

**MAY 12, 2014**

Be it remembered that on May 12, 2014 the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Ricky West, Precinct #2, Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, and Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Sheldon Parsons, senior member of the Commissioners Court serving as the Judge Pro-Tem in the absence of Judge Lesa Arnold. The meeting opened with a prayer by Charlie Morris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

Whereupon the following business was transacted and is now placed of record in the minutes of said Court:

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed for April 2014 was 71, and total revenue collected was \$14,838.10.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$5,346.57, delinquent, \$974.30. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1,766.36, delinquent, \$507.07.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – no report received
- Wildlife Service Report - Aaron Adamson presented
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$4,734.70 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, there were 3 criminal cases filed: 1 Possession of Marijuana, 1 Resisting Arrest, and 1 Theft of Services. One criminal case was heard: 1 Fictitious License Plate. Deferred Adjudication. No application for probate was filed, and no probate hearing was held. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, two criminal cases were filed: 1 Criminal Mischief/Public Service, and 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance. Six criminal cases were heard: 1 Burglary of Habitation, Dismissed, 2 Theft, Dismissed, 1 Criminal Mischief/Public Servant, 5 years Deferred Adjudication, 1 Revocation/Criminal Mischief/Public Servant, 2 years in T.D.C.J., and 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance, 10 years in T.D.C.J. One civil case was filed: Petition for Declaratory Judgment. No civil cases were heard.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of April 30, 2014 were: General Fund \$24,609.48, Road and Bridge, \$18,213.68.
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- Authorize County Treasurer to pay invoice #16 from Kamatsu Architecture as presented
- Receive Preliminary Values of 2014 Appraisal Roll from Patti Abbott, Chief Appraiser
- Receive CEU's from Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace Lesa Arnold, County Judge
- Authorize County Judge to advertise for fuel bids for upcoming fiscal year
- Authorize audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss. LLP for 2013-2014
- Receive Property Tax Abatement Annual Certification from McAdoo Wind Energy, LLC

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

The Court discussed the annual Courthouse social. Barbara Bogart, who was present at the meeting, stated that the social would be held on the first Thursday in June as always. She also gave a report as to what organizations had received the donations from the annual social in the past, and this year, as the E.M.S. is in need of funds, the Court might want to designate the E.M.S. as the beneficiary. Darla Thomason, County Judge's secretary will be in charge of organizing the social, and getting the supplies.

**PURCHASE OF TANKER/TRAILER FROM FEDERAL SURPLUS APPROVED**

Charlie Morris made the motion to purchase a 5000 gallon tanker trailer from Federal Surplus Properties for \$2500.00. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT FOR IN-TRUST PROPERTIES SET**

Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector, discussed with the Court, the need to set a time limit on payment for Dickens In-Trust property. Charlie Morris made the motion to set a 30day limit on payment for In-Trust property, after which time, the bid will become null and void. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT FROM COPsync, INC. FOR J.P. APPROVED**

Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace presented a request to the Court to approve a purchase agreement from COPsync, Inc. The cost is a one-time fee of \$3500.00, and will be paid from the Justice of the Peace Technology Funds. On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

**UPDATE ON ANNEX AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO COLLIER CONSTRUCTION**

An update on the construction of the Courthouse Annex was discussed. Collier Construction presented a payment application for \$146,807.00 to the Court. Ricky West made the motion to approve the payment. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

**UPDATE ON COURTHOUSE STABILIZATION PROJECT AND PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM KBL RESTORATION**

The Court discussed the Courthouse West Façade Stabilization Project. Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve the payment application for \$25,645.00 from KBL Restoration. On a second by Charlie Morris the motion was unanimous.

**T.H.C. ROUND VIII GRANT AWARD DISCUSSED**

The Court discussed the Texas Historical Commission Round VIII Grant Award. Dickens County was awarded a Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant in the amount of

\$450,000.00. The grant is a matching grant, which means the state will pay up to \$450,000.00 on the project estimated to cost around \$900,000.00, and the County will be responsible for the rest.

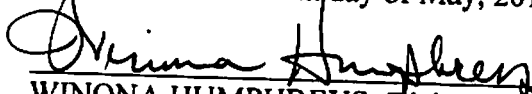
**BILLS APPROVED AND PAID**

On a motion by Dennis Wyatt, and a second by Charlie Morris, the Court voted unanimously to pay all bills as presented

Charlie Morris made the motion to adjourn. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF DICKENS   §

The above and foregoing is a true and complete transcription of my notes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 12th/day of May, 2014.

  
WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk