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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**August 5, 2019**, 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  
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Andrea Cardenas, 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**

Amend agenda by removing Item #19a & #19b

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

**Order #19-261**

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

Per Commissioner Reichardt, no burn ban at this time. Request public to please be careful when burning.

Per Shannon Hannath (Commissioner Administrative Assistant), Gov Deal Auction went well bringing in \$40,191. Next auction will be in October 2019.

Lissa Johnson, spoke with regard to animal cruelty (horses) that has been going on since 2017 on Tomlinson Road.

**2. Presentation of Audit by Beyer and Company.**

3. **Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**
  - a. **S.O. / Jail**

No new updates.

- b. **Justice Center**

Still working with TXDOT to move building onto part of the land County leases to TXDOT. See supporting documents for proposed layout of building.

- c. **EMS**

Per Walter Morrow (EMS Director), no new updates. General Contractor going to bid. Hoping to have it all done by the end of the month. Made adjustments to the structure. Moving building west slightly created a water shed drainage system without having to outsource water retention.

4. **Discussion and action regarding Road and Bridge Buildings.**

Billy Doherty (County Auditor), explained per TAC, County can build a garage to house equipment from Road and Bridge funds, but cannot build an office from Road and Bridge funds.

Commissioner Reed gave an estimate of \$150,000. Needs something to put equipment under.

Commissioners Reed and Lamp to get bids for major repairs to their buildings.

There is \$400,000 in major repairs. Need to decide by the end of the fiscal year.

No action.

5. **Budget discussion and action as appropriate.**

Per Commissioner Rinn, 200 fund still not split correctly. He will not be in favor of this year's budget.

No action.

6. **Discussion and action to set Public Hearing Date on Budget.**

Budget hearing to be held on August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

*Motion to Set: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-262**

**7. Discussion and action to set salary, expenses of elected county officials.**

Will be published in the newspaper. No action.

**8. Discussion and action regarding Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 Constable.**

James Clark (Precinct 4, Constable) informed the JP Court about increase in small claims from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This will increase Court cases and Court dates. No action.

Item #5 – Continued.

Jeff Koehner (Account Executive) with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. presented a method to update Sheriff's office and Road and Bridge fleet more frequently.

**9. Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide 2.415 acres from 153.042 acre tract on Zubicek Road in Precinct 3.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-263*

**10. Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide 42.7 acres from 45.7 acre tract on Burleson Road in Precinct 2.**

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-264*

**11. Consideration and action to accept the Preliminary Plat for Buckhorn Estates, Precinct 1**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-265*

**12. Consideration and action to approve Re-plat of Barlett Estates, Precinct 4.**

No action.

**13. Discussion and action to accept Annual Road and Bridge Report.**

- a. Precinct 1
- b. Precinct 4

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-266*

**14. Discussion regarding Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2020 and action as appropriate**

Charge \$10.00.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-267**

**15. Discussion regarding an Interlocal OSSF Permitting Agreement with the City of Gloster and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-268**

**16. Consideration and action to approve Constitutional Amendment Election Polling Locations.**

- a. **Early Voting**
- b. **Election Day**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-269**

**17. Discussion regarding an Austin County Burn Ban and action as appropriate.**

No action.

**18. 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 action to authorize hardship variance for HR Employee to carry over 59.21 unused vacation hours.**
- b. **Consideration and action to accept a special donation of \$200.00 to the Austin County Sheriff's Office per Local Government Code 81.032.**
- c. **Consideration and action to accept a special donation of \$500.00 to the Austin County Sheriff's Office per Local Government Code 81.032.**

Per Commissioner Reichardt, pull a.

b. and c.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-270**

- a. **Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for HR Employee to carry over 59.21 unused vacation hours.**

Use all vacation hours by August 31, 2019.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-271**

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still doing good at 28% of the budget remaining.

- d. **County Treasurer**
  - i. **Payroll & Escrow Report – 07.19.2019**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-272**

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

- a. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – July 2019**
- b. **Constable Activity Report, Precinct 4 – June 2019**
- c. **On-Site Sewage Facility – July 2019**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-273**

Court recessed at 11:46 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**In accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:**

1. **Economic Development Matter**
2. **Economic Development Matter**
3. **Economic Development Matter**

Court reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

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

1. Judge Lapham to work on 381 agreement with housing development in Sealy.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-274**

2. Judge Lapham to work on 381 agreement with Hailiang Copper Texas, Inc.

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-275**

3. No action.

**22. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-276**

Court adjourned at 12:17 p.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 August 5, 2019.**



Date: August 16, 2019

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy**

**FILED**

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