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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

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On **August 11, 2014** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioner's Court 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 Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-248

Court recessed at 8:32 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Pending Litigation.** (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071).
- 2. Personnel Matters regarding Sheriff's Office.** (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074). Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

Court reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

- 1. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

None.

3. Review of Primary Elections expenses and action as appropriate.

Per Marcus Pena, Austin County Tax Assessor, the Democratic Party has an outstanding balance due of \$4,249.34.

4. Consideration and possible action to adopt consent agenda format.

5. CONSENT Agenda – Items listed are of routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by a member of Commissioners Court.

a. Transmittal of Minutes – July 22, 2014

Item 7: change Dispatcher's to Dispatchers'

b. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Ultra Communications Group, LLC dba New Wave Communications on Norcross Road in Precinct 4.

c. Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for EMS employee to carry over 36 hours of unused vacation hours earned in Fiscal Year 2013-14 through September 12, 2014.

d. Consideration and possible action to approve addendum to Service Agreement between Austin County EMS and Stericycle, Inc. for hazardous drug disposal service.

Cost increased \$0.75 a year.

e. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of file cabinet out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$356.37.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #14-249*

6. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of stalker radar for Constable Precinct 3 out of Capital 101-127-5755.

Bid increased \$165.00.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).

Order #14-250

- 7. Consideration and possible action to dispose of surplus salvage equipment.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).

Order #14-251

- 8. Consideration and possible action to authorize request for proposals to audit all County Funds for Year ended September 30, 2014 and prepare and submit Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA).**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-252

- 9. Discussion regarding resolution to Texas Association of Counties optional workers' compensation coverage to include jurors and election personnel and action as appropriate.**

\$56.00 increase per year.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).

Order #14-253

- 10. Budget Workshop and action as appropriate.**

- a. Tax Assessor-Collector
- b. Constable, Precinct 4
- c. Texas AgriLife
- d. Other Departments

- 11. Budget and Financial Claims – action as appropriate**

- a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-254

- b. Budget Amendments

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #14-255

- c. County Auditor's review of finances
- d. County Treasurer review of finances

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

- a. Austin County Library System – July 2014
- b. Justice of The Peace, Precincts 1, 3, & 4 – July 2014
- c. Constable, Precincts 2 & 3 – July 2014

- d. **County Court – July 2014**
- e. **Jail Population Report – July 2014**
- f. **Austin County Appraisal District Budget**

Court recessed at 11:45 a.m.

Court reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Court recessed at 12:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Court reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

No action.

Court recessed at 2:20 p.m. until August 12, 2014 at 9:15 a.m.

Court reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

Resume budget discussion with Sheriff for emergency funding regarding remainder of the year.

Increase Level 1 Jailers from \$31,540.00 to \$34,205.00 maximum.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-256

Increase Level 2 Jailers from \$34,205.00 to \$36,000.00 maximum.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-257

Increase Deputy Jailers Level 1 salaries from \$35,682.00 to \$36,500.00 maximum.
Increase Deputy Jailers Level 2 salaries from \$35,682.00 to \$37,500.00 maximum.
Increase Deputy Jailers Level 3 salaries from \$35,682.00 to \$38,500.00 maximum.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #14-258

Increase Introductory Level salaries for Jailers from \$28,495.00 to \$31,540.00.
Increase Introductory Level salaries for Deputy Jailers from \$31,904.00 to \$35,094.00.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #14-259

Add the word "minimum" after "maximum" on Sheriff's Department Compensation Order.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #14-260

Rescind Motion to Amend, "minimum" after "maximum" on Sheriff's Department Compensation Order.

Motion to Rescind: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #14-261

Effective August 18, 2014, increase Sheriff Department salaries to maximum level for current employees through October 1st.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #14-262

Court Adjourned at 12:15 p.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 August 11, 2014.

Date: _____

August 22, 2014

Rebecca Thomas

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

