



**DIANE DAY**  
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## **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

### **Order #25-166**

May 27, 2025 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  
Greg Mikel, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Leroy Cerny, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk

#### **9:00 A.M. OPENING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INVOCATION**

#### **PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Per Judge Lapham, agenda item 3 should say several laptops, 5 and 6 will be removed, and 7.c. is three (3) 2-acre lots

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

#### **1. Petitions or requests from the public**

Marc Young requested the court reconsider denial of drainage for BESS Facility. Marc provided a handout of facts on government codes for denying permits. He believes the county has a low chance of winning a lawsuit for BESS.

**2. Discussion regarding extension of bid due date for Shupak and Hurtig Road construction projects and action as appropriate.**

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) requests the court extend the bid due date on behalf of the bidders due to the holiday.

The court agrees to extend the due date but advised they must be on a pre bid list for their bid to be accepted on the new due date.

New due date will be June 6 and bids will open June 9 in court at 9am.

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

**3. Discussion regarding the purchase of two laptop computers for the SO to remain compliant with CJIS and action as appropriate.**

Per Lt. Donald Durracq (Sheriff Office) the current portable laptop in patrol vehicles will no longer be CJIS supported. They received a bid for the 32 patrol laptops for \$130,769.92 and the 4 constable laptops for \$16,346.24. Total of 36 laptops will be ordered. The Sheriff Office is working with the laptop company to ensure they can use SB 22 funds.

Judge Lapham advised the deadline to have the new laptops CJIS compatible is October 16-19.

Lt. Donald Durracq (Sheriff Office) advised with the lead time given they would need to order the laptops now. The company would accept a purchase order as our form of payment.

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

**4. Consideration and action to approve additional scope and/or services change order for Grant 22-085-007-D235.**

Shannon Hannath (Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant) stated this is on the Allen Creek project and is a change order for right-of-way mapping and easement surveying for additional areas in the sector.

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

**5. Presentation of TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Goals and concepts as related to the CDBG Program and CDV 23-0303.**

**6. Discussion regarding Contract for Election Services between Brazos ISD and Austin County Elections Office and action as appropriate.**

7. **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 private roadway name request for Way Maker Lane, Pct. 4.
  - b. Consideration and action to approve minutes:
    - i. 04.14.2025
  - c. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide three (3) 3-acre tracts out of 44.61-acre tract on Meier Rd., Pct. 3.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)*

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

Total: \$1,156,301.19

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

Check was presented for Shellback Construction in the amount of \$40,552.70

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

**b. Fund Transfers**

Total: \$173,260.00 (May 22, 2025)

Total: \$494,824.28 (May 27, 2025)

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

**c. Budget Amendments**

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

**d. County Auditors Review of Finances**

**e. County Treasurer**

**i. Monthly Treasurer's Report – April 2025**

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

**ii. Payroll and Escrow Report(s):**

**1. 05.16.2025**

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

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

**i. Criminal Court – March 2025 & April 2025**

**ii. Civil Court -March 2025 & April 2025**

**iii. Family Court - March 2025 & April 2025**

**iv. Statutory Court – April 2025**

**v. AgriLife- April 2025**

**vi. EMS- April 2025**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)*

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

**a. Personnel Matter**

**11. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

**12. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Court adjourned at 11:03am.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*



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

I, Diane Day, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for May 27, 2025.

Date: July 1, 2025  
Diane Day, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas

By: Allison Gerik  
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk



FILED

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*Diane Day*  
COUNTY CLERK  
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS