



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **September 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
David Ottmer, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Cyndi Gomez, Deputy County Clerk

Opening – 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-351

- 1. Consideration and possible action to authorize combined polling locations for the November 8, 2011 Constitutional Amendment Election**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #11-352

- 2. Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement between the Austin County Voter Registrar / Election Department and Austin County Courthouse for use of Basement Meeting Room for the purpose of conducting the November 8, 2011 Constitutional Amendment Election**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-353

3. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$149.17

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #11-354

4. Consideration and possible action to adopt payment for jurors and jury commissioners for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).
Order #11-355

5. Consideration and possible action to accept Austin County Emergency Services District 2 FY 2012 budget

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-356

6. Consideration and possible action to accept bids for construction of bridges located in Precinct 2

a. Travis Road Bridge at Draw

Wakefield Bridge, \$125,233.75 at 105 days.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-357

b. New Wehdem Road Bridge at Rocky Creek

Wakefield Bridge, \$141,584.25 at 105 days.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-358

7. Consideration and possible action to declare emergency to repair bridge on Swearingen Road in Precinct 1

Commissioner Ottmer referred to a letter from Wilson Engineering Company. After inspection of bridge, they suggested closing bridge until repaired. He will need a court order to close Swearingen Road for bridge repair.

Bid from Wakefield Bridge, \$71,000.00.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #11-359

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize closing of Elm Street from FM 1094 to Taylor on Friday, September 30, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the New Ulm Oktoberfest

Request was withdrawn due to fire hazards.

9. Consideration and possible action to authorize Clinical Affiliation Agreement by and between The Texas Engineering Extension Service and Austin County EMS

Renewal agreement allowing clinical experienced students to ride along on active shift, at no cost to the County.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #11-360

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize the closure of Post Oak Point Road at Post Oak Point Creek in Precinct 2 during bridge construction

A bridge replacement project, roads will be closed approximately 4 months in early 2012.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).
Order #11-361

Court recessed at 4:50 p.m.

Court reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET

Per Judge Bilski, the Court followed the 2011 Property Taxation Rate, adopting an effective rate and proceeded to work a final budget. After consideration, the Court used unexpended Indigent Health Care Funds to amend EMS, Colorado Valley Transit and several other miscellaneous line items. The Court is confident the Indigent Health Care budget money is available to carry over.

Jill Wolfskill questioned if Indigent Health Care was put into the General Fund, and how much is set aside?

Per Judge Bilski, Indigent Health Care is taken out as mandated by law and budgeted accordingly from the pro-rated amount of your general fund taxation and a percentage is set aside. This year's budget is \$427,679.00, using \$172,000.00. In the past year we used \$142,000.00.

Public Hearing Closed at 5:40 p.m.

11. Discussion regarding any necessary 2011-2012 budget changes/corrections, and action as appropriate

The Court adjusted money back into EMS, Colorado Valley Transit, Jail, Retirement and Certificate Pay.

Motion to Approve No Action: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).

Order #11-362

12. Consideration and possible action to adopt and approve final budget of Austin County Texas for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, and authorize publication of the notice of adoption

Final Budget format will be filed in the County Clerk's office October 11, 2011.

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

Order #11-363

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

Order #11-364

13. Consideration and possible action to set property tax rate for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget

a. General Maintenance

Tax rate .3536

b. Special Road and Bridge Tax

Tax rate .0661.

c. Farm-To-Market and Lateral Roads Tax

Tax rate .0798

d. Debt Service Tax

Tax rate .0384

Total property tax rate .5379

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).
Order #11-365

14. Commissioners Court Inquiry

Discussion for next meeting will be longevity, certificate pay, comp-time and Sheriff's department.

Court adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

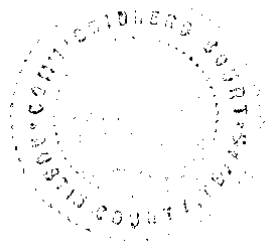
**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS
PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for September 19, 2011.

Date: September 26, 2011

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy



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