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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

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On **July 28, 2014** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement meeting room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge  
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

**Opening – 8:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation**  
**Pledges of Allegiance**  
**Certification of Quorum**

**Consideration/Adoption of Agenda**

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-226**

- 1. Petitions and Requests from the Public.**
  - Commissioner Turner discussed the EMS.
  - Jerry Dender discussed raising taxes to help increase jail salaries.
- 2. Presentation by Beyer & Company, Certified Public Accountants of Independent Annual Audit and report, Year ended 09/30/13 and action as appropriate authorizing County Judge to sign appropriate documentation.**
  - Mr. Beyer stated Austin County is in excellent financial shape.
  - Betty Jez, County Auditor is working with District Clerk to clear up outstanding checks.
- 3. Presentation by Houston Greater Area Council regarding the Great Region 2040 plan.**

**4. Report by Julie Overstreet, CASA for Kids.**

Ms. Overstreet asked for an increase in funds for CASA this budget.

**5. Consideration and possible action to adopt Consent Agenda Format.**

**6. 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. Transmittal of Minutes**

**i. July 2, 2014**

Addendum: delete “Capital” from second line.

**ii. July 14, 2014**

Item 6, second bullet: change where to were.

**b. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. on Scranton Road in Precinct 2.**

**c. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of new chair in Auditor’s Office for an amount not to exceed \$221.70 out of Capital Outlay 101-127-5757.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-227**

**7. Consideration and possible action to accept corrected deed with David & Bonnie Schulz Real Estate Partnership as grantors for firing range.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-228**

**8. June Activity Report by Sheriff Brandes.**

Report given by Sheriff Brandes.

**9. Consideration and possible action renew licensing agreement with Blackboard Connect.**

*Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #14-229**

**10. Consideration and possible action to accept annual Road and Bridge reports.**

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

**Order #14-230**

**11. Consideration and possible action to adopt 2015 holiday calendar.**

Change December 31, 2015 to a holiday.

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

**Order #14-231**

**12. Consideration and possible action to establish preliminary schedule for regular Commissioners Court meetings for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*

**Order #14-232**

**13. Consideration and possible action to authorize interlocal agreement between Austin County and Harris County to authorize mutual aid agreement in response to Chapter 418 of Texas Government Code and FEMA regarding reimbursement.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*

**Order #14-233**

**14. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.**

**a. Payment of Claims**

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

**Order #14-234**

**b. Budget Amendments**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*

**Order #14-235**

**c. County Auditors review of finances**

Betty Jez, County Auditor announced she was appointed for another two year term by District Judge, Jeff Steinhauser.

**d. County Treasurer review of finances**

**i. Payroll & Escrow Reports**

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

- a. **Justice of the Peace, Precincts 2 & 4 – June 2014**
- b. **Monthly Fees and Commissions from Tax Assessor-Collector – June 2014**

**16. Budget Discussion and action as appropriate.**

- Carolyn Bilski, County Judge sent out letters regarding comp time.
- Betty Jez, County Auditor presented June 2014 Statement of Funds.

**17. Adjourn and reopen meeting at Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and discussion regarding office space with action as appropriate.**

Court recessed at 10:47 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner King will check price of storage building for future agenda.

**18. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

None.

Court Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the Commissioners Court proceedings for July 28, 2014.

Date: Aug 14, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy



**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas, will convene in public session on **Monday, July 28, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the BASEMENT MEETING ROOM**, Austin County Courthouse, One East Main, Bellville, Texas, to consider the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to meet in a closed session on agenda items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

*THE BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS OR LISTENING DEVICES MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE AT (979) 865-5911 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.*

**8:30 A.M. OPENING**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.  
*(In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the Commissioners Court. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Commissioners Court.)*
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- 18. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**  
*(Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.042, the Commissioners Court may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this agenda. Responses are limited to a recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda of a future meeting.)*



*Carolyn Bilski*

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Assistant

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Carrie Gregor, County Clerk of Austin County, Texas, certify that the Notice of Meeting is a true copy and was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board located in the main foyer, and at or near each entrance door of the County Courthouse on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 at 4:58 p.m., and is to remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of Meeting.

*Carrie Gregor*

Carrie Gregor, County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Rebecca Thomas*  
Deputy

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*Carrie Gregor*

COUNTY CLERK  
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS