



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **February 25, 2013** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
Reese Turner, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Deborah Stewart, Deputy County Clerk

Opening – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledges of Allegiance
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order # 13-52

1. Petitions or Requests from the Public

None.

2. Transmittal of the minutes of the Court's meetings of January 1, 7, 14, & 28, 2013

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-53

3. Consideration and possible action to grant a variance from Subdivision Regulations for a 50 ft. driveway for Corliss Evelyn Maerz Mayfield located at 1085 FM 1457 in Precinct Two

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #13-54

4. Consideration and possible action to authorize Resolution opposing the passage of HB 958 which proposes to reduce the interest crediting rate on all TCDRS funds from 7% to 5%

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-55*

5. Activity report by Sheriff Brandes

Sheriff Brandes discussed renovations at Precinct 3 building in Sealy and activity report for January 2013.

6. Consideration and possible action to authorize hardship variance for Juvenile Probation Officer to carry over unused vacation hours earned in fiscal year 2011-2012 through March 1, 2013

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-56*

7. Consideration and possible action to accept peace officer documentation per Local Government Code 86.002(b) for Constable James Clark

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-57*

8. Consideration and possible action to authorize ammunition purchase for the constables from Traffic Fee account 110-010-0000 not to exceed \$300.00

Per Judge Bilski, freight was not added, round up to \$305.00 (not to exceed).

*Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #13-58*

Commissioner Turner asked Sheriff Brandes if there has been a problem getting ammunition due to Homeland Security and others stock piling?

Per Sheriff Brandes, there have been some issues. They are trying to have enough to keep deputies qualified. They have some on order, and hope to receive it soon.

Commissioner Turner asked if they should approve more money to buy in advance, to make sure there is enough ammunition?

Sheriff Brandes will research and get back with the court.

9. Consideration and possible action to accept donation for widening of County Road Ashorn Lane in Precinct 3 from William and Loma Hobson

This is a survey of 12 ft. more or less.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-59

10. Open bid proposals for scrap metal – scrap metal culverts – aluminum, and action as appropriate

There were no bids on proposals for scrap metal, scrap metal culverts and aluminum.

Per Judge Bilski, the scrap is declared as salvage and the Commissioners can dispose as they see fit.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).
Order #13-60

11. Consideration and possible action to replace printer in Auditor's Office not to exceed \$573.00

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #13-61

12. Consideration and action to approve first responder cooperation agreement between Austin County EMS and Sealy Fire Department

Updated and reviewed by Ron Dille, EMS.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-62

13. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims

Per Betty Jez, Auditor, need to add \$7,700.00 for Chaney & Chaney Accounting Services to be paid out of the Treasurer's account. Overflow will be deducted from Professional Services account.

Commissioner Turner voiced his concern with regard to \$200.00 per hour for this service when attorneys are \$150.00 per hour. He feels it's an excessive amount of money for the hours of service.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #13-63

b. Budget Amendments

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #13-64

c. County Auditor's and Treasurer's review of finances

None.

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

- a. Austin County Library System – January 2013
- b. County Court Monthly Report – January 2013
- c. Justice of The Peace, Precincts 1, 2, 3, & 4
- d. Constable, Precincts 1, 2, 3, & 4

15. Commissioners Court Inquiry

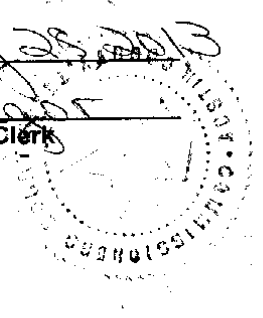
- Bluebonnet Groundwater meeting tonight at the Fairgrounds
- Travis Koehn/Contract review from EMS/MC – EMS Management & Consultants, Inc for new billing services

Court adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the accuracy of the record of the
Commissioners Court proceedings for February 25, 2013.

Date: February 28, 2013
Carrie Gregor
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Deborah Stewart, Deputy



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