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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

July 27, 2020, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement 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 #20-251

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion and action regarding repairs and maintenance projects at Austin County Jail Museum.**

Per Bruce Noviskie, the Association will upgrade current electrical hardware to prepare for HVAC System and install custom exterior storm windows to help control interior environment and prevent water damage. The Association applied for a grant. In October 2020 they will find out if Association is awarded any grant funds. If they are not awarded grant funds, the windows will not be installed.

Pay \$10,000 from 101-54552-145 to Austin County Museum Association.

Motion to Pay: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-252

3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

Per Judge Lapham, all building projects are coming along.

4. Discussion and action as appropriate to set 2020-2021 proposed salaries for elected officials

Approve 2020-2021 proposed salaries for elected officials as presented.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.*

Order #20-253

5. Discussion and action as appropriate to set the 2020-2021 Voter Approval Rate at 8% due to the State Declared COVID19 Disaster.

Voter Approval Rate is the Rollback rate. Per Judge Lapham, the Court has to decide by August 1, 2020 whether to go back to the 8% rate due to the Stated Declared Disaster.

Set the 2020-2021 Voter Approval Rate at 8% due to State disaster.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.*

Order #20-254

6. Budget discussion and action as appropriate.

Ronnie Griffin (Constable, Precinct 3), requested his position become full time because increase of time in Court.

Clyde Drake (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3), requested Constable, Precinct 3 become a full time position due to Court and building security.

Commissioner Rinn stated all the Justice of the Peace offices need security.

Donald Darracq, Buddy Riddle and Keith Brast (Sheriff's Office), addressed the Court with regard to the Sheriff's Office and Jail budgets. The Court requested a broken down budget from the Sheriff's Office deputies.

Walter Morrow (EMS Director), addressed the Court with EMS department needs. EMS has been able to add three tactical paramedics to their department.

Kim Rinn (Tax Assessor/Collector), informed the Court early voting may be three weeks this year which will result in a \$4,000 difference.

Carrie Gregor, County Clerk requests an additional deputy for her department. Per Andrea Cardenas (Deputy County Clerk), Ms. Gregor is not available and will address the Court with her request at a later date.

Lance Johnson (Constable, Precinct 1), requests additional funds for uniforms.

James Clark (Constable, Precinct 4), requests increase for vehicle.

Austin County Soil and Water Conservation District requests increase to match amount available from State Board allotment.

Per Billy Doherty (Auditor), Judge Steinhauser requests 3% increase for Court Appointed attorneys and Court Reporter.

7. Consideration and action to establish preliminary schedule of Commissioners Court meetings for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Approve as presented.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-255

8. Consideration and action to adopt Holiday Calendar for 2021

Approve as presented.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-256

9. Consideration and action to set 2021 Sheriff and Constable Fees effective January 1, 2021

Motion to Set: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-257

10. Discussion regarding the ordering of S.O. Vehicles and action as appropriate

Per Buddy Riddle (Sheriff's Office), eight vehicles need to be replaced. There is a 9 month delivery delay due to shut down.

No action.

11. Discussion to renew County End-Point Protection System from MalwareBytes and action as appropriate.

Time for annual renewal. MalwareBytes gave a 50% discount.

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

Order #20-258

12. Consideration and action to approve Resolution and County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement

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

Order #20-259

13. Discussion and action to accept Annual Road and Bridge Report, Precinct 4.

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

Order #20-260

14. Discussion and action regarding Burn Ban and action as appropriate

No action.

15. Discussion regarding Bleiberville Tower Commercial Land Lease Agreement and action as appropriate.

10 year lease; first 5 years rate is \$1,200, next 5 years rate increases to \$1,450.

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

Order #20-261

16. 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. July 13, 2020

ii. July 20, 2020

b. Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$2,000 to Austin County Sheriff's Office per Local Government Code 81.032

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

Order #20-262

17. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$569,910.46

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

Order #20-263

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still within budget.

- d. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **Payroll & Escrow Report – 07.17.2020**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-264

- 18. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. **County Court – May & June 2020**
 - b. **District Court – May & June 2020**
 - c. **Jail Report – June 2020**
 - d. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – June 2020**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-265

Court recessed at 11:19 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 Economic Development Matter**

Court reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

19. Action as appropriate on Executive Session

County Judge to have authority to negotiate in an economic development contract.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-266

20. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

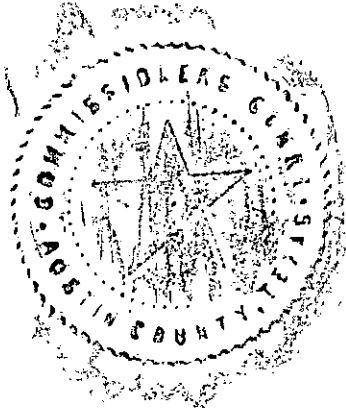
Per Commissioner Lamp, need to prepare to have an auction on gov.deals and Switzer.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-267

Court adjourned at 11:32 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 July 27, 2020.



Date: August 4, 2020

Carrie Gregor

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

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AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS