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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

September 9, 2019, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement 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

5:04 P.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amend agenda item #3 to say consider and action to ratify instead of grant. Remove item #9.

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

Order #19-316

9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

Public hearing commenced at 9:02 a.m.

B. H. Riefkohl, Linda Niehuus, and Mario Martinez addressed the Court with regard to how the proposed tax rate would affect citizens on a fixed income, increase in tax rate, and citizens 65 and over.

Public hearing ended 9:10 a.m.

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

2. **Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**
 - a. **S.O. / Jail**
 - b. **Justice Center**
 - c. **EMS**
 - d. **Road and Bridge**

Kenneth Burns (Burns Architect) updated the Court on County buildings.

The EMS building design is complete. Ready for Christiansen to go out for bids. TXDOT denied permit on driveway. Driveway has been there for a long time. Driveway is within 400ft which is against TXDOT rules. Per Commissioner Reichardt usually can get a variance. TXDOT denied the permit one day after plans were released. Burns chose not to retract the plans. Wanted to get bidding process started so not to delay the project. Will need to work it out with TXDOT.

Plans for the Jail/S.O. will be complete by the end of September. Jail Commission takes 30 days to review plans. A water flow test is needed. Demolition for old part of Jail will be done in two phases.

Cost for Jail demolition is \$214,597.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-317

Still waiting on decision from TXDOT for Justice Center.

Road and Bridge waiting on bids on another bridge.

3. **Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way to Carr Resources for the installation of 3" Temporary Water Line along Mertz Lane in Precinct 2**

Motion to Ratify: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-318

4. **Consideration and action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County to provide a Regional Public defender for Capital Cases**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-319

5. **Review and discussion regarding 2019-2020 Compensation Order.**

6. **Consideration and action to approve 2019-2020 Time Sheet Calendar**
 - a. **Sunday - Saturday**
 - b. **Saturday – Friday**

Will come back to this.

7. **Consideration and action to approve revised Personnel Action Form**
8. **Discussion regarding Road and Bridge bids and action as appropriate**
 - a. **Road Materials/Gravel**
 - b. **Hauling (Road Materials)**
 - c. **Asphalts, Liquid Asphalts, Emulsions and Dust Control**
 - d. **Corrugated Culverts**
 - e. **HDPE Culvert Pipe**
 - f. **Concrete/Cement**
 - g. **Fuel (Gasoline & Diesel)**
 - h. **Surface Treatments, Asphalt Laydown and Asphalt Milling**

Accept all bids.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #320

10. Discussion regarding County Feral Hog Grant and action as appropriate.

Frank Monk addressed the Court with regard to Mill Creek Water Shed Protection Plan and is in favor of County Feral Hog program.

Per Commissioner Reed found a \$20,000 grant the County can apply for to assist County Feral Hog program.

Apply for grant.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-321

#6 continued.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-322

#7 continued.

When raise is given it becomes effective first day of the next pay period. If it comes at the end of the Budget, it is effective first pay period of new Budget year.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-323

11. Discussion regarding county wide burn ban and action as appropriate.

Burn ban is on.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-324

12. Discussion and action regarding entry level hourly rate of pay for potential new hire for Administrator/Reporter – County Court at Law Office.

Judge Daniel W. Leedy addressed the Court with regard to higher starting pay for Administrator/Reporter position.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-325

13. Discussion and action to appoint an Austin County Commissioner to serve as representative of the court for all special services districts.

Court recommended Commissioner Rinn.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, failed (0-4).

Commissioner Rinn currently sits on five committees.

Court nominated Commissioner Reichardt with Commissioner Reed as alternate.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-326

14. 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 05, 2019**
 - ii. **August 12, 2019**
- b. **Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for EMS employee to carry over 30 hours of unused vacation hours**
- c. **Consideration and action to ratify Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program Resolution 2020**

Pull b.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-327

b.

Use 30 hours of vacation by end of September.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt. Motion dies for a lack of a 2nd.

Use 30 hours of vacation by October 28, 2019.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #19-328

15. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #19-329

b. Budget Amendments

c. County Auditor's review of finances

d. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report

1. 08.30.2019

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-330

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

a. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 – July 2019

b. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – August 2019

c. Constable Precinct 2 – August 2019

d. Constable Precinct 4 – July 2019

e. Library System – August 2019

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #19-331

17. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #19-332*

Court adjourned at 10:23 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 9, 2019.**



Date: September 18, 2019

Carrie Gregor

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

FILED

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COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS