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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

**February 23, 2015**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, 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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

**CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Per Commissioner Rinn, remove #9 until a later date.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-71*

**1. Petitions or Request from the Public.**

Steve Strake spoke with regard to deer blind on property of Five Oaks Achievement Center and possible weapons on site where children are being housed.

Mace Meeks spoke with regard to security issues at Five Oaks Achievement Center.

**2. Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide 21.33 acres into 2 parcels 18.33 acres and 3.0 acres with home on Lynn Road in Precinct 1.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-72*

**3. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of server upgrades for Odyssey.**

Per Brandon Hoff purchasing all new servers at once may save the county money.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-73*

**4. Consideration and possible action to purchase seven (7) desk top PC computers for replacement of existing machines for EMS.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-74*

**5. Discussion regarding Odyssey for Sheriff's Office for Mugshots for mobile patrol and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-75*

**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. **Consideration and possible action to accept report by Constable Precinct 3 regarding Racial Profiling, Article 2.132 Texas Criminal and Vehicle Handbook.**
- b. **Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of three (3) office chairs for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Building.**
- c. **Consideration and possible action to authorize Contract for election equipment between Austin County and City of Sealy for May 9, 2015.**
- d. **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Sacha Masson and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-76*

**7. Sheriff's Report on Five Oaks Achievement Center.**

Per Sheriff Brandes every time a child is put in a dangerous situation he will file a formal complaint with the State of Texas against the Center.

Per Craig Bibb, CEO of Five Oaks Achievement Center they are putting up a game fence around the facility to help slow the kids down.

- 8. Consideration and possible action to authorize Superheavy or Oversized Bond for New Bremen Road in Precinct 2 in the amount of \$150,000.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-77*

- 9. Consideration and possible action to accept donation deed from Frank and Kathleen Niendorff to Austin County for Approximately 3.04 acres of existing and new right-of-way on Old Highway 36 in Precinct 2.**

Removed from agenda.

- 10. Consideration and possible action regarding application for Austin County Commissioners Court to abandon county road right-of-way located in Precinct 3 intersecting Pyka Road and entering the property commonly known as the BAE plant encompassing 0.431 acres.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-78*

- 11. Discussion regarding purchase of Poll Pad Units for Election Department and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Table: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-79*

- 12. Discussion regarding Michelle Allen, Texas AgriLife Extension and the 2015 TEAFCS State Conference in Brenham July 27-31, 2015 and action as appropriate.**

Michelle would like to stay in Brenham since our District is the host this year. She asked for approval for her hotel expenses.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-80*

- 13. Consideration and possible action to canvass returns and declare results of the February 17, 2015 Special Election.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-81*

**14. Discussion on Annual Longevity Pay of Employees for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.**

Per Commissioners Court Minutes dated September 29, 2014 (#8) Longevity is to be paid out in March.

**15. Discussion on equipment action as appropriate.**

Commissioners Reichardt and Turner are not interested in buying equipment at this time. Commissioners Rinn and King will look into it for their Precincts.

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

**a. Payment of Claims**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-82*

**b. Budget Amendments**

None.

**c. County Auditor's review of finances**

**d. County Treasurer review of finances**

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

**a. Constable, Precinct 2 – January 2015**

**b. Constable, Precinct 4 – December 2014**

**c. Justice of The Peace, Precinct 4 – 2015**

**d. County Court – January 2015**

**e. On-Site Sewage Facility Activity – January 2015**

**f. Congratulation letter to Austin County Elections Office**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-83*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- 1. Personnel Matters regarding Environmental Personnel. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551. 074).**

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

No action.

Court Recessed 11:15 a.m.

**RECESS UNTIL 1:00 P.M.**

Court Reconvened 1:05 p.m.

**19. Discussion regarding insurance for county employees and action as appropriate.**

An employee received a handout with a typo stating ER was covered 100%, but it is actually covered at 80%. The handout had a disclaimer stating refer to plan documents. Court decided not to make an exception on this case.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-84*

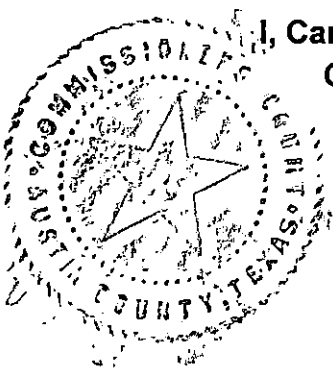
Per Judge Lapham the Court will hold a special meeting Monday, March 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to hear proposals from IMA and Aflac on consolidated billing. Future discussion regarding insurance to be held then.

*Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-85*

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #15-86*

Court adjourned at 3:25 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 Commissioners Court proceedings for February 23, 2015.

Date: March 16, 2015

Carrie Gregor

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

By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy

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