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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

May 8, 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, County Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING
CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Remove item #6.

Adopt amended agenda.

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-151

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Kim Rinn (County Tax Assessor – Collector) addressed the Court with regard to May 6, 2023 election results.

Thanked Commissioners Reed and Lamp for drop – off and pickup.

David Wendt addressed the Court with regard to bridge on Coshatte Road.

2. Presentation and update of the Austin County HOA Program

Presentation by Theandra Curry with Meals on Wheels.

3. **Discussion regarding TxDOT Quitclaim Deed to Austin County, property at the intersection of Highway 36 and Loop 497.**

Per Judge Lapham, TxDot releasing easement to the County.

4. **Discussion regarding final plat for South Fork Subdivision and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-152

5. **Consideration and action to approve a new hire pay rate for an employee in the County Clerk's office that exceeds the maximum new hire rate in the compensation order.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-153

7. **Discussion regarding the sale of fireworks, per Local Government Code 352.051, and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-154

8. **Open Depository Bids**

Per Bryan Haevischer (County Treasurer), First National Bank of Bellville, only bidder.

9. **Discussion and action regarding an advance payment to Rapid Fund for juror payment cards.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-155

10. **Discussion and action to purchase an ID Card Printer out of 101-55754-127.**

Approve \$1,495.

Motion to Purchase: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-156

11. **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 ratify Austin County Library System Long Range Plan 2022-2027.**

- b. Consideration and action to approve required schooling application for Benjamin Nystrom, Assistant DA, to be held August 30 - September 1, 2023 On-line
- c. Approval of minutes:
 - i. March 22, 2023
 - ii. March 27, 2023
 - iii. April 10, 2023
- d. Consideration and action to accept the following Donation(s) to Knox Memorial Library for summer reading program.
 - i. \$200.00- Check# 7197
 - ii. \$100.00 - Check# 1782
 - iii. \$100.00- Check# 02095201
 - iv. \$150.00- Check# 22427
- e. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way installation by Enhanced Energy Partners on Oilfield Road, Pct. 1
- f. Consideration and action to approve Right-of-Way installation by AT&T on Eli Road, Pct. 1
- g. Consideration and action to accept Agreement for temporary Access between Kenneth & Dena Janish and Austin County, Pct. 2
- h.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-157*

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

Total = \$313,511.03

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-158*

- b. Fund Transfers

\$18,150 – Doucet (grant), \$200,000 – OEBT, \$313,511.03 – Regular bills, and \$28.73 – Centerpoint Energy.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-159*

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

Per Billy Doherty (County Auditor), roughly 10% ahead. Will break even.

- e. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **March 2023**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-160

- ii. **Payroll and Escrow Report**
 - 1. **05.05.2023**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-161

- 13. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - i. **Court - March 2023**
 - 1. **District - Criminal**
 - 2. **District - Civil**
 - 3. **County - Family**
 - ii. **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3 & 4 - March 2023**
 - iii. **Jail - March 2023**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-162

Court recessed at 9:43 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1 Personnel Matter – Library**
- 2 Personnel Matter – JP 4**
- 3 Personnel Matter – EMS**

Court reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

- 14. **Action as appropriate on Executive Session.**

No action.

- 15. **Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

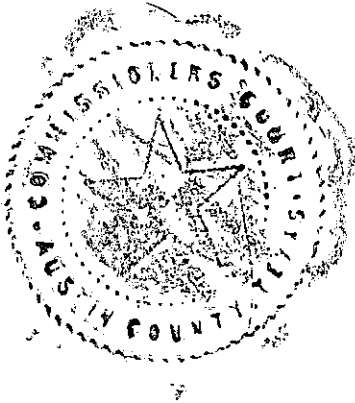
Commissioner Reed thanked Commissioners for helping with wrap material.

- Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
- Order #23-163

Court adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for May 8, 2023.



Date: June 11, 2023
Andrea Cardenas
Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas

FILED

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