

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **June 17, 2013** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Basement Meeting Room, 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 (To be led by Boy Scout Troop 36).
Certification of Quorum

Consideration/Adoption of Agenda

Per Judge Bilski, Agenda Item #7 should say *David and Bonnie Schulz Real Estate Partnership.* This is with regard to a 3.187 acre tract.

She also asked the Court to consider moving Agenda Item #10 after Agenda Item #1.

Motion to Adopt with Correction/Change: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #13-177

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions.
 - a. Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 36

Commissioner Turner recognized Troop 36. He assisted the troop with work on a merit badge through tours/visits with County offices, seeing government in action.

b. Faith Academy Lady Knights State 1A/2A Softball Champions

Judge Bilski introduced Coach McShan. He recognized the team's coaches and players and highlighted their road to victory. The Proclamation was read and presented by Judge Bislki, on behalf of the Court.

 Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement by and between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Austin County Sheriff's Office for computer aided dispatch application and related services.

Sheriff Brandes explained the computer aided dispatch system, the benefits and necessity for this service. Per Sheriff Brandes the system/service would be paid with forfeiture funds with no added cost to the County. Greg Henry gave further details regarding the agreement. Authorization to be contingent upon details being worked out with Sheriff's Office, Greg Henry, Brandon Hoff and approval of forfeiture fund.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, Passed (4-0). Order #13-178

2. Workshop and discussion with TXDOT and others regarding relief route connecting the improved State Highway 36 South of Bellville with the improved State Highway 36 North of Bellville.

Paul Frerich and Julie Rabeux with TXDOT led discussion, explained financing mechanisms/options and answered questions regarding a relief route project. Per Mr. Frerich, there is no funding or plans for this kind of project at this time, and would take a substantial amount of local funding. Concerns regarding large trucks and traffic carrying hazardous materials were mentioned.

- 3. Transmittal of Minutes.
 - a. April 8, 2013
 - b. April 22, 2013
 - c. April 26, 2013

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Turner, passed (4-0). **Order #13-179**

4. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of official record binders out of Records Management 137-010-0000 in the amount of \$150.71.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #13-180**

5. Activity Report by Sheriff Brandes.

Monthly report and inmate work crew activity for May were reviewed by Sheriff Brandes.

6. Consideration and possible action to rescind Court Order regarding relocation of law enforcement firing range to County property located on FM 109 in Precinct 2, and to relocate to future County property on West Ueckert Road in Precinct 2.

Motion to Rescind: (Court Order #13-158) Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0).

Order #13-181

7. Consideration and possible action to accept donation gift deed from Dave and Bonnie Schulz to Austin County for use of law enforcement firing range. (Should read *David and Bonnie Schulz Real Estate Partnership* per correction made in Court Order #13-177).

Per Sheriff Brandes and Dave Schulz, closest neighbors that were contacted are fine with this location. Judge Bilski asked for authorization to sign and have deed recorded.

Motion to Accept/Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Tumer, passed (4-0). Order #13-182

8. Consideration and possible action to accept the Austin County Firing Range construction plans according to the Environmental Protection Agency's, Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Range, (BMP).

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #13-183

9. Consideration and possible action to amend Sheriff Forfeiture Budget.

Motion to Amend: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #13-184

11. Discussion regarding mandatory employee electronic payroll deposit effective August 1, 2013 for August 9, 2013 payroll and action as appropriate.

Laura Kaye, County Treasurer, gave benefits of payroll direct deposit. Commissioner King's concerns included funds not being timely deposited due to system glitches, causing employees' accounts to be overdrawn. He questioned overdraft charge responsibilities. Commissioner Turner suggested the Treasurer ask the bank about these concerns.

Action postponed pending Treasurer's research.

12. Consideration and possible action to authorize agreement for temporary access between Hatstone LLC and Austin County Precinct 2 to clean ditch and improve drainage.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0) Order #13-185

13. Consideration and possible action to authorize disposal of surplus equipment in Precinct 4 by auction or other precincts.

Surplus equipment includes (1) Cat 930 Wheel Loader, (2) Cat 122 Grader, (3) Cat 416 Backhoe, (4) Bomag Roller and (5) 1986 Chevy Cab and Chassis.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #13-186**

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize temporary seasonal part-time Class C position for Precinct 4 under 30 hours.

Motion to Postpone: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #13-187**

15. Consideration and possible action to accept Austin County Emergency Services District #1 Financial Statements with Report of Independent Auditor Year ending September 30, 2012.

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #13-188

Court recessed at 10:44 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

 Discussion regarding mandatory employee electronic payroll deposit effective August 1, 2013 for August 9, 2013 payroll and action as appropriate. (Previously postponed pending Treasurer's research).

Laura Kaye reported her discussion with First National Bank's bank personnel, Kevin Klump, to the Court. He indicated that First National Bank customers would be refunded for any NSF charges that occurred due to a system glitch and that this is something that very rarely happens. All others would contact the Treasurer to get NSF fees back. Commissioner Turner asked the Treasurer to write a note to that effect to post for employees. Judge Bilski asked that it be included in the next paycheck.

Motion to Authorize/Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (3-1). Commissioner King opposed.

Order #13-189

16. Budgetary and Financial Claims - action as appropriate.

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

Laura Kaye, County Treasurer, submitted the June 14, 2013 Payroll & Escrow Report.

Court recessed at 10:58 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A closed meeting will be held concerning the following items:

- 1. Personnel Matters. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.074).
 - a. County Judge Staff
 - b. EMS Staff
- 2. Deliberation regarding Real Property. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072).

Court reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

17. Action as appropriate from Executive Session.

No action on Personnel Matters - County Judge Staff

Further action on Personnel Matters - EMS Staff - Allow for a part-time, 24 hour/week clerical position as the budget allows.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Turner, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #13-190

Further action on Personnel Matters – EMS Staff – Allow for extra shift at Station 5 per request from City of Industry.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #13-191

No action on deliberation regarding Real Property.

18. Commissioners Court Inquiry.

None.

Court adjourned at 11:39 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 June 17, 2013.

Carrie Gregor, Austin County Clerk **Clerk of Commissioners Court**

Austin County, Texas

By: Deborah Stewart, Deputy

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