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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

November 27, 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
Rebecca Thomas, Deputy County Clerk

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

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-734

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

Henry Schmidt spoke with regard to his County approval of a Railroad Agreement being removed from the agenda.

- 2. Presentation by Texas A&M Agrilife:**
- a. **Invitation to the District 11 Judges and Commissioners Conference on December 14, 2023**
 - b. **Invitation to the annual Austin County Leadership Advisory Board Social on January 11, 2024**
- 3. Discussion regarding holiday pay for regular part-time employees and action as appropriate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-735

4. **Discussion and action to approve payment of Rush Truck Center Invoices for Pct. 2.:**
 - a. **Invoice 1009-00517 - 2024 Peterbilt Model 567**
 - b. **Invoice 1009-00518 - 2024 Peterbilt Model 567**
 - c. **Invoice 1009-00519 - 2024 Peterbilt Model 567**

Each invoice is \$232,897.89 to be paid in full.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-736

5. **Discussion and action to accept Revised MetLife Renewal Rates. Renewal will remain at current rates through December 31, 2024**

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-737

6. **Consideration and action to approve purchase of a CAT 310 Track hoe, Pct. 4**

Total is \$165,729.67 to be paid in full.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0).
Order #23-738

7. **Discussion and action regarding Hazard Communication Program.**

Per Judge Lapham (County Judge), will bring back program policies for signing on December 11, 2023.

8. **Consideration and action to declare the following Pct. 4 equipment as surplus:**
 - a. **CAT 308 CCR Excavator**
 - b. **Shop fan (tag 03480)**

Motion to Declare: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-739

9. **Discussion regarding Austin County Investment Policy for FY 2023-2024 and action as appropriate**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-740

10. **Consideration and action to approve Resolution of Annual Review of Investment Policy of Austin County.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (-0).
Order #23-741

11. Discussion regarding Wendt Street Building and action as appropriate.

Advertise for bids to reconstruct parts already torn out.

1. Run in the paper starting the week of December 4, 2023.
2. Take questions through December 13, 2023 until noon.
3. Bids due in County Judges office December 15, 2023 by noon.
4. Open Bids 9:00 a.m. and award December 18, 2023 in special meeting.

Phase one is the large conference room. No work can be done between February 16 – March 6 due to early voting.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-742

12. Discussion and action regarding renewal of printer contract between Precision Printing and Pct. 2

Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-743

13. Discussion and action regarding proposed changes to subdivision regulations.

All subdivisions with 50 lots or more shall provide at minimum two means of ingress or egress. Boulevard entrances shall count as two unless that entrance is bisected by a railroad in that case it will count as one.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-744

14. Discussion and action to place a notice in the paper advertising for a public hearing on the revisions to the Austin County Subdivision/Development Regulations to be held January 8, 2024. The Commission plans to take action on approving revisions to the Subdivision/Development Regulation in regular session on January 22, 2024.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-745

15. Discussion and action to approve permit for plans and drainage calculations, as constructed for Three Bells Mission, LLC, a commercial development located at 2906 Cunningham Road, Wallis, Texas.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-746

16. **CONSENT AGENDA - Items listed are of a routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by a member of Commissioners Court.**

- a. **Consideration and action to accept special donation(s) to Austin County EMS per Local Government Code 81.032:**
 - i. **\$25 - Evelyn Kieke**
 - ii. **\$100 - Catholic Daughters of America (Wallis)**
- b. **Consideration and action to accept special donation of \$1435 from Austin County Peace Officers Association to Austin County S.O. per Local Government Code 81.032.**
- c. **Consideration and action to approve hiring an employee for County Clerk's Office at a rate above the respective introductory rate.**

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-747

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

- a. **Payment of Claims**

Regular Bills = \$681,988.00.

Precinct 2 - \$864,423.34 – 3 New Peterbilt \$232,897.89 each.

Precinct 4 - \$165,729.67 Track hoe.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-748

- b. **Fund Transfers**

\$66,000 for Road and Bridge Grant from line 350 to line 200.

\$2,699.79 for Employee Coverage from line 194 to line 101.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-749

- c. **Budget Amendments**

None

- d. **County Auditor's Review of Finances**

None.

- e. **County Treasurer**
 - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report Payroll & Escrow Report**
 - 1. 11.17.2023 - Regular Payroll
 - 2. 11.22.2023 – Longevity

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-750*

3. October 2023

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2nd Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).
Order #23-751*

- 18. **Written reports submitted by County Offices.**
 - a. **Statutory court - October 2023**
 - b. **TxDMV - October 2023**
 - c. **EMS - October**
 - d. **Extension Office**
 - i. **CEA-ANR – October 2023**
 - ii. **CEA-FCH – October 2023**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Cerny, 2nd Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).
Order #23-752*

19. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Lamp, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #23-753*

Court adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

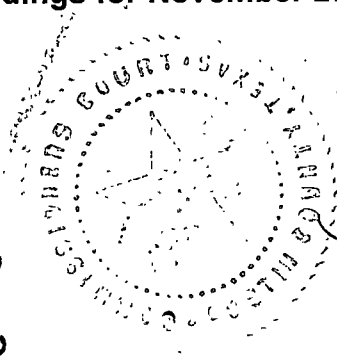
**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**I, Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners
Court proceedings for November 27, 2023.**

Date: December 13, 2023

**Andrea Cardenas, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas**

Rebecca Thomas
By: Rebecca Thomas



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Andrea Cardenas
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, CLERK