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Commissioners Court Minutes

April 13, 2015, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-129

Betty Jez, County Auditor, Dan Leedy, County Court At Law Judge and Travis Koehn, District Attorney spoke about former District Judge, Dan R. Beck who passed away.

1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.

a. National Telecommunications Week

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-130

b. Child Abuse Prevention Month

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-131

c. National Autism Awareness

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-132

d. National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-133

e. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-134

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

James Ferreri voiced his concern with regard to kids running away from Five Oaks Achievement Center.

3. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to place 2 manufactured homes on property with community water on Travis Road in Precinct 2.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-135

4. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide 4.47 acres into two sections on Newberg Road in Precinct 3.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-136

5. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations for septic and development permit on .7831 acres on Svinky Road in Precinct 4.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-137

6. Consideration and possible action to upgrade copier for Texas AgriLife Extension office.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-138

7. Consideration and possible action to upgrade copier for Sheriff's office.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-139

9:30 A.M. OPEN BID PROPOSALS

8. Open bid proposals for the following, and action as appropriate.

a. Consideration and possible action for opening and public reading of chip seal construction bids for New Bremen Rd TxDOT TIF Project.

- Cleveland Asphalt Products Inc., Emulsion Oil \$2.1498 per gallon on 5000 gallon order. Prime Oil \$2.6498 per gallon on 5000 gallon order.
- P-2, Emulsion Oil \$2.69 per gallon.

b. Consideration and possible action for opening and public reading of road material bids for all Precinct 2 TxDOT TIF Projects.

- Faltisek Paving, Surface Treatment (Course 1) \$2.42/54 total \$53,097.22, Surface Treatment (Course 2) \$2.98/54 total \$59,442.06.
- Colorado Materials Ltd., Type A Grade 2 Limestone Base (in tons) \$25.77.

Betty Jez, County Auditor, Commissioner Rinn and Grantworks will go through bids to be awarded at a later date.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-140

9. Open bids for one (1) chipseader and action as appropriate.

Boxer from Oklahoma has a 2005 screen chip spreader priced at \$140,000. Trade in value \$45,000, totaling \$95,000. Additional charge of \$6,000 for freight and taking the old chip spreader. Approve upon inspection.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-141

10. UMR to review Health Care Reform Checklist 2015.

Melody Thomson from UMR presented 3 changes to this year's plan:

- Employee on the plan who leaves Austin County, then returns to employment within 13 weeks, put back on the plan without a waiting period.

- Insurance must now be provided for employees working 30 hours.
- Mental Health providers change from specialty co-pay to regular doctor co-pay.
- Employee may decline coverage, but must sign a decline sheet.

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize Section 125 Cafeteria Plan including flexible spending plan.

Stay with Pamela Sanders for the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-142

12. Update on County Life Insurance Plan, including voluntary dental, vision, and life coverages and action as appropriate.

Don Wallace presented VSP.

Pamela Sanders presented AlwaysCare.

Choose AlwaysCare bundled with current dental insurance.

Motion to Award: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-143

Pamela Sanders to handle the exit table at open enrollment for a fee of \$1,800.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-144

13. Consideration and possible action regarding offer on struck off property R20285 Wallis T/S Block 41 Lot 4 located in Precinct 4.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-145

14. 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. Transmittal of Minutes for March 2, 2015.**
- b. Consideration and possible action to renew State of Texas Co-op Purchasing.**

- c. Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Betty Jez, County Auditor, to be held May 12-15, 2015 in Austin, Texas.**
- d. Consideration and possible action to approve required schooling for Richard Engelbrecht to be held May 19-22, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas.**
- e. Consideration and possible action to authorize Contract for election equipment between Austin County and City of Bellville for May 9, 2015 Election.**
- f. Consideration and possible action to authorize Contract for election equipment between Austin County and Sealy ISD for May 9, 2015 Election.**
- g. Consideration and possible action to approve required training for William Farrell, Veterans Service Officer to be held May 11-14, 2015 in Austin, Texas.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-146*

15. Consideration and possible action to accept Jail Inspection Report.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-147*

16. Discussion regarding roof leak at Austin County Jail, and action as appropriate.

Garland/DBS, Inc. presented bid to fix roof. Table to look at more options.

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-148*

17. Consideration and possible action to approve revised resolution for Crime Victims Liaison Officer updating the Authorized Official.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-149*

- 18. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of computers for**
- a. Tax Office**
 - b. County Court at Law**
 - c. Courtrooms**
 - d. County Judge's Office**

Per Brandon Hoff computers are about 8 years old and need to be replaced.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-150

- 19. Consideration and possible action to continue with First National Bank as the depository.**

First National Bank was originally chosen as a 4 year contract with the option to extend for two years. Judge Lapham suggested using the two year option.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #15-151

- 20. Consideration and possible action to declare a Ford 6610 Tractor with Boom Mower from Precinct 4 as surplus for auction.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-152

- 21. Consideration and possible action for amendments to the 15-16-G14 Grant**
- a. Additional Trailer**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-153

- b. Shredder**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #15-154

- c. Electronic Recycle**

Wait to vote until date is set and place is found.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #15-155

22. Presentations on 457 Plan.

Mitjam M. Peterman (Primerica)
Steven Thompson (Voya Financial)
Terry Hoover (Edward Jones)
Scott Messmer (John Hancock)
Gregg Ferguson (LPL Financial)

These companies would like to offer 457 Plan to the employees as a way to save additional funds for retirement.

23. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-156

b. Budget Amendments

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-157

c. County Auditor's review of finances

None.

d. County Treasurer review of finances

i. Payroll & Escrow Report

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-158

ii. 3rd Quarter 2013-2014 – Reconciled

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-159

iii. 4th Quarter 2013-2014 – Reconciled

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #15-160

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

- a. Justice of The Peace, Precincts 1, 2 ,3 & 4 – March 2015**
- b. Austin County Library System – March 2015**
- c. Constable Precinct 1, 2 & 3 – March 2015**

