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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

October 12, 2020, 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

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 Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-360

1. **Proclamations and Special Recognitions.**
 - a. **Czech American Heritage Month**
 - b. **German American Heritage Month**

Motion to Proclaim: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #20-361

- c. **Weatherization Day – Combined Community Action**

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

Order #20-362

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

Per Judge Lapham, bars can open and hospital capacity can increase on October 14th. There is an exemption to mandatory mask order if less than 20 new cases over the last fourteen days. The County has met that requirement. Started paperwork Friday, will complete today. If business has signage at entrance requiring to wear mask, must comply.

Per Commissioner Lamp, road signs are being shot. Please be aware of where shots end up and stop shooting signs.

3. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate.
a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$427,151.19

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed

Commissioner Lamp asked if motion could be amended to include item #7, if approved.

Judge Lapham asked Commissioner Reichardt to amend his motion to include item #7.

Amended motion to approve contingent upon item #7 being approved.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-363

b. Budget Amendments

#2 – roll over LEOSE funds. #3 – bring forward education allocations for Constable, Pct 3 and 4.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-364

c. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), 16% remaining for 2019-2020 budget.

d. County Treasurer

- i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report – 10.09.2020**
- ii. Monthly Treasurers Report – September 2020**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-365

4. Discussion and action to set Public Hearing regarding name change of road from Malinowski Lane to Ellis Ridge Estates Lane, Pct 2

Set Public Hearing for October 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to Set: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-366

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

Sheriff's office is coming along. Roof is on the Justice Center. EMS station in Sealy is moving along. Generator has been moved. There is no completion date for EMS station in Sealy, Justice Center should be complete in 10-11 months. Commissioner Rinn asked Judge Lapham about imperfections at Wendt Street. Per Judge Lapham, no one has done a walk thru.

6. Open Bids on Surplus S.O. Building and action as appropriate.

The only bid was from Tim Lapham for \$20,000. Per Judge Lapham it will be back on the Tax Roll.

Motion to Award: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-367

7. Discussion and action to purchase (2) 140H Caterpillar Motor Graders, Precinct 1

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-368

8. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide a 1.0205 acre tract from a 2.041 acre tract of land on Skull Creek Road, Precinct 2

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-369

9. Discussion regarding OpenGov and action as appropriate.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor) contract is 5 years, includes use of Austin County name, 3% credit card processing fee and 90 day warranty. If for any reason County has to sue, must be filed in California.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-370

10. Discussion to set 2020-2021 Certificate pay and action as appropriate

Motion to Set: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-371

11. Discussion regarding drainage easement at 906 South Fowlkes Street, Sealy, Texas, and action as appropriate

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-372

12. Consideration and action to approve grant administration services amendment 1 between Austin County and GrantWorks, Inc. in reference to GLO Contract Number 20-066-002-B957.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-373

13. **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 accept a grant in the amount of \$5,213.32 from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for (14) Watch Tour Stations to include ancillary equipment and installation.
 - b. Consideration and action to accept a donation to E.M.S. in the amount of \$500 from the City of Brazos Country.
 - c. Consideration and action to reappoint Tim Lapham to the Houston-Galveston Area Council / Board of Directors.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-374

14. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.
 - i. Jail Population Report – September 2020
 - ii. Justice of the Peace – September 2020
 1. Pct 2
 2. Pct 3

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-375

Court recessed at 9:36 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Real Estate Matter

Court reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

15. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

16. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Flu shots tomorrow at Wendt Street building.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-376

Court adjourned at 10:12 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 October 12, 2020.**



Date: October 21, 2020

Carrie Gregor

**Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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