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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

August 8, 2022 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom 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

Per Judge Lapham, agenda item #5 should read set 2022 – 2023 Tax Rate hearing.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-314

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Grace Holtkamp (Historical Society) made a presentation with regard to Austin County cemeteries.

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

Approve County Judge to sign agreement with Gessner Engineering for construction materials testing services for Bellville, Industry and Wallis EMS stations.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-315

Per Commissioner Rinn and Commissioner Reed, offices at Wendt Street building are complete. Will get a proposal for ADA compliance doors. Still checking into concrete for donated flower pots.

Per Commissioner Lamp, spoke with Kenneth Burns (Burns Architect) with regard to agreement with City of Bellville for retention pond.

Per Commissioner Reed, start date for EMS Stations is the 18th.

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

Per Commissioner Lamp, working on Kiemsteadt Road. Anticipate bridge to be replaced in the next 60 days. Continuing with routine maintenance.

Per Commissioner Rinn, doing routine maintenance. Waiting for bridge projects to get done. Bids to come in for Yellow Rose Road.

Per Commissioner Cerny, doing routine maintenance. Hoping to open Kulow Road August 15th.

Per Commissioner Reed, doing routine maintenance.

4. Budget discussion and action as appropriate.

Budget Hearing set for August 22, 2022.

No action.

5. Consideration and action to set date for 2022-2023 Budget Hearing

Set Tax Rate hearing for September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Set Tax Rate hearing for September 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

*Motion to Set: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-316*

6. Discussion regarding 2022-23 tax rate and action as appropriate.

Propose tax rates to stay the same with General .3667300, F/M & Lateral .0783200, R&B Special .0645500, Debt Requirement .0523640, Total tax rate = .5619640

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-317*

7. Discussion and action regarding Austin County 911 Emergency Communications budget approval.

Per Commissioner Rinn, Austin County 911 Emergency Communications budget should be submitted to Commissioner Court for review 45 days prior to budget being approved.

No action.

8. Discussion and action regarding rural addressing and naming of private roads.

Commissioners Court will have authority to name any private road with three or more properties.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-318

9. Consideration and action to adopt Holiday Calendar for 2023

Adopt Holiday Calendar for 2023 as presented taking Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th and Friday, December 29th.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-319

10. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulation to divide a 24 acre tract, a 4 acre tract, a 4 acre tract, and an 11.31 acre tract from a 43.31 acre tract of land, Pct. 4.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-320

11. Discussion to amend current Compensation Order regarding Courthouse Security/Bailiff Supervisor and action as appropriate.

Amend part-time Courthouse Security/Bailiff Supervisor pay to \$27.85 per hour to be paid from line item 139-51103.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-321

12. Consideration to accept increase to HIDTA Grant and action as appropriate.

Accept increase to HIDTA Grant.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-322

13. Discussion regarding Road and Bridge uniforms and action as appropriate.

Contract for uniforms ending soon, not renewing.

No action.

14. Discussion regarding purchase of 2 chairs for H.R. Department from Capital Outlay and action as appropriate.

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

Order #22-323

15. Discussion regarding Austin County Investment Policy and action as appropriate.

Approve with date changes.

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

Order #22-324

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

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

Order #22-325

17. Discussion regarding NEVA Product and Service Agreement and action as appropriate.

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

Order #22-326

18. Discussion regarding iWorQ Systems work management modules for each County Road and Bridge Precinct and action as appropriate.

Will come back after speaking with Shannon Hannath (Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant).

19. Discussion and action regarding ACA reporting module of UKG payroll system.

Module will send out ACA required reporting of 1099's. Initial set-up fee is \$500. Annual fee is \$972 or monthly fee is \$81.

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

Order #22-327

20. **Discussion regarding purchase of body armour for EMS from tobacco funds and action as appropriate.**

Purchase 34 sets of bullet proof vests for EMS from Tobacco funds.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-328

21. **Consideration and action to approve retainer agreement between Austin County and Allison, Bass and Magee for Road & Bridge.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-329

22. **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 11, 2022**
 - ii. **July 25, 2022**
- b. **Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Travis J. Koehn, District Attorney, to be held September 20 - September 23, 2022 at Corpus Christi, Texas.**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company at Blezinger Rd, Precinct 2**
- d. **Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation agreement by Industry Telephone Company at Post Oak Point Rd and Pechacek Rd, Precinct 2**
- e. **Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company at Post Oak Point Rd and Miller Rd, Precinct 2**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-330

Court recessed at 11:12 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

#18 continued.

Cost is \$6,000 per year.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-331

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

Total = \$227,895.49. Add \$122.80 City of Wallis to be paid from 101-115 and UKG set-up fee \$500.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-332

b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-333

c. Budget Amendments
d. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 24.6% remaining of budget.

e. County Treasurer's
i. Payroll and Escrow Report- 07.29.2022

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-334

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

- a. Criminal Court - June & July 2022**
- b. County Court - June & July 2022**
- c. Family Court - June & July 2022**
- d. Jail Population Report - July 2022**
- e. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 - June 2022**
- f. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 & 4 - July 2022**
- g. OFFS - July 2022**
- h. Library - July 2022**
- i. AgriLife Extension - February 2022**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-335

25. Commissioner Court Inquiry.

Court recessed at 11:37 a.m.

Per Judge Lapham, Court will reconvene at Agrilife at Wendt Street building at noon.

Court reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

26. Agrilife Presentation

Agrilife agents updated the Court on the last year of programs throughout the County.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-336

Court adjourned at 1:23 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 August 8, 2022.**



Date: August 12, 2022

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