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Commissioners Court Minutes

September 22, 2014, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, 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

4:00 P.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLENGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-342

1. Recognition of Webcast of Court meetings by Greg Stuessel.

Commissioners Court meetings posted on-line at www.austincountynewsonline.com.

2. Petitions or Request from the Public.

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge, thanked her staff for the extra work they do for the County.

Betty Jez, County Auditor, discussed problems with payroll program. Tyler is working on the issues.

Rebecca Thomas notified the Court of her payroll check being incorrect numerous times.

3. Consideration and possible action to adopt Consent Agenda Format.

4. 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 from August 25, 2014

Item #7 add; only if land owner deeds County 10 foot right-of-way

Item #8 add; motion to accept the Road to the County Road system, not just acknowledge.

b. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$163.41.

c. Consideration and possible action to adopt 2015 Austin County Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-343*

5. Consideration and possible action to ratify rescission of burn ban.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-344*

6. Consideration and possible action to authorize contract with Ingram Library Services, Inc. for book and audiovisual discounts.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #14-345*

7. Consideration and possible action to accept Texas Department of Public Safety Homeland Security 2014 Sub-Recipient Grant Award for \$81,390.00.

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-346*

8. Budget and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-347*

b. Budget Amendments

None.

c. County Auditor's review of finances

d. County Treasurer review of finances

i. Payroll & Escrow Report Bank Statement

e. Discussion regarding October 3 payroll

New pay scale goes into effect midnight September 27th or 28th depending on shift/time sheet. Carry over from September into October to be paid from 2014-2015 Budget.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-348*

f. Discussion regarding compensation time limits

Five County employees have exceeded 240 hour compensation limit. They should not work in order to bring their compensation time hours down. Anything over 240 hours to be paid at 2013-2014 pay rate.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-349*

9. Written end-of-month reports submitted by County Offices.

a. Constable, Precincts 1 & 4 – August 2014

b. Justice of The Peace, Precinct 2 – August 2014

c. Monthly Fees and Commissions by Tax Assessor-Collector – August 2014

d. County Court Activity – August 2014

e. On-Site Sewage Facility Activity – August 2014

Court recessed at 4:39 p.m.

Court reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

5:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET

Betty Jez, County Auditor, presented changes to the Budget. See attached pages.

Public Hearing closed at 5:35 p.m.

10. Discussion regarding any necessary 2014-15 Budget changes/corrections and action as appropriate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0). Commissioner Turner, abstained.

Order #14-350

11. Consideration and possible action to adopt and approve final Budget of Austin County, Texas for Fiscal Year 2014-15, authorize publication of the notice of adoption, and set date to levy taxes.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-0). Commissioner Turner, opposed.

Order #14-351

12. Consideration and possible action to set property tax rate for 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget.

No increase in taxes unless the assessment went up this year.

The rate to be set and to be submitted to the Appraisal District is:

a. General Maintenance

.3716

b. Special Road and Bridge Tax

.0066

c. Farm-To-Market and Lateral Roads Tax

.0766

d. Debt Service Tax

.0635

Total Tax .5183.

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

Order #14-352

13. Consideration and possible action to adopt property tax levy for assessment and collection purposes.

a. General Maintenance

.3716

b. Special Road and Bridge Tax

.0066

c. Farm-To-Market and Lateral Roads Tax

.0766

d. Debt Service Tax

.0635

Total Tax .5183.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-353*

14. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

Court Adjourned at 5:47 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
Commissioners Court proceedings for September 15, 2014.**

Date: October 15, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy**

