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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

March 22, 2021 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
Leroy Cerny, 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

Item #10 remove a and b. Also, it should read approve proposal for professional engineering services on West Ueckert Road.

Approve as amended.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-85

1. Public Hearing regarding Subdivision Regulations

Public Hearing commenced at 9:05 a.m.

James Schroeder, Juan "Jay" Aguado, Patrick Klecka, Gene Svobda, Debbie Reichardt, and Court discussed their concerns with regard to subdivision regulations.

Public Hearing closed at 9:34 a.m.

2. Action as appropriate from Public Hearing

Judge Lapham proposed to remove language about Flag Lots from page 3 and page 29.

Approve subdivision regulation changes with two sentences struck out.

*Motion to Approve: Judge Lapham, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (3-1).
Commissioner Rinn opposed.*

Order #21-86

3. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Jesse Byler recommended the Court hire an in-house engineer as it would be beneficial to the County.

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

Continue #3.

Cory Noska with Texas Documents Solutions of College Station can supply copiers, fax machines and printers. Another option available to service County. Can buy out current leases too.

Continue #4.

Per Commissioner Reed, Justice of the Peace office coming along pretty good. Currently waiting on electrical.

Per Commissioner Rinn, air conditioning in Wendt St building going well. Need to do a final walk thru of building.

5. Discussion regarding Trinicom Communications contract to replace AT&T fax lines and action as appropriate.

Per Brandon Hoff (Austin County IT), he is investigating ways to save the County money. Currently have 19 fax lines. Looking to go to from land line to internet. One time fee for hardware \$1,710.27. There would only be one bill for County. Once able to enter Server Room, will begin to roll out digital phones.

Approve to proceed with Trinicom Communications contract.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-87

6. Discussion to increase bandwidth with Atron Solutions and action as appropriate.

Per Brandon Hoff (Austin County IT), will need to increase bandwidth. Contract is for a five-year term. Will continue to use Industry as a backup.

Motion to Increase: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order#21-88

7. Discussion regarding Mitel service contract for Wendt Street and action as appropriate.

Per Brandon Hoff (Austin County IT), will save 15% per year going to a 5-year contract.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-89

8. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding road construction projects.

Per Commissioner Reed, projects are coming along. Tomlinson and Tower are complete. Working on Klopstedt. Tiff grant moving forward with Bartlett Road.

Per Commissioner Rinn, waiting on proposal.

Per Commissioner Lamp, still working on bridge projects.

Per Commissioner Cerny, met with Jerry Wakefield from Colorado County with regard to Kulow Road. Will get bids soon.

9. Discussion and action to accept donation deed(s) from Jack W Brandes and Alfred Hall for bridge replacement project on Grubbs Road / Steck Bottom Road, Pct. 1

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-90

- 10. Discussion and action to accept bid proposal for: (Commissioner Rinn)**
- a. Bridge on Emshoff Road**
 - b. Bridge on Shelby Road**
 - c. Rehabilitation of West Ueckert Road**

Approve proposal for engineering services from Jones and Carter for rehabilitation of Ueckert Road.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-91

11. Discussion and action to accept Eli Road in Creekwood Subdivision as a new county road for county road system.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-92

12. Consideration and action to purchase hog trap with 2021 Feral Hog Grant funds.

Per Commissioner Reed, received grant for \$11,000.00. Would like to purchase a small trailer to transport trap when needed.

Approve purchase of hog trap.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-93

13. Discussion regarding upcoming Tire Recycle Event and action as appropriate.

Tire Recycling event will take place on April 9 – 10, 2021. On April 9th, Precinct 2 will be held at New Ulm property, Precinct 3 and 4 will be held at Lux Road and FM 1094. Will not accept tires with rims. On April 10th, all locations will take tires and Precinct 1 will be at County Barn. All locations will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Paid for by grant funds.

No action.

14. Discussion and regarding dispatch/CAD issues and action as appropriate.

Per Walter Morrow (EMS Director), follow up on CAD system. Court previously approved NDTs. Ran into an issue with the update. EMS personnel were able to see CJIS information if they were responding to the same call as the Sheriff's Office. Had to shut down NDT's. Issues have been resolved. NDTs will go live April 6, 2021.

No action.

15. Discussion regarding moving the production of address signs and street signs to the County Judge's Office in lieu of the 911 Office and action as appropriate.

Production of address signs and street signs was moved to County Judge's office in Courthouse. 911 may need to pay County to make address signs. Nothing has been found that states 911 has to make signs.

No action.

16. Open Bids for surplus S.O. Building and action as appropriate.

No bids were received.

No action.

17. Discussion regarding CRF funding distribution and action as appropriate.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), will reimburse Tobacco funds \$23,399.38 given to Bellville Medical Center and \$2,713.43 Federal funds for overtime for Sheriff's Office. Remaining CRF funds is \$942,562.48.

No action.

Court recessed at 10:56 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

18. Discussion regarding additional invoice for transition to Incode RMS System and action as appropriate.

Donald Darracq (Sheriff's Office), explained the cost increase for version 12 Net Motion licenses.

David Watson (Sheriff's Office), explained all agencies go through dispatch. The agencies that use Net Motion can see all dispatch notes as dispatch receives information. This helps in accessing situations on calls throughout the County.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-94*

19. Discussion regarding repairs to West End Library / Pct. 2 Building and action as appropriate.

No action.

20. Discussion and action to approve right of way installation by San Bernard Electric on Clens Road, Pct. 2.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-95*

21. 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. February 22, 2021

- ii. **March 08, 2021**
- b. **Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Lance Johnson, County Constable, Pct. 1, to be held May 25 - 28, 2021, Virtual.**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Brandy Robinson, Assistant District Attorney, to be held April 12 - May 31, 2021, Virtual.**
- d. **Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Benjamin Nystrom, Assistant District Attorney, to be held April 12 - May 31, 2021, Virtual.**
- e. **Consideration and action to approve Agreement for Temporary Access between Allen Parsons (Shelby Rd @ Dogwood Creek) and Austin County, Precinct 2**
- f. **Consideration and action to approve Agreement for Temporary Access between David Weinert (Shelby Rd) and Austin County, Precinct 2**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-96

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

Add ICS for \$4,035 line item 101-54555-128. Total = \$1,030,743.94

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #21-97

- b. **Budget Amendments**

#59 moving COVID funds forward.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-98

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), still staying within our budget.

- d. **County Treasurer's**
 - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report 03.12.2021**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #21-99

ii. Monthly Treasurer's Report – February, 2021

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-100*

- 23. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
a. District Court – February 2021
b. County Court – February 2021

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #21-101*

24. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Lamp, found out more information about moving the powerline on Nelius Road.

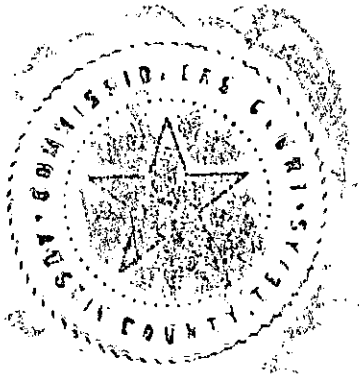
Per Judge Lapham, received an official notification Austin County may receive vaccines for 750 individuals 65 and older. Need 750 names of citizens 65 or older.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #21-102*

Court adjourned at 11:33 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 March 22, 2021.**



Date: April 1, 2021

Carrie Gregor

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

By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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