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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

August 23, 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
Rebecca Thomas, 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 Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-274*

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

TEEA presented gift baskets to the Commissioners and County Judge to thank them for all the work they do.

2. San Felipe de Austin Historical Site Update – Bryan McAuley

Per Brian McAuley there is a new exhibit opening soon. There are rooms for meetings if the County would like to use them.

3. Budget Workshop

Per Judge Lapham waiting for written approval to use Corona Relief funds to build new EMS stations in Wallis, Bellville and Industry. Then use money set aside for EMS Buildings to pay off some other bills.

Commissioners discussed moving new Engineer position to Road and Bridge budget and out Dept 101. Commissioner Lamp asked if Judge Lapham could pay FICA and retirement from his budget?

Commissioners discussed how a meal reimbursement plan would work and why they should consider it.

4. Consideration and action to set salaries and allowances for Elected Officials (FY 2021 – 2022)

Motion to Set: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).

Commissioner Rinn opposed.

Order #21-275

5. Consideration and action to set a proposed tax rate and schedule public hearings as necessary.

Proposed Tax Rate .36673 General, .06455 R&B Special, .07832 F/M Lateral, .05783 Debt Requirement, for a total Tax Rate .56743

Public hearing set for September 13, 2021.

Motion to Set: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).

Commissioner Rinn opposed.

Order #21-276

Motion to Schedule: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).

Commissioner Rinn opposed.

Order #21-277

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

Commissioner Rinn asked to go out for bids to pull ceiling tiles, replace them and add insulation to 800 Wendt Street building.

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

Order #21-278

Library in Industry is open. Need to install blinds so Justice of the Peace 2 can hold court again.

Commissioners are going to help bring dirt from Sealy to Justice Center for county projects.

7. **Discussion regarding Burns Architecture, LLC – Austin County Three EMS Stations – Bellville, Wallis and Industry, Part One / Amendment 8 and action as appropriate**

Table no action.

8. **Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.**

Precinct 3 & 4 working on roads.

Precinct 2 working on roads. Donation deeds for projects should be done.

Precinct 1 working on roads. Getting deeds for bridge project.

9. **Discussion regarding amending the 2020-2021 Compensation order to increase juvenile probation administrative assistant salary (county portion) to \$13.29/hr and action as appropriate.**

Juvenile Probation employee will double as the front office person in the Judge's Office. This will increase her pay to account for the extra work.

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

Order #21-279

10. **Discussion and action to adopt the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolution for FY 2022**

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

Order #21-280

11. **Open bid proposals and action as appropriate for the following:**

- a. **Road Materials/Gravel**
- b. **Hauling (Road Materials)**
- c. **Asphalts, Liquid Asphalts, Emulsions & Dust Control**
- d. **Corrugated Culverts**
- e. **HDPE Culvert Pipe**
- f. **Concrete/Cement**
- g. **Fuel (Gasoline & Diesel)**
- h. **Surface Treatments, Asphalt Laydown and Asphalt Milling**

Shannon Hannath (Road and Bridge Administrator) opened the following bids.

Preferred Pipe Distributors, Koy Concrete, Cornerstone Paving & Construction, Cemex, ACT Pipeline, Texas Materials Group, Bernardo Trucking, Colorado County Oil, Huebner Concrete, Colorado Material, Texas Material Groups, Wilson Culverts, Sealy Paving, Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions, Waller County Asphalt Inc., Sustainable Pavement Technology, Waller County Construction, Quality Hot Mix, P. Performance Petroleum, Vulcan Materials, Zbranek Gravel Matagorda Construction Materials, P2 Emulsion, Martin Asphalt, Pihoda Gravel.

12. Discussion regarding Rental Agreement between UBEO and Austin County Juvenile Probation and action as appropriate.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-281

13. Discussion and action to accept time sheet calendars:
a. Saturday through Friday
b. Sunday through Saturday

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-282

14. Discussion and action to accept executed document(s):
a. Hendrix 381 Economic Development Agreement

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-283

15. **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 26, 2021
ii. August 9, 2021
b. Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$125,000.00 to Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-284

Court Recessed at 11:18 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following item(s):

- a. Personnel Matters
b. Real Estate Matters

18. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-285

b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-286

c. Budget Amendments

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-287

d. County Auditor's review of finances

e. County Treasurer's

i. Payroll and Escrow Report – 08.13.2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-288

ii. Investment Report – 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2021

iii. Monthly Treasurer Report – January and July 2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-289

17. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.

a. District Court – July 2021

b. County Court – July 2021

c. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – July 2021

d. OSSF Report – July 2021

e. Constable Precinct 2 – July 2021

f. Constable Precinct 4 – June and July 2021

g. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – July 2021

h. AgriLife CEA-ANR and CEA-FCH – July 2021

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-290

19. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-291*

Court adjourned at 1:19 p.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 August 23, 2021.**



Date: AUG 31 2021

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy

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