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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

November 23, 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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-409

- 1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.**
- 2. Discussion and action regarding new hire of AgriLife Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent.**

Don Montemayor (AgriLife agent) not present yet. Will return.

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

Per Kenneth Burns (Burns Architecture), all three building projects are progressing very well. Sealy EMS building is almost complete. Currently working on furniture and audio/video packages.

Judge Lapham presented bollard estimates for Wendt Street building. Bellville Tube will donate pipes. CJ Fencing & More LLC will install 19 4.5" bollards for \$4,560.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-410

Per Judge Lapham, AC still not repaired at Wendt Street. Will follow up.

4. Discussion and action regarding Austin County Radio System Improvements.

911 District will purchase console. Per Al Cordeiro (Communications), need interlocal agreement with 911 District. Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney) will draw up agreement. Contract needs to be signed.

Authorize Judge Lapham to sign Purchase Agreement for the Sealy console. 911 District is paying for consoles for Sealy and Sheriff's Office 4th Station.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-411

5. Discussion and action regarding countywide phone systems.

Switch to Voice Over Internet Phones due to high phone bills. Switching eliminates long distance bills. Includes five year maintenance plan. Will switch from copper to fiber. Fiber is more reliable. Per Greg Henry (Xpernet), there is a huge discount for purchasing before December 31, 2020. Seventy-five people can be on the phone at the same time and can expand.

Phone system will cover Justice Center, Jail and EMS.

Approve \$161,763.05 with \$450.00 IntelPeer monthly recurring cost paid from 101-54525-115 Repairs/Replacement, 101-55310-127 Major Repairs/Co. Bldg, Bond funds, if possible, and give Judge Lapham authority to sign documents

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-412

Item #2 continued.

Per Don Montemayor (AgriLife Agent), Stacy Villarreal will begin working in Austin County on December 1, 2020 at the budgeted salary.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-413

6. Discussion regarding renewal of service agreement with VoiceProducts Services, LLC and action as appropriate.

Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-414

7. Consideration and action to declare patrol vehicles as surplus:
a. 2016 Chevy Tahoe VIN: 1GNLCDEC2GR234743

b. Ford Crown Vic VIN: 1FAFP71V28X163079)

Sheriff's office will take vehicles to Switzer Auction.

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-415

8. Discussion regarding upgrade to incode RMS and action as appropriate.

Need Client Access and Desktop licenses.

Purchase software Client Access Licenses from 101-55758-127 Financial System and Desktop licenses from CARES Act funds not to exceed \$16,000.

Motion to Upgrade: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-416

9. Presentation by Scott Wallace and action as appropriate regarding health insurance.

Renewing with Toyko Marine will save the County funds on upcoming medical claims.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-417

10. Consideration and action to authorize Superheavy or Oversized Bond, in the amount of \$1,020,700.00, for the following Pct 2 Roads: (Commissioner Rinn)

- a. Garlin Road
- b. Pilcik Road
- c. Schoenau Road
- d. Shelby Road
- e. Spiess Road
- f. Thielemann Road
- g. Wittner Road
- h. Zetter Road

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-418

11. Consideration and action to accept Road Usage Bond from IRONROC Energy Partners, LLC Precinct 2 Roads: (Commissioner Rinn)

- a. Garlin Road
- b. Pilcik Road
- c. Schoenau Road
- d. Shelby Road
- e. Spiess Road
- f. Thielemann Road

- g. Wittner Road**
- h. Zetter Road**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-419

- 12. Consideration and action to approve Pipeline Agreement with IRONROC Energy Partners, LLC for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, laying, operating, and/or repairing pipelines utilized for the transportation of liquids or gaseous materials along the right of ways and/or under the following Precinct 2 Roads: (Commissioner Rinn)**
 - a. Garlin Road**
 - b. Shelby Road**
 - c. Spiess Road**
 - d. Wittner Road**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-420

- 13. Consideration and action to authorize Bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 (each) for the purpose of pipeline crossing for the following Pct 2 Roads: (Commissioner Rinn)**
 - a. Garlin Road**
 - b. Shelby Road**
 - c. Spiess Road**
 - d. Wittner Road**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-421

- 14. Consideration and action to authorize Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Blinn College and Austin County EMS.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-422

- 15. Consideration and action regarding preliminary plat for West Hills Subdivision.**

Grant variance of lot length.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-423

Approve Preliminary Plat for West Hills Subdivision.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-424

16. **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. **November 09, 2020**
 - ii. **November 13, 2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-425*

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

Will return.

18. **Written reports submitted by County Offices.**
- i. **Justice of the Peace, Pct 2 – October 2020**
 - ii. **Constable, Pct 4 – October 2020**
 - iii. **Extension Office**
 - 1. **CEA-4H and Youth Development – October 2020**
 - 2. **CEA-FCH – June 2020, July 2020, August 2020, September 2020, October 2020**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-426*

19. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

- 17d. **County Treasurer**
- i. **Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
 - 1. **11.13.2020**
 - 2. **11.20.2020**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #20-427*

- ii. **Monthly Treasurer's Report – October**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #20-428*

#17a continued.

Add Christensen Building Group for \$286,501.64. Total =\$2,496,991.62

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #20-429

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), County is doing good.

Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #20-430

Court adjourned at 10:33 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 November 23, 2020.**



Date: December 3, 2020
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