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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

March 23, 2020, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge
Mark Lamp, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Andrea Cardenas, 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 Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-101

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Marc Young spoke with regard to rewording item #16 from civil engineering to engineering.

2. Ratification of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency.

One change from original signed on March 20, 2020. Jesse Skinner (Assistant Criminal District Attorney) and Travis Koehn (Criminal District Attorney) advised to add #7 stating "Pursuant to Chapter 814, Sec. 418.173 Texas Government Code, any violation of the Governor's Orders constitutes an offense committed under this statute and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 dollars or confinement in jail for a term no greater than 180 days."

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-102

3. **Consideration and approval of an order by the Commissioner's Court of Austin County, Texas Authorizing the Issuance of "Austin County, Texas General Obligation Bonds"; and other matters incident and related thereto.**

Per Jim Gilley (Capital Advisors), receiving bids today at 11:00 a.m.

Will come back at 11:30 a.m.

4. **Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Dirt work proceeding for Jail, Sheriff's Office and EMS. Fiber optic work still moving forward.

5. **Consideration regarding approval of title change of Administrative Assistant to Operations Coordinator within the S.O. and action as appropriate.**

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

Order #20-103

6. **Discussion regarding the acceptance of contract modification between UBEO and Sheriff's Office and action as appropriate.**

Sheriff's Office authority to sign contract and to modify contract to save money.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, failed (1-3).

Modify contract to save money and Judge to sign contract.

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

Order #20-104

7. **Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 70' strip/tract from a 12 acre tract on Brooks Road, in Precinct 1.**

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

Order #20-105

8. **Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations of a 2 acre tract from a 32.8510 acre tract on Witte Road, Precinct 1.**

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

Order #20-106

9. **Discussion regarding AgriLife Extension Office copier contract with UBEO and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-107

10. **Discussion regarding Treasurer's Office copier contract with UBEO and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-108

11. **Discussion regarding contract renewal with Pitney Bowes and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-109

12. **Discussion regarding employee sick leave and action as appropriate.**

Order Of The Commissioners Court Of Austin County, Texas Addressing Employee Absences Resulting From COVID-19 (see supporting documents).

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-110

13. **Consideration and action to approve final plat for Ellis Ridge Estates Subdivision, Pct 2.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-111

14. **Consideration and action to issue request for qualifications for engineering services for GLO CDBG-MIT grant**

Motion to Issue: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-112

15. **Consideration and action to approve grant administration contract between Austin County and Langford Community Management Services for the CDBG-MIT grant.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-113

- 16. Discussion regarding additional professional civil engineering services, including notice to proceed and fee for the plan revisions for the 2016 CDBG grant and action as appropriate.**

Pay from fund 127 – Professional Services.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-114

- 17. Consideration and action to accept a special donation of \$10,000.00 to Austin County Precinct 4 Road and Bridge per Local Government Code 81.032**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).

Order #20-115

- 18. Discussion regarding Generators and action as appropriate**

Move generator from Wallis EMS to tower site by Sheriff Office.

Motion to Move: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, failed (0-4).

Move forward to put concrete slab at tower site with intention of moving generator from Wallis. Bring back to next court.

Wallis needs to hook up gas. Pay from Capital Outlay for EMS in Bellville.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).

Order #20-116

Item #1 continued.

Outside Auditors not coming this week. Offices need to send information to Auditor's office then they will send on to outside Auditors.

- 19. 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. **March 09, 2020**
- b. **Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Kim Rinn, Tax Assessor Collector, to be held June 7 – 11, 2020 at Austin, Texas.**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve application for required schooling for Bryan Haevischer, Treasurer, to be held June 29 – July 01, 2020 at Galveston, Texas.**
- d. **Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on:**

- i. Squirrel Road, Precinct 2.
 - ii. Garlin Road, Precinct 2.
 - iii. Zetter Road, Precinct 2.
- e. Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation by FiberLight on Beckendorff Road, Precinct 4
- f. Consideration and action to approve Inerlocal Agreement for Election Services
 - i. Austin County Emergency Services District No. 2
 - ii. City of Bellville
 - iii. City of Wallis
 - iv. Bellville ISD
 - v. Sealy ISD

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-117*

- 20. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
 - a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$355,490.87

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-118*

- b. Budget Amendments
- c. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still hanging in there.

- d. County Treasurer
 - i. Payroll and Escrow Report
 - 1. 03.13.2020

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-119*

- ii. Reconciled Reports
 - 1. July 2019
 - 2. August 2019
 - 3. September 2019
 - 4. 4th Quarter 2018-2019

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-120*

- 21. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
 - a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – February 2020

- b. **Constable, Precinct 4 – February 2020**
- c. **Library System – February 2020**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-121

Court recessed at 10:23 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Real Estate Matter**

Court reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

22. Action as Appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

23. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Reichardt, he received a petition to change the speed limit from 40 to 30 on Franz Road. Put on agenda in three weeks.

Item #1 continued.

Becky Thomas asked the Court to consider people who are high risk and employees using sick time they have.

Court recessed at 10:38 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

Item #3 continued.

Per Jim Gilley (Capital Advisors), there were 5 bids. The best bid was from The Baker Group with 3.41%. Should have funds in approximately 30 days.

Bid awarded to The Baker Group with 3.414830.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.
Order #20-122

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-123

Court adjourned at 11:39 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 March 23, 2020.

Date: March 25, 2020

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy



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COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS