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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**February 8, 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**

Remove item #15.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-34**

- 1. Public Hearing regarding erecting stop signs at Skalak Road and Tiemann Road, Precinct 2**

9:04 a.m. Public Hearing opened.

9:05 a.m. Public Hearing closed.

- 2. Action as appropriate from Public Hearing**

Put a stop sign on Tiemann Road.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-35**

- 3. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

Julie Jennings and Angela Leschper addressed the Court with concern for subdivisions coming in around their subdivision.

Gene Svoboda spoke with regard to hazardous roads in his area.

**4. Workshop on subdivision regulations.**

Workshop began at 9:10 a.m.

There is an issue with Developers not getting all the proper signatures for subdivisions.

Per Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney), with the Interlocal Agreement in place the County relinquishes its authority to the City. County has authority over sewage facilities and drainage. County can speak with Developer. If Developer doesn't comply can impose fines.

Commissioners and County Judge reviewed and discussed Subdivision Regulations. Will bring back to Court on February 22, 2021 with proposed changes. Proposed changes in the paper March 22, 2021 with hearing set April 12, 2021.

Court recessed at 10:57 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

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

Judge Lapham presented estimate for \$36,200 from Honeycutt Air Conditioning to repair the air conditioning at Wendt St. building.

Commissioner Lamp requested a second opinion. Per Judge Lapham, the Court could, but Honeycutt has been working on a solution for the A/C at Wendt St. building.

Approve Honeycutt Air Conditioning to repair A/C at Wendt St. building for \$36,200 to be paid from 101-55310-127 – Major Repairs/Co. Bldgs.

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

**Order #21-36**

A final walk-thru is scheduled this week at the Sealy EMS. If all is fine, will move into new building over the weekend.

Per Commissioner Reed, the grant his precinct received is working well on the five roads. Culverts are going in fast.

**6. Open Bids for Miscellaneous Items for Justice Center**

Will come back.

Item #5 continued.

David Watson (Sheriff's Office Operations Manager), presented an estimate of \$9,663.51 for shelving and several miscellaneous items for the Sheriff's Office. Price includes delivery. Items will be purchased from Quill and Home Depot to be paid from Bond funds.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-37**

Item #6 continued.

Per Judge Lapham, all bids were already opened prior to Court because of the way the bids were submitted. Neither him nor his staff could tell what the envelopes and packages were for, so they had to open them.

Filing Systems: Southwest Solutions Group, Southwest Filing and Storage

Benches for Courtrooms and hallway – TCI, TDCJ and Imperial Woodwork

Audio/Visual System – BISD

All bids will be sent to Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture) for review.

**7. Consideration and action to approve Resolution to submit a Grant for Interoperable Communication-Automatic Back-up System for Communication Tower Project.**

Per Ray Chislett (Emergency Management), no matching funds required from County. The County received 1.1 million for communication tower in Wallis in 2020. Now want to apply for a grant from Homeland Security for generators and other items.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-38**

**8. Consideration and action to approve Resolution of Annual Review of Investment Policy of Austin County.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-39**

**9. Consideration to declare Portable Building at Sheriff's Office as surplus and action as appropriate.**

New furniture should show up early March. Accept bids March 22, 2021. Move building by end of April.

*Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-40**

Accept bids on March 22, 2021, building must be moved by end of April. If there are no bids or Court doesn't accept the bids, will get rid of building.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-41**

- 10. Discussion and action to pay Watch Guard invoice out of line item 101-55754-127.**

County will be reimbursed with grant.

*Motion to Pay: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-42**

- 11. Consideration and action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Austin County and The Bellville Volunteer Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-43**

- 12. Consideration and action to approve Cooperation Agreement between Bellville Volunteer Fire Department and Austin County Emergency Medical Services for providing Basic Life Support.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-44**

- 13. Consideration and action to authorize all County employees who have access to the County's computer system or database and all elected officials of the County to complete an annual cybersecurity training course offered by TAC and certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-45**

- 14. Discussion to move funding from 101-51112-112 to Contract Services in Tax Assessor/Collector's Office and action as appropriate.**

Move part-time employee funds to create a contract services line item.

*Motion to Move: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-46**

**16. 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. 01.25.2021**

**b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Star Hill Road, New Bremen Road and Krause Road, Precinct 2**

**c. Consideration and action to accept a special donation to Austin County EMS in the amount of \$100 from the Catholic Daughters of America, per Local Government Code 81.032.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-47**

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

**a. Payment of Claims**

Add Goodwin Lassiter \$30,450 and Grant Works \$26,250. Total = \$348,329.35

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-48**

**b. Budget Amendments**

#35 - #39 – see supporting documents

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-49**

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

**d. County Treasurer's**

**i. Payroll and Escrow Report 01.29.2021**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #21-50**

ii. Investment Report

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2019-2020
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2020-2021

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-51*

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

- a. Jail Population – January 2021
- b. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – January 2021
- c. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – January 2021
- d. OSSF Report – January 2021
- e. Library Report – January 2021
- f. AgriLife – December 2020
  - i. CEA – ANR
  - ii. CEA – FCH

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-52*

19. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Commissioner Rinn thanked Judge Lapham for getting the information together for Subdivision Regulations workshop.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #21-53*

Court adjourned at 12:04 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 February 8, 2021.**



Date: February 11, 2021  
Carrie Gregor  
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

**FILED**

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