

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

On **February 6, 2012** Austin County Commissioners Court met in the Commissioners Courtroom 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 #12-32

- 1. Proclamations and Special Recognitions
 - a. Severe Weather Awareness Week

Proclamation and update by Ray Chislett for CTY notifications.

2. Petitions or Requests from the Public

None.

- 3. Update on Technology work, and action as appropriate
 - a. County wide technology
 - b. Sheriff's Department

c. Other needs

Update by Greg Henry, Xpernet and Brandon Hoff with regard to phases of wireless connections between Industry, the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office. Requesting permission to create a RFP and get bids for a provider interested in partnering with the County to accomplish goals for a wide area connection.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-33

4. Consideration and possible action to grant one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations for partition of 26.051 acre tract into an estimated 23 acre tract having a flag staff length of approximately 400 feet, and an estimated 3 acre tract, located on Club Road in Precinct 2

Motion to Grant: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #12-34**

 Consideration and possible action to grant one-time variance from Subdivision Regulations for partition of 6-7 acres out of four (4) Wolchik tracts, located on Mill Creek Road I Precinct 1

Motion to Grant: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-35

6. Consideration and possible action to authorize compensation time payment of Auditor personnel staff not to exceed \$3,600

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-36

7. Consideration and possible action to clarify elected officials do not qualify for unemployment insurance (Austin County Personnel Policy Manual Section 7.05)

No action.

8. Discussion regarding request from West End Water Supply Corporation for easement conveyance for West End Library in Precinct 2, and action as appropriate

Motion to Approve contingent upon the description and location of easement: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0).

Order #12-37

 Consideration and possible action to ratify letter of agreement between Bear Creek Construction and Austin County Precinct 2 for storage of construction materials

Motion to Ratify: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-38

10. Consideration and possible action to accept donation of \$19,430.00 from Chevron Phillips Chemical company LP and SouthTex 66 Pipeline Company, Ltd. to cover the cost of extending the pavement on New Bremen Road in Precinct 2 to the Bellville Pump Station property owned by the companies

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #12-39**

11. Consideration and possible action to authorize purchase of one used 1997 Champion Motorgrader not to exceed \$46,000 for Precinct 4

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner King, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-40

12. Consideration and possible action to accept Financial Report for Austin County Emergency Services District 1 – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2011

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-41

13. Consideration and possible action to accept Annual Audit Report for year ending September 30, 2011 for Austin County Emergency Services District 3

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). **Order #12-42**

Court recessed at 9:35 a.m.

Court reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize HAVA funds for ERIS ArcView mapping upgrade and license for election purposes in Tax Office

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-43

15. Any medical insurance update as necessary, and action as appropriate

United Health Care is negotiating rates with physicians and hospitals. Some doctors are starting to drop off In-Network plans, PPO Plans. Services are changing on regular basis; a lot of services are no longer available.

Per Judge Bilski, we are looking for more convenient opportunities.

No action.

16. Discussion regarding Longevity pay, and action as appropriate

Per Betty Jez, Auditor, revenues are at adequate amounts and is a budgeted item.

It is further ordered, judged and decreed that funds exist in the current year budget for said Longevity pay.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #12-44**

17. Consideration and possible action to authorize awning replacement and awning installations at Community Supervision and Precinct 3 Annex

Not to exceed \$3,850.00.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). **Order #12-45**

18. Presentation by Dorothy Dunsworth of Woodman of the World

No action.

19. Budgetary and Financial Claims – action as appropriate

a. Payment of Claims

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). **Order #12-46**

b. Budget Amendments

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Reichardt, passed (4-0). Order #12-47

- d. County Treasurer review of finances
 - i. Quarterly Report from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-48

- c. County Auditor's review of finances
- 20. Written end-of-the month reports submitted by County Offices
 - a. Monthly Fees and Commissions from Tax Assessor-Collector November and December 2011
- 21. Review of process to standardize subdivision requests for variances or exceptions, and action as appropriate

Motion to Adopt: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-49

22. Consideration and possible action to update SAFE Software for Environmental Office for an amount not to exceed \$300.00

Out of Records Management, not exceeding \$300.00.

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner Rinn, passed (4-0). Order #12-50

Court recessed at 10:40 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A CLOSED MEETING WILL BE HELD CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1. Consultation with attorney (in person or by telephone conference) regarding litigation. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071).
- 2. Deliberation regarding Real Property. (This is in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.072).

Court reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

- 23. Action as appropriate from Executive Session
 - 1. Consultation with attorney

File Dishonesty Bond for JP4 clerk that was indicted.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Ottmer, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-51

Judge Bilski will sign the audit questionnaire prepared by Treasurer, Cathy Frank, to have additional audits conducted with regard to JP4 and any use of cash they seem appropriate.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Reichardt, 2nd Commissioner Ottmer, passed (4-0). Order #12-52

2. Deliberation regarding Real Property.

County property at 955 Frydek Road will be advertised for bids for mobile home and house.

Motion to Authorize: Commissioner Rinn, 2nd Commissioner King, passed (4-0). Order #12-53

24. Commissioners Court Inquiry

None.

Court adjourned at 11:10 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 February 6, 2012.

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

Austin County, Texas

By: Cyndi Gomez, Deputy

FILED

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Carrie Gregor