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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Order #25-168

June 9, 2025 Austin County Commissioners Court met in the 2nd 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
Greg Cerny, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Chip Reed, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Diane Day, County Clerk
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk

9:00 A.M. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

- 1. Petitions or requests from the public**
- 2. Open Bids and action as appropriate for the following projects:**
 - a. Construction of Bridge, Shupak Road**

Proposed Bids:
Fuqua Construction \$592,037.00
Wakefield Bridge \$395,800.00

Will award bid at next court.

b. Construction of Bridge, Hurtig Road

Proposed Bids:

Fuqua Construction \$563,704.00

Wakefield Bridge \$415,800.00

Will award bid at next court.

3. Presentation of TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Goals and Concepts as related to CDBG Program and Grant Contract CDV23-0303.

Addison Bruzenak gave a presentation of guidelines for the grant for Grubbs Road project to improve drainage and ditches.

4. Consideration and action to increase Austin County Property Tax Exemptions for:
a. Homestead
b. Persons 65 years of age and older
c. Veterans

Taxing exemptions were defined.

Commissioner Reed asked how the \$25,000 for homestead has affected Austin County.

Court agrees to review and bring back to next court.

5. Presentation of Civic Plus Software.

Allison Gerik (Deputy Clerk) gave presentation of new software, CivicPlus, for Commissioner Court agenda and minutes creation. This software will allow the county to stay in compliance.

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

6. Discussion regarding the County Culvert Application Process and action as appropriate.

Commissioner Mikel stated he would like to see Culvert Application Processes done through the counties Planning and Development Department. Currently he feels there are too many steps involved with different departments.

Commissioner Cerny advised he has the application paperwork and offers to deliver the paperwork to Planning and Development Department once complete.

It appeared each commissioner has their own process for handling culvert application processes.

Yasmine Jernigan (Administrative Assistant, County Judge Office) and Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) stated there is a lot of confusion and request a process to be established for all precincts to follow.

Commissioner Mikel recommended providing two flag stakes to help in marking the correct driveway location for when it is time to place the culverts in the correct location.

7. Discussion and action regarding Preliminary Plat for Kitchen's Estates, FM 331 and Heron Lane, Pct. 1

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) stated that drainage criteria has been met but request the court to table until mylars are received.

Tabled until next court.

8. Discussion regarding Commercial Development Application for Hennessey Performance and action as appropriate, Pct. 4.

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) stated plans meet approval for expansion.

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

9. Consideration and action to accept an Office of National Drug Control Policy Grant.

Lt. Donald Darracq (Sheriff Office) stated there will be no cash requirement and they have done this grant before.

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

10. Discussion regarding annexation/ de-annexation request to the City of Bellville.

Austin County is requesting the City of Bellville to accept roadways and resolve issues. However, the city is only wanting to accept a few streets.

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) and Commissioner Mikel are requesting to go and revisit with the City of Bellville to agree on terms that benefit both Austin County and City of Bellville.

11. Discussion and action to approve 2025-2026 Commissioners' Court Dates

List of court dates were reviewed.

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

12. Discussion and action regarding subdivision regulations policy on RV/ Mobile Home numbers and spaces.

Per Judge Tim Lapham, we are looking for clarification and not change in the regulations.

Judge Lapham asked Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) what the current requirements are.

Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) believes there should be clarification issued for landowners to follow.

Judge Lapham and Jonathan Hopko (County Engineer) will discuss the requirements and bring back to next court.

13. 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 authorize Right-Of-Way installation by Industry Telephone, on the following Pct. 2 Roads:

- i. Aschenbeck Rd**
- ii. Industry Rd**
- iii. Post Oak Point Rd**
- iv. Star Hill Rd**
- v. Tiemann Rd**

b. Consideration and action to authorize a temporary access agreement between Austin County, Pct. 1 and Arthur Wilke.

c. Consideration and action to approve Right-Of-Way installation of fiber optic cable by Frontier Communications, Inc.

- i. Precinct 4 roads**
 - 1. Florence Rd**
 - 2. Columbus Rd**
 - 3. Wallis Cemetery Rd**
 - 4. Willow Rd**
 - 5. Melnar Rd**

d. Consideration and action to approve minutes:

- i. 04.21.2025.**

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

14. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate
a. Payment of Claims

Total \$1,327,376.65

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

Payout to Shellback Construction.

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

b. Fund Transfers

Total \$40,552.70 (May 28, 2025)

Total \$341,745.15 (May 29, 2025)

Total \$523,066.05 (June 9, 2025)

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

c. Budget Amendments

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

d. County Auditor's Review of Finances

e. County Treasurer's

i. Treasurer's report- May 2025

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

ii. Payroll and Escrow – 05.30.2025

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

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

i. JP, Pct. 3 and Pct. 4 -May 2025

ii. Statutory Court- May 2025

iii. Constable Pct. 1 – May 2025

iv. Jail Population – May 2025

v. OSSF- May 2025

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

Court recessed at 10:55am

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- a. Economic Development Matter – EEC**
- b. Legal Matter**

Court Reconvened at 11:58am

17. Action as appropriate on Executive Session.

No action.

18. Commissioners' Court Inquiry.

Court recessed at 11:59am

Court reconvened at 1:30 pm

19. Presentation of Sealy ISD Planning Study.

Susan Kates (Population and Survey Analyst) presented a growth and population survey update to the court.

Brazos and Sealy ISD are in early stages of growth. 10 year growth study is being done to assist in preparing Sealy and Brazos ISD with this growth thru necessary projects.

Working map was presented to commissioners to review and make changes on. Incoming developments were marked on the map.

Completed survey will be presented to Sealy ISD Board at the July Board meeting.

Judge Lapham thanked Susan Kates (Population and Survey Analyst) for the presentation to the court.

Court recessed at 2:05pm

Court reconvened at 3:06pm

20. EMS Workshop

Group met at Bellville EMS location. Walk through was completed by attendees and all current projects were reviewed.

Court adjourned at 3:45pm

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

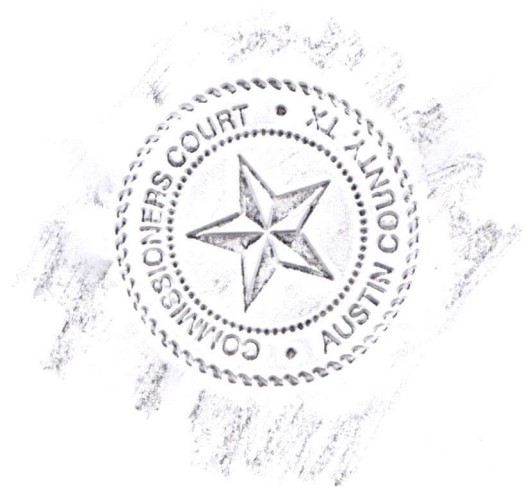
ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS PROVIDED
BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

I, Diane Day, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners Court proceedings for June 9, 2025.

Date: June 26, 2025

Diane Day, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas

By: Allison Gerik
Allison Gerik, Deputy Clerk



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Diane Day
COUNTY CLERK
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