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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

August 26, 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

9:01 A.M. OPENING
CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM
CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amend agenda by removing #2.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-299

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Carrie Gregor, County Clerk, spoke with regard to Court-Appointed Attorney fees. Commissioners Court sets the fee when contracts with each attorney is signed. District Judge Jeff Steinhauser and County Court-at-Law Judge Daniel W. Leedy set the fee that is assigned to each case. The set amount the Judges assigned to cases is a random number. They decide what is affordable for Defendants to pay.

Brooke Bacuetes, General Land Office, introduced herself to the Court.

3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.

a. S.O./Jail

Everything at a standstill.

b. Justice Center

Still waiting on TXDOT.

c. EMS

Sign is up.

d. Road & Bridge Buildings

Commissioner Lamp spoke with regard to ADA Compliance for restroom in Road & Bridge buildings.

Still looking into buildings. Per Commissioner Reed, a chance Precinct 4 building could be moved. Per Commissioner Reichardt, looked into some property which would give Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 a place to store materials, would give Precinct 4 a barn in Sealy, and give both Precincts some drainage. The owners are wanting \$25,000 an acre.

Per Commissioner Rinn, need a plan before spending money. Need a planning committee.

Per Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Lamp on committee. Commissioner Lamp suggests to get foreman in each Precinct together to create a committee.

Per Commissioner Rinn, Precinct 2 barn roof needs repair. Per Commissioner Lamp, Precinct 1 needs office space. Per Commissioner Reed, Precinct 4 needs a barn.

4. Consideration and action to declare property at 20 South Holland as surplus and authorize sale.

This property is Agri-Life building. Per Commissioner Rinn, not in favor because County needs office space.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (3-1).

Commissioner Rinn opposed.

Order #19-300

5. Discussion and action regarding vehicle repairs for Constable Clark, Precinct 4.

Constable Clark needs increase in Budget for car repairs.

Pay car repairs not to exceed \$4,000 from 101-55310-127-Major repairs.

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

Order #19-301

6. Consideration and action to grant a Temporary Right of Way Permit to The City of Bellville, Texas for the installation of a utility/sewer tap in Precinct 2.

Motion to Grant: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #19-302

7. Consideration and action regarding the purchase of upgraded computers capable of running Windows 10 (mandated)

Per Greg Henry (Xpernet), will have to update computers before January 14, 2020. Need to purchase 20 new computers.

Pay for new computers not to exceed \$30,000 from 101-55310-127-Major repairs.

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

Order #19-303

8. Consideration and action to approve Revised Commissioner Court Meetings for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

December 23, 2019 is a County holiday. Commissioner Court will meet December 20, 2019.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #19-304

9. Consideration and action to adopt Holiday Calendar for 2020

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #19-305

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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #19-306

11. Discussion regarding TAC Safety Training and action as appropriate.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), tentatively set up October 22, 2019 with TAC for Road and Bridge heavy equipment operation safety training at the Courthouse.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-307

12. Consideration and action to approve four Right-Of-Ways for the purpose of Steel Pipe installation by Vulcan Construction Materials on Cunningham Road, Precinct 4.

- a. carrying Aggregate/Slurry
- b. carrying 2716 KVA Electric
- c. carrying Water
- d. carrying Aggregate/Slurry

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-308

13. Consideration and action to authorize one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide one 7 acre parcel, and one 2 acre parcel from 44.52 acres of property of Jackson Road, Precinct 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-309

14. Consideration and action to authorize the appointment of Election Judges and Election Clerks for the 2020-2022 term.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-310

15. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

- a. Payment of Claims

John Deere Financial should be \$2,024.18. Will correct. Adjusted total=\$333,771.78.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-311

- b. Budget Amendments
- c. County Auditor's review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (Auditor), barely hanging in with our budget.

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

- a. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – July 2019

- b. Texas AgriLife Extension – July 2019
 - i. CEA – AG
 - ii. CEA – FCH

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-312

17. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-313

Court adjourned at 10:10 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 August 26, 2019.**



Date: September 12, 2019

Carrie Gregor

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

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COUNTY CLERK
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