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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

October 11, 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

Change wording on Executive Session to Personnel Matter.

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

Order #21-350

1. Proclamation - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Motion to Proclaim: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #21-351

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Grace Holtkamp (Chairman of Texas Historical Commission) accepted Texas Historical Commission 2020 Distinguished Service Award. Ms. Holtkamp gave an update on the Commissions progress.

3. Presentation of potential opioid settlement by A.G.'s Office and action as necessary.

Rick Berlin and Valeria Sartorio from the A. G.'s office explained the Opioid Settlement. Per Judge Lapham, will review the material presented then come back to Court.

No action.

4. Discussion to appoint a Director to the Austin County Appraisal District's Board of Directors and action as appropriate.

Appoint Commissioner Lamp.

*Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Commissioner Lamp abstained.*

Order #21-352

5. Discussion regarding TKE payment terms for Elevator Repair and action as appropriate.

TKE requires 50% down payment. It will take three to four months before supplies come in due to COVID-19.

Approve 50% down payment to TKE.

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

Order #21-353

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

Per Commissioner Rinn, the lights are LED bulbs in the Wendt Street building. Per Commissioner Reed, 75 lenses are bad and need to be replaced. Five LED fixtures are bad. There are 175 fixtures total in the building. Commissioner Reed received a bid for approximately \$12,000 to clean and check out all lights at Wendt Street. In the Conference room, there are 6 extra plugs that need attention as well.

Commissioner Rinn and Commissioner Reed will re-visit with electrician about reducing the cost for the County by doing some work in-house.

Commissioner Reed will look into getting a bid about ventilation for the building.

No action.

7. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Lamp, Coshatte Road is open. Hacienda is finished. Per Commissioner Rinn, working on donation deeds for Shelby Road. West Ueckert has been completed. Per Commissioner Cerny, bids coming in for Kulow Road and Sealy Road bridge. Doing routine maintenance. Per Commissioner Reed, supposed to ride the five Grant roads with the engineer.

8. Discussion and action to accept signed Lease Agreement between Austin County and Austin County Fair Association.

Accept signed Lease Agreement between Austin County and Austin County Fair Association.

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

Order #21-354

9. Discussion and action to approve CIRA Website Service Agreement.

Currently paying \$1,525. Website program outdated. New cost for updated website is \$3,550.

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

Order #21-355

10. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide an 1 acre tract from a 19.896 acre tract on Millheim Cemetery Rd, Precinct 1.

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

Order #21-356

11. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 1 acre tract from a 7.323 acre tract on Harrison Road, Precinct 4.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).

Order #21-357

12. Consideration and action to accept Chapter 59, Forfeiture Report, Constable, Precinct 2

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

Order #21-358

13. Discussion regarding the purchase of (2) Ford F350s and action as appropriate.

Deliver one by Summer 2022. Pay for one this budget and the other paid by donations.

Approve to purchase from Appel Ford for \$86,842.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #21-359

14. Discussion and action to declare the following EMS vehicles as surplus:

- a. 2010 Dodge 3500 Frazer Built Ambulance VIN: 3D6WG4EL9AG120967
- b. 2006 Ford F-150 pick-up truck VIN: 1FTRX12W56NAS81082

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-360

- 15. Discussion and action to approve H-GAC Solid Waste Grant Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022- 2023.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-361

- 16. Consideration and action to declare an 88 Mack truck as surplus, Pct. 3

Taking to Switzer Auction.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-362

- 17. 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 27, 2021
 - b. Consideration and action to accept special donation of a new sign to Austin County West End Library per Local Government Code 81.032:
 - c. Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by Industry Telephone on Walnut Street, Pct. 2.
 - d. Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by Industry Telephone on Fordtran Rd, Pct. 2.
 - e. Consideration and action to authorize Temporary Access Agreement between Aurelio and Mary Diez and Austin County at Shunka Rd, Pct. 2

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-363

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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-364

- b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-365

Pay ACT Pipe and Supply - \$5,366.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-366

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

\$1.9 million remaining in last fiscal year budget.

- e. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report-10.08.2021**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-367

- 19. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - a. **Justice of the Peace Pct(s): 2, 3, 4 -September 2021**
 - b. **OSSF -September 2021**
 - c. **Jail Population -September 2021**
 - d. **Constable:**
 - i. **Pct(s). 1, 2 -September 2021**
 - ii. **Pct. 4 -August 2021**
 - e. **Library-September 2021 & Annual**
 - f. **TxDMV**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-368

Court recessed at 10:37 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. **Personnel Matter -R&B, Pct. 2**

Court reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

20. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

21. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Reed, trying to find a sprayer truck. Commissioner Cerny recommends purchasing truck versus leasing a truck. Spray rig is about \$30,000 and truck about \$30,000. Commissioner Reed will look into purchasing a truck.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).

Order #21-369

Court adjourned at 11:47 a.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 October 11, 2021.



Date: October 15, 2021

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk

Clerk of Commissioners Court

Austin County, Texas

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS