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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

January 9, 2023 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd floor Courtroom 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 Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-4

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Commissioner Reed advised to be cautious when burning trash.

2. Introduction of new EMS Assistant Chief.

Chief Walter Morrow (EMS Director) introduced Rhonda Ritchie (new EMS Assistant Chief).

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

Per Commissioner Reed, pouring concrete slab for Wallis EMS station tomorrow.

Commissioner Rinn will be going to Industry City Council on Wednesday.

Per Commissioner Lamp, has not seen any stakes. Will call architect to find out status.

Chief Walter Morrow (EMS Director), brought the Court's attention to an invoice from Bluebonnet Electric for single phase power for \$32,894.

Per Commissioner Lamp, on the property County owns, State wants to retain lease on newer lean-to truck shed to store equipment. The issue with this is County gave twelve acres of land to the State to work from. It will be hard to explain this to taxpayers. There are some other properties the State could possibly use. Setting up meeting with State to discuss lean-to. State will eventually have to move because it is for the best of the County.

Per Sheriff Brandes, received word scale is being moved on Wednesday. Scale should be fully operational by end of January to mid-February depending on the power.

4. Discussion and action regarding proposed lease agreement for 856 West Main Street, Bellville.

Per Judge Lapham, received proposal from Republican Party to lease building for \$1,000 per year. Party will be responsible for everything else.

Per Chuck Beers, will hold meetings in building. Will have to put an ADA ramp to front porch.

Approve lease proposal.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-5

5. Consideration and action to accept executed interlocal Law Enforcement Agreements for FY 2022-2023

- a. Bellville
- b. San Felipe
- c. Sealy
- d. Wallis
- e. Sealy ISD

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-6

6. Presentation of Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and action as appropriate.

Per Sheriff Jack Brandes, jail passed inspection.

No action.

7. Discussion regarding purchase of vehicles for S.O. and action as appropriate.

Purchase Tahoe for Sheriff's office and Sheriff's office will pay for upfitting.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).

Order #23-7

8. Discussion and action to authorize a one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations to subdivide a 2.42 parent tract into two 1.21 acre tracts on Warner Road, Pct.2.

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

Order #23-8

9. Discussion, consideration, and selection of engineering services related to construction of pipeline and action as appropriate.

Pipeline construction committee recommends Strand & Associates for engineering services for pipeline.

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

Order #23-9

10. Discussion regarding 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Engineering Service Provider proposals and Grant Administration qualification and action as appropriate.

Proposals received from Weishuhn Engineering, Inc., Doucet & Associates, Inc., Langford Community Management Services, and GrantWorks. Received two for engineering services and two for administration. Selection committee will be Commissioner Cerny, Commissioner Lamp and Shannon Hannath (Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant).

Per Commissioner Lamp, grant funds are funds received from Federal, State and other sources. Shannon Hanath (Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant) has done an excellent job at acquiring these funds for the County. Per Commissioner Reed, well over 50 million has been acquired.

11. Discussion and action to appoint members to Austin County Historical Commission.

Bryan McAuley is President of Austin County Historical Commission. Add Mike Vance to list of members.

Motion to Appoint: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).

Order #23-10

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. **December 12, 2022**
 - ii. **December 12, 2022 - EMS Workshop**
 - iii. **December 19, 2022 - CDBG Workshop**
 - b. **Consideration and action to accept Agreement for temporary access between Boyd Spiess and Austin County, Pct. 2**
 - c. **Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$40.00 to Austin County Pct. 2 per Local Government Code 81.032:**
 - d. **Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$100 to Austin County EMS from St Mary's Society #47 per Local Government Code 81.032**
 - e. **Consideration and action to appoint Edson Daniel Dronberger to ESD #3 board. for a 2 year term**
 - f. **Consideration and action to re-appoint Leroy Cerny to Combined Community Action Board for a 1 year term.**
 - g. **Consideration and action to accept 2022 Racial Profiling Report from SO**
 - h. **Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Bryan Haevischer, County Treasurer, to be held April 17 - 20, 2023 in San Marcos, Texas**

Per Commissioner Rinn, pull c.

Approve a. – b., d.-h.

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

Order #23-11

Per Commissioner Rinn, Road and Bridge employee bladed a road. A lady left \$40 on the blader for the employee. County employees cannot accept tips so giving it as a donation to Pct. 2.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).

Order #23-12

13. **Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.**

a. **Payment of Claims**

Total = \$543,264.78.

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

Order #23-13

Add Bluebonnet Electric for \$32,894.67 from fund 123 for EMS fund Industry.

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

Order #23-14

b. Fund Transfers

Transfer to pay \$1,280 to Catherine Cordeiro for professional services.

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

Order #23-15

Transfer to pay Accounts Payable.

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

Order #23-16

c. Budget Amendments

#3 – #11.

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

Order #23-17

d. County Auditor's Review of Finances

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), a few line items are negative, but overall staying within budget constraints.

e. County Treasurer

i. Payroll and Escrow Report

1. 12.30.2022
2. 01.05.2023

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

Order #23-18

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

- i. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 and Pct. 4 - December 2022
- ii. Jail Report - December 2022
- iii. Constable, Pct. 4 - November 2022
- iv. Constable, Pct. 1 & 4 - December 2022

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

Order #23-19

Court recessed at 10:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

1 Personnel Matter – County Clerk

Court reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

15. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

16. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

Per Commissioner Rinn, Wakefield started on Shelby Road bridge. They have 90 days to complete. Will move to Emshoff Road bridge.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-20*

Court adjourned at 11:00 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 January 9, 2023.



Date: January 20, 2023
Carrie Gregor
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Andrea Cardenas, Deputy

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COUNTY CLERK
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