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Commissioners Court Minutes

January 25, 2016 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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-013

1. **Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**
 - a) **Austin County Mentor Month with Raising Academic Performance**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-014

2. **Petitions or Requests from the Public.**

Commissioner Turner read a letter giving his opinion on Aerobic Septic Systems in a concentrated area.

Garry Kuciemba asked the Court to visit the area of the potential Glostershire Subdivision in Precinct 4. He feels there is not enough room for 23 more planes.

3. **Consideration and possible action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide 5 acres out of 11.338 acres on Hwy 36 in Precinct 2.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-015

4. **Discussion on sick leave, bereavement, and sick leave pool policies and action as appropriate.**
 - Sick Leave – Starts to accrue on the 1st of the month after 60 days employment.
 - Sick Leave – Defined the meaning of immediate family.
 - Sick Leave Pool – Can withdrawal no more than 31 days per calendar year.
 - Sick Leave Pool – Defined the meaning of immediate family.
 - ❖ Funeral Leave – Defined meaning of immediate family.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-016

5. **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. **December 14, 2015**
 - ii. **December 28, 2015**
 - b) **Consideration and possible action to approve application for required schooling reimbursement for Wilfred Krause, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, to be held February 9-12, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas.**
 - c) **Consideration and possible action to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's Office to attend Payroll Law Seminar to be held February 19, 2016 in Houston, Texas.**
 - d) **Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Sheriff's Department employee to carry over 30 hours of unused vacation hours earned in 2014-2015 to be used by February 1, 2016.**
 - e) **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Brett Witte and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**
 - f) **Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Gereliene Boehme and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-017

6. **Consideration and possible action to accept polling places for the March 1, 2016 Primary Election.**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-018

7. **Consideration and possible action to purchase one printer for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 office.**

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-019

8. **Discussion and possible action on sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day (March 2).**

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #16-020

9. **Discussion regarding reclaimed inmate checks and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-021

10. **Sheriff's Activity Report – December 2015**

11. **Consideration and possible action to declare a Bush Hog 15' shredder from Precinct 4 as surplus.**

Motion to Declare: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-022

12. **Discussion regarding changes to Compensation Order for Road & Bridge employees and action as appropriate.**

Not to exceed:

Foreman \$18.40 to \$20.40 per hour
Class A Operator & Assistant Forman \$17.45 to \$19.45 per hour
Class A Operator \$17.10 to \$19.10 per hour
Class B Operator \$16.86 to \$18.86 per hour
Class C Operator \$15.17 to \$17.17 per hour

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Turner, opposed.
Order #16-023

13. Discussion on insurance and action as appropriate.

Change start date of Insurance calendar year from June to January.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-024

14. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a) Payment of Claims

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-025

b) Budget Amendments

None.

c) County Auditor's review of finances

None.

d) County Treasurer
i. Payroll & Escrow Report

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #16-026

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

- a) Constable, Precinct 4 – December 2015**
- b) Tax Assessor-Collector – December 2015**
- c) Austin County Library System – December 2015**
- d) Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – December 2015**
- e) County Court – December 2015**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0).
Order #16-027

Court recessed 11:05 a.m.

Court reconvened 11:55 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

1. Deliberation regarding Real Property. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072).

16. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

17. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #16-028*

Court adjourned 12:05 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 January 25, 2016.

Date: FEB 11 2016

Carrie Gregor

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



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AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS