

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

The Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas, will convene in public session on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to meet in a closed session on agenda items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

THE BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS OR LISTENING DEVICES MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AT (979) 865-5911 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions
 - a. Austin County Historical Commission – 2022 State Distinguished Service Award
2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.
(In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the Commissioners Court. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Commissioners Court.)
3. Budget discussion and action as appropriate.
4. Discussion to set 2023-2024 proposed salaries for elected officials and action as appropriate.
5. Discussion regarding 2023-24 tax rate and action as appropriate.
6. Consideration and action to adopt Holiday Calendar for 2024 (Judge Lapham)
7. Discussion regarding Wendt Street Building Lease Agreement with W.I.C. and action as appropriate.
8. Consideration to accept increase to HIDTA Grant and action as appropriate. (Sheriff Brandes)
9. Discussion and action to approve Austin County Wrecker Rotation Policy and Contract for non-consent towing and storage services. (Sheriff Brandes)
10. Consideration and action to accept executed 381 Economic Development Agreement with Sealy Power, LLC (Judge Lapham/Commissioner Lamp)
11. Discussion regarding Clinical Affiliation Agreement between the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and Austin County EMS and action as appropriate. (Judge Lapham/Walter Morrow)
12. Discussion and action to declare Election Department Poll Pads as surplus. (Judge Lapham/Kim Rinn)
13. Discussion regarding Industry Telephone Company Telecommunication Facilities Right of Way Easement and action as appropriate, Pct. 2 (Commissioner Rinn)
14. Consideration and action in reference to variance requests for an RV Park in Pct. 1
15. Discussion and action to approve preliminary plat for Rexville Ranch Estates, Pct. 4 (Reed)
16. Discussion and action to approve final plat for Rexville Ranch Estates, Pct. 4 (Reed)
17. Consideration and action in reference to variance requests for San Bernard Bend Subdivision in Pct. 4.
18. Discussion and action to approve preliminary plat for San Benard Bend, Pct. 4 (Reed)
19. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 2 acre tract from a 6.48 parent tract, Pct. 1 (Lamp)
20. Discussion regarding Purchasing Cooperative of America Membership and action as appropriate. (Lapham)
21. Discussion and action to approve re-plat for Southfork Ranch, Pct. 4 (Reed)
22. Discussion regarding Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2024 and action as appropriate. (Judge Lapham/Kim Rinn)
23. Consideration and action to set 2024 Sheriff and Constable Fees effective January 1, 2024 (Sheriff Brandes)
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. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way removal of cable by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Texas at Mill Creek Road/Sandy Creek Bridge, Precinct 1

- b. Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$3,000.00 from The Abe and Irene Levine Trust to Austin County Emergency Management per Local Government Code 81.032
 - c. Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Dockal Road, Pct 2
 - d. Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Krebs Road, Pct 2
 - e. Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Ashenbeck Road, Pct 2
 - f. Consideration and action to authorize agreement for temporary easement between Jean Grisham Aiken and Austin County Precinct 2
 - g. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Travis J. Koehn, District Attorney, to be held August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 online.
 - h. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Benjamin Nystrom, Assistant District Attorney, to be held August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 online.
 - i. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Brandy Robinson, Assistant District Attorney, to be held August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 online.
 - j. Approval of Minutes for July 24, 2023
 - k. Consideration and action to authorize agreement for temporary easement between Ramon Gonzalez and Austin County Precinct 4
25. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
- a. Payment of Claims
 - b. Fund Transfers
 - c. Budget Amendments
 - d. County Auditor's review of finances
 - e. County Treasurer's
 - i. Payroll and Escrow Report
 - 1. 07.28.2023
 - 2. 08.11.2023
26. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
- a. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, 3, and 4 – July 2023
 - b. Constable Lance Johnson, Pct. 1 – July 2023
 - c. Constable Dave Schulz, Pct. 2 – July 2023
 - d. Jail Population Report – July 2023
 - e. OFFS – June & July 2023
 - f. Library – July 2023
 - g. TDMV – July 2023
 - h. AgriLife Extension – July 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Economic Development Matter
 - 2 Real Estate Matter
27. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.
28. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

(Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.042, the Commissioners Court may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.)

This Notice of Meeting is a true copy and was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board located in the main foyer, and at or near the main entrance door of the County Courthouse on the 8th day of August 2023 at 3:45 _____.m. and is to remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of Meeting.

Tim Lapham / by Dianna Hobbs
Tim Lapham, County Judge

Witnessed By: Yasmine Jungin