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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**October 23, 2023** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Deputy County Clerk

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

Remove 7d.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-690**

**1. Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness**

*Motion to Proclaim: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-691**

- 2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 3. Discussion regarding 2023-2024 Compensation Order and action as appropriate.**

Will return.

**4. Discussion regarding conditional approval of Matterhorn Pipeline Permit Application and action as appropriate.**

Per Johnathan Hoptko (County Engineer), additional permits submitted for valve sites.

Conditional approval for valve sites for pipeline.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-0-2)  
Judge Lapham and Commissioner Reed abstained.*

**Order #23-692**

**5. Discussion and action regarding submission of application for a TDEM and FEMA Generator Grant.**

Per Roy Mercer (Emergency Management), total cost of \$507,676.11, County has to pay 25% of total cost which is \$126,919.03. Total grant pays = \$380,757.08.

*Motion to Submit: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*

**Order #23-693**

3. continued.

Per Travis Koehn (Criminal District Attorney), Criminal District Attorney Salary Supplement will move to bottom of list to be given to any other positions within the District Attorney's office at the discretion of the District Attorney.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*

**Order #23-694**

**6. Discussion and action regarding the Wendt Street Building.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, wants to get pricing for building repair at Wendt Street building.

Per Jonathan Hoptko (County Engineer), Choice Consulting gave pricing and scope of work in a report.

Request bids for building repair listed in the scope of work from Choice Consulting report dated October 4, 2023.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*

**Order #23-695**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA – Items listed are of a routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by members of Commissioners Court.**
  - a. **Consideration and action to accept Financial Report from ESD 1.**
  - b. **Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 7+ acre tract from an 11 acre parent tract on Wolff Rd., Pct 2.**
  - c. **Consideration and action to approve agreement for temporary access between Kate Haynes and Pct. 1.**
  - d. **Consideration and action to approve submission of TxDOT "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" Grant Application by ACSO.**
  - e. **Consideration and action to approve minutes:**
    - i. **September 11, 2023**
    - ii. **September 25, 2023**
    - iii. **October 09, 2023**

Pull 7e.

Approve a-c.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-696**

7ei-iii.

Correction to September 25, 2023 minutes. Agenda item #11 should be passed (3-1). Commissioner Rinn opposed not Commissioner Reed.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-697**

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

Finishing FY2023 and beginning FY2024 Total = \$1,288,170.78.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-698**

- b. **Fund Transfers**

\$1,288,170.78 – pay regular bills for ending FY2023 and beginning FY2024.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-699**

- c. **Budget Amendments**
- d. **County Auditor's Review of finances**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), fiscal year 2023 has concluded. Any invoices received for 2023 will now be in 2024 fiscal year.

- e. **County Treasurer**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report – 10.20.2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-700**

- ii. **Monthly Treasurers Report for – September 2023**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #23-701**

- 9. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
  - a. **Criminal Court – September 2023**
  - b. **Civil Court – September 2023**
  - c. **Family Court – September 2023**
  - d. **Statutory Court – September 2023**
  - e. **Constable, Pct. 2 – September 2023**
  - f. **EMS – September 2023**
  - g. **Agrilife – September 2023**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #23-702**

**10. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), County has lost both Court Reporters. Corina Lozano's (County Court at Law Court Reporter) last day will be November 1, 2023 and Vickie Brown (District Court County Reporter) left October 2023.

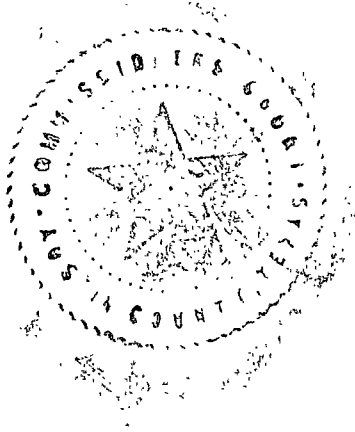
Per Kim Rinn (Tax-Assessor Collector), with regard to generators take into consideration her end of the building during the Election Cycle.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #23-703*

Court adjourned at 9:50 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 October 23, 2023.**



Date: November 1, 2023

Andrea Cardenas

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

FILED

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Clerk of the Court  
COUNTY CLERK  
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS