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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

March 8, 2021 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
Leroy Cerny, 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

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-65*

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Presentation by Grace Holtkamp with Austin County Historical Commission**

Will come back.

- 3. Discussion regarding Austin County Subdivision Regulations proposed changes and action as appropriate (reminder public hearing on proposed changes will be March 22, 2021)**

Public Hearing on March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Per Judge Lapham, City of Sealy decided to rescind their interlocal agreement with County. County has authority over EJT. Commissioner Rinn proposed a change on page 29 for width-to-depth ratio for lots not to exceed 1:3 instead of 1:4.

Joy Jennings addressed the Court with concerns about the subdivision regulations not being followed.

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

Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture), Sealy EMS is complete. Will close everything out on Burns' end. Jail and SO should be receiving consoles in today. Furniture should be coming. Last of demolition has been done. Inmates should be able to return in 90 days. Justice Center is going along well. Bids for furniture for Justice Center should go out today.

Two bids for filing systems were submitted by Southwest Filing and Storage – Lindy Stull for \$248,055 with life time warranty and Southwest Solutions – Carlyle Ordner for \$235,129.67 with seven-year warranty. Bid for extra section WAS submitted by Southwest Filing and Storage – Lindy Stull for \$1,562.00. Total bid from Southwest Filing and Storage – Lindy Stull \$249,617.00. Kenneth Burns recommends Southwest Filing and Storage. Bid includes relocation of existing filing system. Cost already budgeted for.

Award to Southwest Filing and Storage – Lindy Stull.

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

Order #21-66

Bids for Court benches and public area seating were submitted by Texas Correctional Industries for \$59,460 and Imperial Woodworks for \$58,827. Costs budgeted for and includes installation.

Award to Imperial Woodworks.

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

Order #21-67

Bids for Audio/Visual package were submitted by BIS Digital for \$187,320.14 and Soundtechs for \$199,986.02. After a walk-thru of the Court rooms with BIS Digital, there were some adjustments that needed to be made. Those adjustments added \$300 to the bid.

Award to BIS Digital for \$187,620.14.

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

Order #21-68

5. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Reed, there has been a delay because of the ice storm. Still on Tomlinson. Working on Tower. Will go to Klopsteck.

Per Commissioner Lamp, powerline on Nelius Road needs to be moved. Commissioner Lamp posed the question if it is legal to pay to move the powerline. Court chose to take a break and be advised by Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney).

Court recessed at 10:01 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Continue with Item #2.

Grace Holtkamp (President of Austin County Historical Commission) made presentation to the Court.

6. Discussion and appropriate regarding county time sheets

Commissioner Rinn wants to replace Other Time with blanks so the Supervisor can fill in the cell as needed.

Unlock Other Time cell on employee timesheet to be filled in by Supervisor as appropriate.

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

Order #21-69

Continue with item #5.

After discussion with Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney), it was determined the cost of moving the powerline lies with the power company on the basis it is the best interest of the public.

7. Discussion regarding audit by Beyer & Co and action as appropriate.

When grants go over \$750,000 there is a single book audit. County received COVID funds.

Cost of Beyer & Co to perform audit is an additional \$7,000 for the single book audit. The total is \$39,275.

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

Order #21-70

8. Discussion and action to declare 26 Panasonic Toughbooks as surplus from S.O.

Sheriff's Office requests proceed funds go back to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Office will hold for 30 days.

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

Order #21-71

9. Discussion and action to accept a grant in the amount of \$19,100 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy

Zero match fund required from County.

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

Order #21-72

10. Discussion regarding additional invoice for transition to Incode RMS System and action as appropriate.

Net Motion version 11 was purchased, but now need version 12 licenses. Sheriff's Office will pay \$817.00 for conversion. Annual fee will increase from \$2,258.00 to \$3,538.00.

No action.

11. Discussion and action to declare items as surplus from Precinct 3,

Per Commissioner Cerny, item #35 might come off.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #21-73

12. Consideration and action to add Legacy Ranch Road as new private road for 911 Road Map, Pct 4

Name of new private road is Legacy Ranch Lane.

Motion to Add: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).

Order #21-74

13. Consideration and action to authorize County Judge to release Bond No 1145970 from MVU Brazos Corp to Austin County, dated 01/07/2020 and authorize County Judge to sign any supporting documentation.

Release bond.

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

Order #21-75

14. Discussion regarding the purchase and financing of equipment for Precinct 1 and action as appropriate

Purchase 2022 International HV 507 with 15 ft Demo Bed Dump truck from Herrmann International for \$109,650.00 and 2014 Ham GRW280110 Roller from Nueces Power Equipment for \$44,842.77.

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

Order #21-76

Finance purchase of \$154,492 with Government Capital with interest rate at 2.72%.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-77

15. Discussion regarding Austin County requesting the City of Sealy to annex Sens Road and action as appropriate.

Request from City of Sealy to annex all of Sens Road.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-78

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. Consideration and action to accept Racial Profiling Report, Const. Pct. 3.
- b. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by AT&T Telecommunications, 2nd Street, Daniels Street, Main Street, & Green Street, Precinct 2

Remove b.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-79

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

Add \$10,000.00 for postage. Total = \$644,702.78

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-80

b. Budget Amendments

#48-#52, #54-#55, and #57. (see supporting documents)

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-81

c. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still 68% of budget remaining.

d. County Treasurer's

i. Payroll and Escrow Report 02.26.2021

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-82*

- 18. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
- a. Justice of the Peace, February 2021**
 - i. Pct 2**
 - ii. Pct 3**
 - b. Constable, Pct 2, - February 2021**
 - c. OSSF – February 2021**
 - d. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – February 2021**
 - e. Library System – February 2021**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-83*

19. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Reed, tentative dates for Tire Recycle Event are April 9th or April 10th. Reliable Tires will bring out trailers.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-84*

Court adjourned at 11:36 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 8, 2021.**



Date: March 16, 2021

Carrie Gregor

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

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