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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

July 11, 2022 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

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

Judge Lapham absent. Commissioner Rinn not voting until Judge Lapham arrives.

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Pull 18a. Approval of Minutes June 27, 2022 from consent agenda.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-274

- 1. Public Hearing regarding abandoning Ross Street and George Clark Street East of Jackson Avenue, Cat Spring, Texas.**

Public hearing opened at 9:03 a.m.

No one showed up to speak.

Public hearing closed at 9:05 a.m.

- 2. Action as appropriate regarding public hearing.**

No action.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-275

3. Discussion regarding two parcels of land outside the town plat of Cat Spring and action as appropriate

Per Commissioner Cerny, researched parcels. No additional information or owners.

Give County Judge permission to sign whatever paperwork needed.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-276*

4. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

George Eberly (Eberly Ranch) spoke with regard to a projected subdivision. Subdivision will loop airstrip. Wilson Engineering is doing work. Request Tottenham to be paved up to the subdivision.

5. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Budget workshop opened at 9:09 a.m.

Kim Rinn (Tax Office) requested one full-time position specifically for elections at \$25 per hour.

Court agreed need to look at clerical employee pay.

Commissioner Rinn spoke with regard to Road & Bridge allocations.

Captain Hicks stated if salaries were structured in tiers, it would help budget.

Per Commissioner Lamp, if County had an overtime policy, it would be better. Employees required to take time off puts the Department behind in other work.

EMS, Dispatchers, Jail and Sheriff's Office employees get overtime pay.

Auditor and Treasurer will work on tier structure.

Budget workshop closed at 9:46 a.m.

6. Discussion and action as appropriate to set 2022 - 2023 proposed salaries for elected officials.

Lance Johnson (Constable Pct. 1), requested his pay be increased to the same as Precinct 3 and 4's salary. Per Johnson, he is very busy and all his service fees go back to the County.

Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office) requested Sheriff Brandes pay increase to \$80,000.

Increase Constable, Pct. 1 to \$30,872.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-277

Approve proposed Elected Officials salaries as presented with change to Constable, Pct. 1 salary.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0).
Order #22-278

7. Jail Museum Progress Report Presentation by Bruce Noviskie

Repaired doors, roof, plaster in interior walls and living quarters. Installed storm windows. Upgraded electrical system.

Future projects are installing insulation for jail section. Cost is \$17,820. Install HVAC. Cost is \$21,300. Remove rusted paint and re-paint. Cost is \$325,000. Because of cost, will do in parts, and apply for grants.

Average visitors 600 – 800 per quarter. Receive \$3 per person, which is \$9,000. County usually gives \$20,000 to help maintain museum. Bellville EDC also contributes.

Bruce Noviskie thanked the Court for its support.

8. Discussion and action to amend the Austin County Hazardous Mitigation Plan/City of Sealy section.

Per Roy Mercer (Emergency Management), amendment is a wording change to apply for grants.

Approve wording change.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0).
Order #22-279

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

Per Commissioner Rinn, waiting on baseboards and trim. Cracked plate glass was replaced.

Per Commissioner Lamp, Wade Baggerly (Sheriff's Office) and trustees washed the striping in parking lot at Wendt Street. Wade and trustees can re-stripe. If trustees do the work, it will be a fraction of the cost than bid.

Allow Wade Baggerly and trustees to re-paint parking lot stripes, not to exceed \$500.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).

Order #22-280

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), July 8, 2022 was the deadline for Goeke Construction to finish punch list. Jonathan Anderson (Burns Architect) will be here Thursday to do a walk-thru.

Per Sheriff Brandes, water issues are supposed to be fixed.

Per Commissioner Lamp, wants to put up fence on backside of Pct. 1 yard.

Per Sheriff Brandes, fencing is complete.

Gate at the Justice Center is working fine.

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

Per Commissioner Reed, doing routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Lamp, spoke with Waller County Asphalt, was able to purchase material at a discount. Getting limestone from Giddings, but having trouble with transportation issues.

Per Commissioner Cerny, 28 days to cure Kulow/Sealy bridge. Doing routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Rinn, Kenny Hall and Skalak Roads completed. Doing routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Lamp, three bridges (Kiemsteadt Road, Woodley Road and Nelius Road) will start end of July/early August. Steckbottom/Grubbs Road bridge beams are coming in. Once beams are in, will take out old bridge. After approaches are done, will do fence for land owners as agreed. Will be completed before starting FM 331. Continuing with routine maintenance.

11. Discussion and action regarding purchase 1 ton cab and chassis, Pct. 2.

Tegeler has truck on hand for \$41,907. New equipment purchase line item has \$40,294. Will pay remainder with contingencies.

Purchase truck not to exceed \$41,907.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).

Order #22-281

12. Discussion to declare the following Sheriff's Office Vehicles as surplus and action as appropriate.

- a. 2015 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8AR3FGA56926
- b. 2015 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8ARXFGB61429
- c. 2017 Ford Explorer VIN 1FM5K8ARXHGB93851

Declare a – c as surplus.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-282

Per Don Darracq (Sheriff's Office), retain a and c for 30 days, b will go to Switzer Auction as a forfeiture.

13. Discussion to declare the following items at SO and Jail as surplus and action as appropriate:

- a. "Meiko" stainless steel, industrial dishwasher
- b. "TRUE" stainless steel, industrial freezer
- c. "Kenmore" refrigerator/freezer

Declare a – c as surplus.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-283

14. Discussion and action to accept HIDTA grant

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-284

15. Discussion and action to accept executed Certificate of Appointment for County Health Authority

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-285

16. Consideration and action to authorize advertisement for bid proposals:

- a. Road Materials/Gravel
- b. Hauling
- c. Asphalts, Liquid Asphalt, Emulsion and Dust Control
- d. Corrugated Culverts
- e. HOPE Culvert Pipe
- f. Concrete/Cement
- g. Fuel (Gasoline and Diesel)
- h. Surface Treatments, Asphalt Laydown and Asphalt Milling

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), if no bids received, will need to get three bids for particular material, then submit all paperwork to Auditor with invoice to pay. Can re-bid at a later date. TxDoT has cancelled projects due to increasing cost of materials.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-286

17. Discussion to reappoint Mark Lamp to the Austin County Emergency Communications District Board and action as appropriate.

Re-appoint Mark Lamp to Austin County Emergency Communications District Board.

Motion to Re-appoint: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-287

18. 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.

b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Industry Road, Precinct 2

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-288

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

Early bills = \$26,999.92 Regular bills = \$548,399.21

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0).
Order #22-289

Pay Donald Pleasant FSC Pavement Marking invoice \$2,018.55 from 114.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-290

b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-0).
Order #22-291

c. Budget Amendments

#83 – #84

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (3-0).
Order #22-292

d. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 5% above where we should be. We are breaking even. Hopefully, Department Heads will control their spending until September 30th.

e. County Treasurer's

i. Payroll and Escrow Report- 07.01.2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-293

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

- a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 and 4 - June 2022
- b. Constable, Precinct 1 - June 2022
- c. TxDMV – June 2022

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-294

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items

- a. Economic Development Matter – Bullinger Creek Subdivision

No one appeared.

22. Action as appropriate on Executive Session

No action.

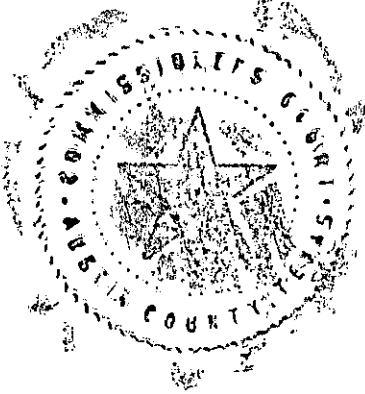
23. Commissioner Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0).
Order #22-295*

Court adjourned at 11:08 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 July 11, 2022.**



Date: July 25, 2022

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

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