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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**May 13, 2019**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Andrea Cardenas, Deputy County Clerk

**9:02 A.M. OPENING**  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**  
**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Lamp and Commissioner Reed at a conference.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-153**

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Consideration and action to canvass and declare results of the May 4, 2019 Gloster Election.**

City of Gloster formed. Elected Laura Meyer, Mayor. Henry A. Mlcak and John A. Couch, Commissioners.

*Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-154**

- 3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**
  - a. S.O. / Jail**

Found an issue with the Radio tower and roof. Need to redesign roof.

Jail Commissioner reviewed schematic design. Two action items: increase visitation area and staffing/operating issues in holding cells. Commission needs written policy from Sheriff.

Deletion of sprinklers was approved for the housing area.

Temporary building relocation has been completed. Invoices received for \$44,213.87.

Remediation work has been completed. No answer yet from Jail Commission.

Design/Development phase on hold. Waiting on Soils Report.

Will schedule a design meeting with Sheriff's office.

**b. Justice Center**

Transmission line relocation update – have a draft of proposed agreement. Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architect) need face to face meeting with Judge Lapham, one Commissioner, LCRA, and David Bartay (Construction Manager) to discuss schedule.

Timeline to start construction after January 1, 2020. Searching to find out what can be done while powerline is being moved. Relocation of the powerline is still in \$800,000 range.

Per Kenneth Burns, Commissioner Lamp brought up TXDOT yard being used as parking lot. Civil Engineers are on hold designing the parking lot. Per Judge Lapham, TXDOT is willing to let the County use the yard if they can use some of Road and Bridge, Precinct 1 yard.

Jail Commission wants Sheriff to set up policies on how the holding cells will be operated.

Need to schedule a meeting with user group.

Commissioner Rinn voiced concerns about amount of money being spent before construction begins. He inquired about moving location of Justice Center to possibly avoid cost of moving powerline. Per Kenneth Burns, if Justice Center is built away from Sheriff's Office, will need a sally port. Including sally port in Justice Center is cheaper than \$800,000. Per Judge Lapham, future of TXDOT is undecided. Once known, that property could be considered for Justice Center. Build-up of land would be cheaper than \$800,000 relocation cost of transmission line. Once other Commissioners return, will discuss a possible new location.

Per Kenneth Burns, will need to look how the bond was written. If transmission line is a separate line item, County wouldn't have to spend funds, but wouldn't be able to use the funds for something else.

**c. EMS**

Surveyor needs to speak with City of Sealy, but they are not responding. Judge Lapham will reach out to get a meeting between the Surveyor and City of Sealy.

Building takes up almost the entire property.

Fire protection engineer needs pressure test. A pump may not be needed for sprinklers.

Working on contract for EMS and Justice Center. Goeke asked for minimal changes. Christensen has marked out liquidated damages clause. May need to go with second pick.

Portable Dispatch building needed for about two years. It's less expensive to rent than purchase.

Ron Dille (EMS Director) inquired when construction on Wendt Street will begin. Judge Lapham will get with David Bartay (Construction Manager) to get a date.

**4. Discussion and action to accept Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspection Report of the Austin County Jail.**

No action.

**5. Discussion and action regarding sale of property on FM 1456, Precinct 1.**

Will wait until Commissioner Lamp returns.

No action.

**6. Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide 2 acres from 4.3630 acres of property on Pindula Road in Precinct 4.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).  
Order #19-155*

**7. Consideration and action to allow Fire Works Sales for the Memorial Day Season.**

*Motion to Allow: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).  
Order #19-156*

**8. Discussion and action regarding lease/purchase of a pickup truck for Precinct 4.**

\$33,319.28 from Ryan Ford.

*Motion to Lease/Purchase: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).  
Order #19-157*

9. **Consideration and action to approve Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement Contract for pickup truck, Precinct 4, between Austin County and Welch State Bank.**

Use Welch State Bank for financing. Commissioner Reed can decide options when he returns.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-158**

10. **Discussion and action regarding Clinical Affiliation Agreement by and between Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and Austin County EMS.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-159**

11. **Discussion regarding Annexation Notice of Intent to annex 45.11 acres of property off of FM 3013, Precinct 4, by the City of Sealy.**
12. **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. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **April 22, 2019**
  - b. **Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for EMS employee to carry over 36 hours of unused vacation hours to be used by May 31, 2019.**
  - c. **Consideration and action to accept a special donation of \$100.00 to the Austin County Sheriff's Office per Local Government Code 81.032.**
  - d. **Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by New Ulm Water Supply Corporation on Taylor Street between Main and Pine Street, Precinct 2.**
  - e. **Consideration and action to declare Washer and Dryer as surplus from Austin County Jail.**

Remove a.i. Needs a revision. b. – e.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-160**

Court recessed at 10:05 a.m

Court reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

**13. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**  
**a. Payment of Claims**

\$95,000 for ESD properties from 127 instead of 101. Auditor to do Journal entry to correct.

Department 114 Infrastructure Projects. Fund is three-line items (AC Jail & SO \$123,322.50, Justice Center \$153,294.80, and EMS – Sealy \$8,809.40) Total \$285,426.70.

Grand Total = \$1,313,794.63.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).*

**Order #19-161**

- b. Budget Amendments**
- c. County Auditor's Review of Finances**
- d. County Treasurer**
  - i. Payroll and Escrow Report – April 26, 2019**
  - ii. Payroll and Escrow Report – May 10, 2019**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (2-0).*

**Order #19-162**

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

- a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 and 3 – April 2019**
- b. Jail Population Report – April 2019**
- c. Constable Report, Precinct 4 – March 2019**
- d. Constable Report, Precinct 2 – April 2019**
- e. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – April 2019**
- f. Austin County Library System Report – April 2019**
- g. On-Site Sewage Facility – April 2019**
- h. Texas Agriculture Extension Activity Report – March 2019 and April 2019**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (2-0).*

**Order #19-163**

**15. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Will hold Commissioners Court on May 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (2-0).*  
**Order #19-164**

Court adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS  
PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners  
Court proceedings for May 13, 2019.



Date: May 30, 2019

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

**FILED**

2019 MAY 30 AM 10:00

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