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AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **August 15, 2011** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room 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
Deborah Stewart, Deputy County Clerk

Opening – 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption Of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #11-300

Action Agenda – 8:35 a.m.

- 1. Presentation of Beyer and Company, Certified Public Accountants of Independent Annual Audit and Report, year ended 09/30/10, and action as appropriate**

Wayne Beyer presented the audit, giving findings and recommendations for the Court's consideration.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #11-301

- 2. Presentation by Greg Henry of XperNet Services on computer services, future needs and policy, and action as appropriate**

Greg Henry, assisted by Brandon Hoff, gave IT review covering years 2009-2011. Future plans/needs and approximate costs were explained. Odyssey issues were briefly addressed.

The Court discussed Greg Henry's request to research/coordinate with Industry INET regarding fiber connectivity.

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

Order #11-302

3. Consideration and possible action to appoint lay representative for the Austin County Library System

Donna Hoffman agreed to serve as Lay Representative for the Austin County Library System to the Houston Area Library System from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

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

Order #11-303

4. Consideration and possible action to appoint Sharon Mendoza and Linda Yearwood to the Austin County Library System Advisory Board for a two year term

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).

Order #11-304

5. Consideration and possible action to rescind Court Order 09-526 authorizing American Recovery And Reinvestment Act (ARRA) block grant for energy efficiency

Judge Bilski explained the numerous, complicated and possibly costly requirements that have to be met for grant. She suggested that energy efficiency recommendations from electrician Mr. Price, slowly be put in place as funds allow.

Motion to Rescind: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).

Order #11-305

6. Consideration and possible action to accept petition to create Emergency Services District 4, accept boundary and set date for public hearing on September 1, 2011

Judge Bilski read information regarding the proposed Emergency Services District 4. Janice Kokemor noted that the petition was checked and verified. Public hearing to be held September 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

*Motion to accept petition and boundary, and set public hearing date: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (3-0).
Abstain: Commissioner Reichardt
Order #11-306*

7. Petitions or Requests from the Public

Joan Buenger, Amanda Spacek, Janet Melnar, Charles Jerome Peters, Frank Monk, Edward Linseisen, Jerry Watson, Ellen Remmert, John H. Howard, Sheila Howard, Sharon Glentzer, Rachel Kubala, Evelyn Kieke and Gladys Frank voiced support of the AgriLife Extension clubs, services, programs and benefits provided to Austin County.

Daniel Anderson requested that the Court schedule evening meetings, and authorize IT department to schedule informal public meeting to help develop county's website.

Linda Niehuus also requested the Court to schedule evening meetings and asked about individual department budget savings.

Judge Bilski welcomed everyone in attendance to stay for the budget workshop. She noted that excessive talking after the recess at last year's budget hearing prevented the Court from reconvening, making it necessary to move to the Courtroom upstairs, so those talking after today's recess would be asked to leave, in order to conduct business.

Court recessed at 10:00 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

8. Budget Workshop with action as appropriate

Judge Bilski gave a recap of the County budget.

Ron Dille explained the need to increase part time EMS hourly rates to attract and retain quality personnel and reduce overtime pay.

Judge Bilski read email from Janice Kokemor, requesting her budget for Tax Assessor-Collector/Election Official department not be cut.

Judge Bilski questioned Philip Shackelford regarding possible budget cuts for part time secretary position in AgriLife Extension department.

Commissioners Ottmer, Rinn, King and Reichardt summarized road and bridge projects/issues in their precincts.

Judge Bilski suggested that the taxpayer/voter challenge each elected official regarding accountability and budget.

Court adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

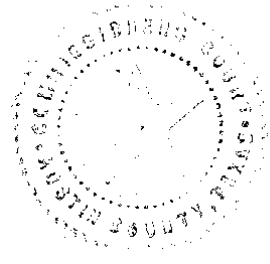
ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for August 15, 2011.

Date: Sept 13, 2011

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Deborah Stewart, Deputy



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