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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

April 25, 2022 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

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-162

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions**
 - a. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-163

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

Per Judge Lapham, AgriLife is having a Feral Hog Control meeting on May 3, 2022 at Cat Spring Hall from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. by April 25, 2022, meal provided.

Henry Duebbe spoke with regard to lack of maintenance on N. Korthauer Lane.

- 3. Open bids for Austin County Annex project and action as appropriate.**

Will come back.

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

Per Judge Lapham, most offices moved in last week and it went pretty smooth. Justice Center had an issue with holding cells due to lack of communication between Kenney Burns (Burns Architect), Jail Commission and Inspector.

Per Commissioner Lamp, Contractor will be out this week to begin on retention pond fence and back gate.

Commissioner Reed asked about the EMS building. Per Judge Lapham, there is a hold up due the ground for foundation. Same kind of dirt issue as with the Justice Center. Judge Lapham doesn't have plans for the building yet.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), there is a want list for offices at Justice Center. Need lock box for money drop, computers, scanners, monitors and printers. County Court at Law will need a stenograph which is about \$5,000. Probably can pay most from Court Reporter fund. Most items can be purchased from other fund lines instead of bond funds which are running out or General Fund which is running pretty thin. Postage Machine needed as well. Per Judge Lapham, when he met with group last year, he thought that they were handling it, but they didn't. Marcy Grimes (District Clerk Deputy) will get information for the postage machine.

Commissioner Reed has trash cans Commissioner King purchased years ago available to use. Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), need more trash cans throughout the hallway.

Continue with #3.

Received bid from XXL Construction for front conference room \$12,068, large conference room \$8,900 and small conference room \$10,720 and Shellback Construction, LLC for \$28,468. Will come back.

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

Commissioner Reed, continuing with routine maintenance. Concerned with price increase for materials.

Commissioner Cerny received call from Jerry Wakefield this morning, should start on Kulow Bridge in two weeks. Doing routine maintenance.

Commissioner Rinn, doing routine maintenance. Waiting on limestone to come in, used up stockpile. Waiting to get start date for two bridges.

Commissioner Lamp, waiting to have all the land needed for Woodley Road Bridge. Doing routine maintenance. Has survey of land for Korthauser Road. Spoke with guardian of the estate to request additional 12' for utility right-of-way, drainage and more width for the road.

Guardian concerned she may not represent the estate well by donating the land. Employee checking erosion every week. Has three bridge projects, Kiemsteadt, Woodley and Nelius.

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), vendors increasing prices and not abiding by the bid project. Majority of counties are rebidding. If Commissioners decide to rebid, it will shut County Commissioners down for 30 days or more. Won't be able to purchase anything. According to Waller County, prices have increased 21% over last year. Will speak with TAC Legal and get back with Commissioners.

6. Consideration regarding allowing a private vendor to set up on county property.

Per Kimberly Benjamin (Deputy County Clerk), previously with AgriLife, scheduled R & R Shaved Ice for County employees on May 13th. Would need Commissioners Court approval for company to set up on County property. Employees would pay for their own treats. Billy Doherty (County Auditor) stated he would get with TAC and bring information back to Court at the next Court date.

7. Discussion and action to amend Compensation Order adding "Deputy Cadet" to panel classifications.

Sheriff's Office would like to add Deputy Cadet above Deputy 1 to Compensation Order. This allows Sheriff's Office to pay employees to attend Police Academy. Would like to require Deputy Cadet's to sign a letter of intent to remain with Austin County Sheriff's Office for a specific amount of time. Once training is over, will move to Deputy 1.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, motion dies for a lack of a second.

Sheriff's Office will get with Jesse Skinner (Assistant District Attorney) for required wording. Will bring back to court.

No action.

8. Discussion and action to solicit bids for a building to house communication equipment for Wallis Tower.

Go out for bids for Wallis Tower. Bids due May 20th, open May 23rd. Bids will come to County Judge's office.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order#22-164

9. Discussion regarding culvert permit application and action as appropriate.

Court discussed changes to culvert permit application.

Will come back.

10. **Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to divide an 8.823 acre tract into 4 tracts (3-2acre tracts, 1-2.823 acre tract) on FM 1456, Precinct 1.**

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-165

11. **Discussion and action regarding posting of notice of meetings of Austin County Commissioner's Court.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #22-166

Continue with #4.

Billy Doherty (County Auditor) let the Court know per Brandon Hoff (County IT) having an issue with bandwidth. Will have Brandon come explain.

Will come back.

12. **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. **April 11, 2022**
 - b. **Consideration and action to ratify Right of Way installation by Industry Telephone Company on Tranquil Lane, Pct. 2**
 - c. **Consideration and action to accept special donation to Austin County S.O. per Local Government Code 81.032 in the amount of \$250.00**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-167

Court recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

Continued with #4.

Per Brandon Hoff (County IT), need to increase broad band to accommodate additional offices using it.

Approve increase of bandwidth from 100m to 500m at Wendt Street and 500m to 1g at Tower.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-168

Continue with #3.

Award to Shellback Construction for Wendt Street building repairs.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-169

Continue with #9.

No action.

13. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.
a. Payment of Claims

Total = \$270,725.46.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-170

b. Fund Transfers

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-171

Continue with 13a.

Add invoice for Way Services for \$1,020.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-172

c. Budget Amendments

Amendment #41 – #46.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-173

d. County Auditor's Review of finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), budget at 42%.

e. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report

1. 04.22.2022

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #22-174*

- 14. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - a. **District Court – March 2022**
 - b. **County Court, Civil and Family – March 2022**
 - c. **Constable, Pct. 2 – March 2022**
 - d. **AgriLife – March 2022**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #22-175*

15. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Commissioner Reed thanked the other Commissioners for help with the concrete.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #22-176*

Court adjourned at 10:59 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 April 25, 2022.**



Date: May 2, 2022
Carrie Gregor
 Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
 Clerk of Commissioners Court
 Austin County, Texas
 By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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