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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**December 9, 2019**, Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Tim Lapham, County Judge  
Mark Lamp, Commissioner Precinct, 1  
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Randy Reichardt, 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**

Changes to #10 Consent Agenda

1. October 28th minutes should say "revised."
2. November 12th minutes already approved. Remove them.

*Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*

**Order #19-448**

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

Marc Young spoke with regard to regulated pesticides.

Buddy Koenig informed the Court he will be at home till 6:00 pm December 9<sup>th</sup> for those who need to sign up to run in this election.

**2. Action as appropriate regarding possible changes to herbicide regulations in Austin County**

Change number #2 dates to March 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>

Add #3 to read: A permit is required for the application of regulated herbicides between the dates of March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Add #4 to read: A permit is not required for the application of the regulated herbicides between the dates of October 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion to Change: Commissioner Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, failed (0-4).*

Will have Jesse look over it for wording, then put back on the agenda.

**3. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding building projects and financing.**

Per Kenny Burns the Justice Center plans are complete and at the Jail Commission for approval letter to get started.

Per David Bartay he is waiting to start subcontractor bidding for the Jail. Bids due in his office December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sealy EMS Station is waiting on contractor.

Still working on Wendt Street.

**4. Discussion regarding Emergency Communication District Amended 2019-2020 Budget and action as appropriate.**

Postpone till Court has more information.

**5. Discussion and action regarding interlocal agreement renewal between Austin County and Austin County 911 District.**

Extend interlocal agreement for 15 years.

*Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-449**

6. **Discussion regarding Sheriff's Office position new hire starting pay and action as appropriate.**

David Watson was hired at \$13.25 per hour. Sheriff's Office said he deserves more due to his job experience. Court approved \$16.00 per hour.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-450**

7. **Discussion and action to approve one (1) year contract with VoiceProducts Services, LLC and the Austin County Sheriff's Office to provide service and maintenance of dispatch recording equipment.**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-451**

8. **Consideration and action to renew contract with Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service and action as appropriate.**

*Motion to Renew: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-452**

9. **Discussion Regarding the purchase of a new ambulance and action as appropriate.**

Check to see if we need to go for bids. If needed, start the process.

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Reed, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-453**

10. **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. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **October 28, 2019**
    - ii. **November 12, 2019**
    - iii. **November 25, 2019**
  - b. **Consideration and action to authorize hardship variance for EMS employee to carry over 3 hours unused vacation time.**
  - c. **Consideration and action to ratify an Interlocal agreement with Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.**

- d. **Consideration and action to select indigent contract attorneys:**
  - i. John Anderson
  - ii. Calvin Garvie
  - iii. Stephen Longoria

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-454*

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

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-455*

- b. **Budget Amendments**

None.

- c. **County Auditor's Review of Finances**
- d. **County Treasurer**
  - i. **Payroll and Escrow Report- 12.06.2019**
  - ii. **Election Payroll – 11.27.2019**
  - iii. **Longevity Payroll – 11.25.2019**

*Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-456*

- 12. **Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices.**
  - a. **District Court – November 2019**
    - i. **Criminal**
    - ii. **Civil**
  - b. **County Court – November 2019**
  - c. **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 – November 2019**
  - d. **Jail Population Report – November 2019**
  - e. **Constable, Precinct 2 – November 2019**
  - f. **Austin County Library System – November 2019**
  - g. **On Site-Sewage Facility – November 2019**
  - h. **Texas Department of Motor Vehicles – November 2019**

*Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).  
Order #19-457*

**13. Commissioners Court Inquiry.**

Per Commissioner Reed, will be holding an auction soon. If anyone has any surplus, let him know.

Per Commissioner Reichardt, he will not seek re-election. As of December 31, 2020 he will be officially retired.

*Motion to Adjourn: Commissioner Reichardt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Lamp, passed (4-0).*  
**Order #19-458**

Court adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

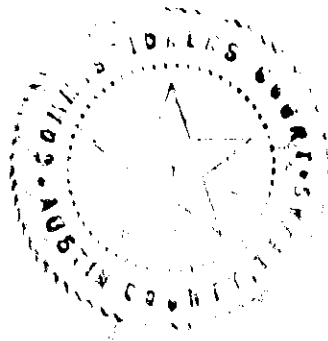
**ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK AS  
PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**I, Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk, attest to the minutes of the Commissioners  
Court proceedings for December 9, 2019.**

Date: December 12, 2019

Carrie Gregor

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk  
Clerk of Commissioners Court  
Austin County, Texas  
By: Rebecca Thomas, Deputy



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