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**Commissioners Court Minutes**

**September 25, 2017**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, 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 Adopt: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-280*

**1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**

Judge Lapham recognized Bonnie Padgett, Courthouse Receptionist for her years of service with Austin County.

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

None.

Per Commissioner Lamp the State has closed the Mill Creek bridge until further notice.

**3. Consideration and possible action to open bids for one (1) new ton Ambulance Prep Package chassis.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-281*

**4. Discussion and possible action on insurance.**

Notice for bids will be run next week. Will have bids at next meeting.

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

**Order #17-282**

**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. Approval of Minutes**

**i. August 31, 2017**

**ii. September 11, 2017**

**b. Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Sheriff's employee to carry over 20 hours of unused vacation hours earned in 2016-2017 to be used by December 31, 2017.**

**c. Consideration and possible action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Oak Road in Precinct 2.**

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

**Order #17-283**

**6. Consideration and possible action to adopt mileage rate reimbursement for county travel 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.**

Amount to match IRS mileage rate.

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

**Order #17-284**

**7. Consideration and possible action to authorize payments for jurors and jury per Government Code 61.001-61.005 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.**

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

**Order #17-285**

**8. Consideration and possible action to authorize meal allowance for law enforcement transport only for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.**

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

**Order #17-286**

**9. Consideration and possible action to authorize interlocal agreement for Emergency Medical Services with city of Industry.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-287**

**10. Consideration and possible action to adopt certificate pay per 2017-2018 Budget Year for Law Enforcement.**

Amount to stay the same as last year.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-288**

**11. Consideration and possible action to approve the contract for services for Austin County Health Authority with Dr. Don Bosse.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-289**

**12. Consideration and possible action to authorize \$250 clothing allowance per quarter for law enforcement plain clothed officers.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-290**

**13. Consideration and possible action to approve the 2017-18 Compensation Order.**

Effective date for Compensation order will be October 8<sup>th</sup> for Jail, Dispatch and EMS. October 7<sup>th</sup> for all other offices.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-291**

Add an administrative position for the Commissioners and create new line item. Commissioners will do the hiring with pay to be divided between those using the position.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-292**

Motion was made to approve the Compensation Order.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-293**

**14. Consideration and possible action to set property tax rate for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget.**

**a. General Maintenance**

.3843

**b. Special Road and Bridge Tax**

.0811

**c. Farm-To-Market Lateral Roads Tax**

.0672

**d. Dept Service Tax**

.0153

Total 0.5479

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner King, passed (3-1).  
Commissioner Rinn, opposed.*

**Order #17-294**

**15. Discussion on HDPE Culvert Pipe bid and action as appropriate.**

Allow HDPE to enter their bid due to the extenuating circumstances of Hurricane Harvey.

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

**Order #17-295**

**16. Discussion regarding road and Bridge bids and action as appropriate.**

- a. Road Materials/Gravel**
- b. Hauling (Road Materials)**
- c. Asphalts, Liquid Asphalts, Emulsions & Dust Control**
- d. Corrugated Culverts**
- e. HDPE Culvert Pipe**
- f. Concrete/Cement**
- g. Fuel (Gasoline & Diesel)**

**h. Surface Treatments, Asphalt Laydown and Asphalt Milling**

Approve all bids with the addition of the ACT Pipe 17-18

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

**Order #17-296**

- 17. Consideration and possible action to approve a Grant Application to Fire House Subs to purchase one refurbished cardiac monitor for Austin County Emergency Medical Services.**

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

**Order #17-297**

- 18. Sheriff's Activity Report – August 2017**

- 19. Consideration and possible action regarding Appraisal District Board of Directors appointment.**

No action.

- 20. Consideration and possible action to ratify the second amendment between Austin County and Ashbritt, Inc for Disaster Recovery Services.**

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

**Order #17-298**

- 21. Consideration and possible action to accept bids for one (1) new 1 ton Ambulance Prep Package chassis with authorization for payment form 2016-2017 funds.**

Replace unit 27B, Chevrolet by Tommy Vaughn Ford. To be prepaid out of the building fund.

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

**Order #17-299**

- 22. Discussion and possible action to purchase two refurbished / recertified Physio Control LP/15 Cardiac Monitors form EMS department funds.**

Tctal of \$18,645. Only one to be purchased at this time.

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

**Order #17-300**

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

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-301**

- b. Budget Amendments**  
**c. County Auditor's**

\$2.9 million in General Fund, with roughly \$2 million in expenses to be paid. The plan is to do a CD for \$600,000 for 3 months to help cover the jail cost. The money from the budget will be used first, then the CD.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-302**

- d. County Treasurer**  
**i. Payroll and Escrow Report**  
**ii. February 2017 Reconciled Report – Amended**  
**iii. March 2017 Reconciled Report**  
**iv. April 2017 Reconciled Report**  
**v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016-2017 Reconciled Report**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-303**

- 24. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**  
**a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 – August 2017**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #17-304**

**25. Commissioner's Court Inquiry.**

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #17-305*

Court adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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

**I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners  
Court proceedings for September 25, 2017.**

Date: October 5, 2017

Rebecca Thomas

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



**FILED**

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