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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**March 24, 2025** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Courtroom at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Greg Mikel, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Leroy Cerny, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Chip Reed, Commissioner Reed, Precinct 4  
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk  
Adilene Juarez, Deputy 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 Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-94**

**1. Petitions or Requests from the public**

Frank Monk informed the court of completion of two prescribed burns on his Gamma Grass Property. Frank stated there were no breached fire breaks.

**2. Consideration and action to approve Disaster Declaration relating to border security.**

Lieutenant Donald Darracq (Sheriff Office) presented resolution of counties for approval of ratification of Disaster Declaration.

Judge Lapham and Sheriff Brandes emphasized that this will take place in the county jail only with a criminal charge prior to booking.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-95**

**3. Consideration and action to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Austin County (Warrant Service Officer Program)**

Lieutenant Donald Darracq (Sheriff Office) presented the memorandum of agreement to court and requested approval. Austin County Jailers will be certified and trained at no cost to check ICE status during booking process. This will only effect status that appear illegal during booking of other criminal offense.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-96**

**4. Consideration and action to release bonds and accept roadways of Sempronius Subdivision**

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) advised that walk through is complete and meets all requirements recommending court to release any bonds.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Mikel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-97**

**5. Consideration and action to release bonds and accepts roadways of West Hill**

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) provided two options to release to private road and release bond: 1) Require HOA to assume maintenance. 2) Accept the main road to the mailbox not affected by the drainage. Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) recommends accepting straightaway road to the mailbox.

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) stated a letter was wrote a year ago addressing the drainage issue. Judge Lapham confirmed that Commissioner Rinn received this letter in regards to drainage issues.

Judge Lapham and Commissioners voted to adopt Randi Rd of West Hill.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-98**



**6. Consideration and action as appropriate regarding road construction on Rexville Road**

Todd Hayes (Resident) stated a subdivision was created on Rexville Road. Plans are being drawn to pave the roadway.

Judge Lapham requested to table this matter until next court session, to obtain more details and plans are finalized.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-99**

**7. Consideration and action to amend Southfork Ranch- Final Plat Sec #1**

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) stated the verbiage on the plat was incorrect and has been revised. Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) request to approve the Plat as presented.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-100**

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

- a. Consideration and action to approve Agreement for Temporary Access between Terry Witorik and Austin County, Industry Road Pct. 2
- b. Consideration and action to approve Agreement for Temporary Access between Heath and Brooke Durham and Austin County, Zettler Road Pct 2
- c. Approval of Minutes:
  - i. February 10,2025
- d. Consideration and action to accept AC inventory list/ generators
- e. Consideration and action to approve Required Schooling Application for Tara Wise, HR, to be held July 16-18, 2025 in Austin, Texas
- f. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from subdivision regulation to divide net 1 acre out of 4-acre tract on Catbird Lane, Pct 1
- g. Consideration and action to authorize a one-time variance from subdivision regulation to a 6.294-acre tract in two (2) 3.147-acre tracts on FM 1094, Pct. 2

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-101**

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

Total = \$952,721.48

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-102**

**b. Fund Transfers**

Total = \$444,847.24 (March 24,2025)

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-103**

**c. Budget Amendments**

No Budget Amendments.

**d. County Auditor's Review of finances**

**e. County Treasurer**

**i. Payroll and Escrow Report**  
**1. 03.21.2025**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cerny, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-104**

**ii. Monthly Treasurers Report – February 2025**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-105**

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

- a. Statutory Court- February 2025**
- b. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 – February 2025**
- c. Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 – February 2025**
- d. EMS – January and February 2025**
- e. AgriLife – February 2025**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Cerny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-106**

Court recessed at 09:52 a.m.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code §551.071, §551.125 and §551.129, a closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- a. Legal Matter
- b. Economic Development

Court Reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

**12. Action as appropriate on Executive Session**

Commissioner Reed motioned to enter into revised Economic Developmental Agreement with Hendrix Interests, Inc. in Sealy, TX.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-107**

**13. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Commissioner Reed advised that Juvenile Probation is looking for service hours if Commissioners need equipment washed.

Commissioner Reed expressed his thanks for a job well done by the County Clerk's office on the Commissioner Court Minutes.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mikel, passed (4-0)*  
**Order #25-108**

Court adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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

I, Diane Day, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for March 24, 2025.

Date: April 10, 2025  
Diane Day, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas

By: Allison Gerik  
Allison Gerik, Deputy

FILED

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*Diane Day*  
COUNTY CLERK  
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

