



CARRIE GREGOR
AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **August 6, 2012** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room at the Austin County Courthouse with the following present:

Carolyn Bilski, County Judge
David Ottmer, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Robert "Bobby" Rinn, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Randy Reichardt, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Douglas King, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Cyndi Gomez, 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 Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-293

- 1. Update by Greg Henry on countywide computer operations, future budget needs analysis, and action as appropriate**

No action.

- 2. Discussion regarding request to grant Network access via network based VPN to the County Network for new Juvenile Case Management System replacing the existing Caseworker program, and action as appropriate**

Per Melissa Weiss, Juvenile Probation, the State has funded \$6,800.00.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0).
Order #12-294

3. Update by Tina Huebner regarding Austin County Communications District budget and operations, and action as appropriate

No action.

4. Presentation by Youth and Family Services on services provided

Update by Dan Peevy.

9:15 A.M. OPEN BID PROPOSALS

5. Open bid proposals for construction of retaining walls on Hoff Road at Piney Creek in Precinct 1, and action as appropriate

Bid from Wakefield Bridge Inc., \$41,572.00, 60 days.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-295

6. Discussion regarding asphalt bids, subsequent increases and action as appropriate to award work for specific road projects

a. Cougar Road – Precinct 4

b. Educator Lane – Precinct 4

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-296

7. Consideration and possible action to review fees for Sheriff and Constables to be effective January 1, 2013

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-297

8. Consideration and possible action regarding County Road and Bridge fee, pursuant to Transportation Code Chapter 502.402 and 502.403

Retaining same fee as 2012.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-298

9. Discussion regarding Medicaid Waiver 115, and action as appropriate

No action.

10. Budget workshop

a. Sheriff

Per Sheriff Burger, request salary increases for Chief Deputy, Jail Captain, Lieutenant, Transfer Deputy, Crime Victim Liaison, Cook/Jailer, a 3% increase for everyone else and reapply Certificate Pay.

Per Jerry Green, Jail Captain, add \$2,000.00 to current dispatch position, Jail Budget – request salary increase for Lt. George Burnett, Certificate Pay and increase Building Maintenance/Repairs.

Discussion regarding PREA and Jail Commission for housing Juveniles in the County Jail.

b. Justice of The Peace, Precinct 3

Per Judge Kollatschny, cut Juvenile Case Management and transfer to Juvenile Probation. Reduce Postage and Office Supplies.

c. Other departments

Ron Dille, EMS correct budget request from previous week adding 2,900 plus hours, \$4,800.00 in salary, retirement and FICA, reflecting a \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00 increase.

Judge King, Justice of The Peace, Precinct 4, submitted 5% budget increase. Request a hand held two-way radio purchased through the Sheriff's office from the Technology fees.

Tax Collector, Janice Kokemor, requested a 5% salary increase for employees, increase for officials and to be paid Longevity, keep two part-time positions, purchase of a heavy duty shredder and additional camera(s) for office.

d. Review revenue and expenditures

2012 Tax Rate, Effective Tax Rate .5277 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$266,761.00.

Per Betty Jez, County Auditor, if we go with present rate it would generate \$514,545.00 in revenue.

Per Judge Bilski, upcoming murder trials need to be considered. More funds are dedicated to justice needs.

Commissioners King and Ottmer agreed county employees, cannot continue to go without raises due to criminals.

11. Discussion regarding effective tax rate and revenues; proposed tax rate and action as appropriate

Court recessed at 10:48 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

11. Discussion regarding effective tax rate and revenues; proposed tax rate and action as appropriate – Continued

Leave Tax Rate at .5379 for 2012 – 2013 Budget.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer
Opposed: Commissioner King, Commissioner Rinn and Judge Bilski, rejected (3-2).
Order #12-299

Leave Tax Rate at .5277 for 2012 – 2013 Budget.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-300

12. Consideration and possible action to adopt a proposed tax rate and schedule public hearings

Public hearing is no longer needed, only budget hearings.

13. Discussion regarding proposed salaries and allowances for county officials, and action as appropriate

Leave County Official salaries as is.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-301

Need publication for Constable, Precinct 1, salary increase.

Motion to Rescind: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-302

Exception for Elected Officials will be for Constable, Precinct 1, an increase to \$11,630.00, other elected officials salaries will remain the same.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-303

14. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims – action as appropriate

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-304

Court recessed at 11:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Deliberation regarding Real Property. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072)**

Court reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

15. Action as appropriate from Executive Session

The County has been negotiating with BNSF/Atchison Topeka/Santa Fe Railway on property lease. They have submitted a proposal for sale of property, 839 plus feet, Hwy 36 crossing to Hardeman crossing.

Steps to sell - survey and appraisal hopefully at the expense of railroad and their real estate agent.

Received a proposal from MAI Appraisal, Cervenka & Associates Inc., \$250,000.00 and appraisal delivery within 45 days.

Motion to Award Appraisal: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0).
Order #12-305

Engage Glen Alexander, Alexander Surveying.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).
Order #12-306

16. Commissioner Court Inquiry

Commissioner Reichardt will be receiving a proposal from Mr. Walden for asbestos removal from the County's Frydek property.

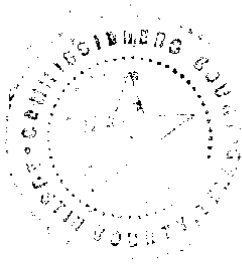
Court adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**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 August 6, 2012.

Date: September 7, 2012

Carrie Gregor
Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioners Court
Austin County, Texas
By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy



FILED

12 SEP -7 AM 9:15

Carrie Gregor
COUNTY CLERK
AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS