increase to \$1,250 per year instead of \$1,000. Currently employee assistance program gives three free sessions for things like grieve counseling and those types of issues. With MetLife, employees can receive five free sessions.

Change supplemental insurance to MetLife.

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

Order #20-343

8. Discussion regarding Jail Operations and action as appropriate

No action.

9. Discussion regarding County I.T. needs and action as appropriate.

Purchase computers and equipment not to exceed \$30,407.00 from 101-55754-127.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-344

10. Consideration and action to approve payment of Tyler Technologies invoice of \$26,103.72.

Pay from 101-55760-131.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-345

11. Consideration and action to approve final plat for Sunrise Estates, Pct 3.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-346

12. Discussion and action to declare miscellaneous tools as surplus, Precinct 1.

Per Commissioner Lamp, Commissioner Rinn can use reclaimer tips and has them in his possession.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-347

13. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide an 8 acre tract and an 8.856 acre tract from a 33 acre tract on Bleiblerville Road, Precinct 2.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-348

14. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 5.668 acre tract from a 138.3357 Eagle Lane, Precinct 2.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-349

15. Discussion regarding Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant Agreement for Elections Department and action as appropriate

Per Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor – Collector), there are no funds to match before receiving the grant.

Motion to Apply: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-350

- 16. Consideration and action to approve and sign interlocal agreements as budgeted for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021, to serve Austin County Citizens:**
- a. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.
 - b. Colorado Valley Transit, Inc. (JARC)
 - c. Combined Community Action
 - d. Emergency Medical Services / Industry
 - e. Helping One Another / Meals on Wheels
 - f. Library Services / Gordon Memorial Library
 - g. Fire Fighters Association
 - h. Focusing Families
 - i. USDA Soil/Water Conservation Service
 - j. Texana
 - k. Youth and Family Services

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-351

- 17. Law Enforcement**
- a. Bellville
 - b. San Felipe
 - c. Sealy
 - d. Wallis

18. Sealy I.S.D

Per Judge Lapham, #18 should be e. of #17.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-352

- 19. Discussion and action to approve Contract for Services for Austin County Veterans.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-353

- 20. Consideration and action to authorize application for eligibility to receive federal surplus property**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-354

21. Discussion and action regarding entry level hourly rate of pay for potential new hire for Class A Operator, Pct 1

No action.

22. Consideration and action to approve request from Treasurer to transfer of \$5,000 from (salary) 101-51104-110 to (contract services) 101-51110-110

Per Judge Lapham, last Court had the wrong line item number.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-355

23. Consideration and action to set property tax rate for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

- a. **General Maintenance**
- b. **Special Road and Bridge Tax**
- c. **Farm-To-Market Lateral Roads Tax**
- d. **Debt Service Tax**

Proposed tax rate:

0.36673 – General
0.06455 – R & B
0.07832 – FM & L
0.5096 – Total Operating
0.06004 – Debt
0.56964 – Total Tax Rate

Set as presented.

Motion to Set: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1)
Commissioner Reed – For, Commissioner Reichardt – For, Commissioner Rinn – Against,
Commissioner Lamp – For.
Order #20-356

24. 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. **September 8, 2020**
 - ii. **September 14, 2020**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-357

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

i. AgriLife Extension

- 1. July 2020**
- 2. August 2020**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-358*

27. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), the STW contract, renews every 5 years. Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney) is looking over it. May need to change a couple of things before the contract gets signed.

Court recessed at 10:23 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Personnel Matter – S.O.**

Court reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

26. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

**28. WORKSHOP
Economic development plant tour**

Joe Lahey (Chairman) and Scott Medland (General Manager) invited the Court for a tour of Bellville Tube Company.

Court recessed at 11:04 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:30 a.m. at Bellville Tube Company.

Commissioner Reichardt absent.

Court toured Bellville Tube Company.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-359

Court adjourned at 12:29 p.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 September 28, 2020.



Date: October 13, 2020

Carrie Gregor

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

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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