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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

February 27, 2023 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom 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, County Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING
CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-64

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Judge Lapham, there is a building meeting this afternoon.

Per Commissioner Reed, Billy Doherty (County Auditor) spoke with Catherine (TAC) who advised, if over a certain dollar amount, will need an architect to draw up plans.

- 3. Discussion and action regarding compensation order: (Sheriff Brandes)**

Per Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office), compensation order says 60 days is probationary period. Need a definition for "probationary period".

- a. Definition of the term "probationary" relating to S.O. Deputies and Jailers**

Add verbiage the Probationary Compensation shall be waived for any person hired as a Deputy Sheriff or County Jailer who possess a current Texas Commission on Law

Enforcement (TCOLE) license for the position they are hired has no less than 3 years verifiable experience, directly tied to the position for which they are hired into the box on page 6 of the Compensation Order.

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

Order #23-65

b. Experienced Lieutenant hourly pay rate differential

Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office) introduced Michael J. Connor, Jr. (Criminal Investigations) Lieutenant position.

Pay Michael Connor, Jr. retro pay from February 6, 2023.

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

Order #23-66

4. Discussion and action regarding renewal of Voice Products Maintenance Agreement.

Maintenance agreement for dispatch increased by \$133.85 to pay from budget line item #101-54555-128.

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

Order #23-67

5. Consideration and action to adopt a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Changes made to resolution, Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant added "to serve as the City's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative" and from Treasurer to Auditor to manage financials.

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

Order #23-68

6. Consideration and action to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application and adopt required CDBG Civil Rights Policies.

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

Order #23-69

7. **Consideration and action to approve Authorizing Grant Administration Services Contract for the Community Development Block Grant Regional COG Method of Distribution Grant (CDBG-MIT MOD) for the County of Austin.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-70

8. **Discussion regarding communitywide housing analysis performed an impediments to fair housing for Austin County and action as appropriate.**

Accept Fair Housing analysis.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-71

9. **Discussion and action to declare 2002 Chevrolet Silverado (last 4 vin. 2381) as surplus, Pct. 4.**

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-72

Place with Switzer Auction to be sold.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-73

10. **Discussion and action regarding purchase of the following equipment for Pct. 4:**
 - a. **John Deer Boom Shredder - 28ft MF12092**
 - b. **John Deer 2013 6140 MCab Tractor (1L06140MJDG761223)**

a. is a Diamond Boom Mower.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-74

11. **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 approve Right of Way installation by New Ulm Water Supply, Austin County, Pct. 2**
 - i. **Pecan Street to Lot 12 Block 15**
 - ii. **Pecan Street to Lot 14 Block 15**
 - iii. **Taylor Street through Alley Block 15**
 - b. **Consideration to accept special donations to Knox Memorial Library in the amounts of:**
 - i. **\$ 30**

- ii. \$ 20
- iii. \$ 50
- iv. \$100

c. Consideration and action to approve Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Zettle Rd, Pct. 2

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-75*

12. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$786,366.86

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-76*

b. Fund Transfers

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), transfer made for \$56,772.48. As soon as the County gets funds from grant, funds are paid out. Fund transfer is to pay Langford. Second transfer is to pay Payment of Claims just approved by Commissioners Court.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-77*

c. Budget Amendments

d. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 66% of budget has been utilized. 5% higher than usual.

e. County Treasurer

i. Monthly Treasurers Report - January 2023

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-78*

ii. Payroll and Escrow Report

1. 02.10.2023

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-79*

2. 02.24.2023

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-80*

13. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - i. **Criminal Court - January 2023**
 - ii. **Civil Court - January 2023**
 - iii. **Family - January 2023**
 - iv. **Statutory Reports - January 2023**
 - v. **Constable James Clark, Pct. 4 - January 2023**
 - vi. **Library**
 1. **2022 Annual**
 2. **January 2023**
 - vii. **Texas Agrilife Extension Office - January 2023**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-81*

Court recessed at 9:59 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:
1 Legal Matter - EMS Stations**

Court reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

14. Action as appropriate on Executive Session

No action.

15. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), Wendt Flooring needs half down up front. Half is \$6,800.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-82*

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-83

Court adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners
Court proceedings for February 27, 2023.**



Date: March 22, 2023

Andrea Cardenas

**Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

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