

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTE  
YOUNG COUNTY, TEXAS**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HONORABLE YOUNG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT** met in a REGULAR MEETING, Monday – AUGUST 26, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Graham, Texas, with the following members present:

**JOHN C. BULLOCK**  
COUNTY JUDGE

**MIKE SIPES**  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. NO. 1

**STACEY K. ROGERS**  
COMMISSIONER, PCT.NO. 3

**MATT PRUITT**  
COMMISSIONER, PCT. NO. 2

**JIM WILEY**  
COMMISSIONER, PCT.NO.4

**ITEM NO. 1 – Call to order – All stand if convenient**

**THEN**, County Judge, John C. Bullock, called the meeting to order and made note that all commissioners were present and that the meeting had been posted in the manor and for the time required.

**ITEM NO. 2 – Invocation, followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge (Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One state under God, One and Indivisible)**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Mike Sipes offered the Invocation, followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge.

**ITEM NO. 3 - County Judge, John C. Bullock opens the Public Hearing by openly stating the following:**

**“1ST Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Increase”  
As required by Truth-In-Taxation**

**A hearing to formally adopt the budget and set the tax rates for maintenance and Operations and for debt services has been set for Monday, September 9, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Young County Courtroom @ 516 Fourth Street, Room 106, Graham, Texas 76450.**

**Announcement: Calculation of the Tax Rates for Young County, Texas, were completed August 8, 2017, as follows:**

**Effective Rate - 714957  
Roll Back - .772584  
Debt Rate - .076514**

**A tax rate of \$.772500 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Young County Local Government. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.**

**THEN**, County Judge John C. Bullock opened the court for public comment regarding the proposed tax rate that would increase taxes. Stating, this rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate. The “Public Hearing” was not attended by public members of Young County, Texas.

**NOTE: PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WAS NOT PRESENT IN THE COUNTY COURTROOM**

Much of the comments were directed toward appraisals rather than the tax rate proposed. A few questions were answered and explanations provided by members of the court. Judge Bullock invited more comment from those present however, no other public member present chose to comment.

**Re-announce 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 516 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 106, Graham, Texas @ 9:30 AM and the Budget Adopting Hearing scheduled for September 9, 2019 @ 9:30 A.M., 516 4th Street, Room 106, Graham, Texas.**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley moved to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO 3A: Public Comments, Announcements and Presentations – No action items(s)**

(Public comments, announcements and presentations will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes, unless a member of the court requests additional time for the presenter. Any handout material required must be reproduced and furnished by the presenter.)

- Fort Belknap Update; Jim Hammond announced that Ft Belknap will be busy in the fall with Family Reunions, Mile to Mile West will be October 25 and 26, 2019 for school kids from Olney, Newcastle, Henrietta, and Olney. Both Cannons were to Wichita Falls to the Hotter Hell Bicycle Race on August 24, 2019 with both Cannons being shot off at the beginning. Also, Historic Commission worked on the Refurbishing the Historical Signs at the Fort.
- Young County Appraisal District Notice of Public Hearing on Budget; outlined in Exhibit "A"
- Commissioner Mike Sipes reminded everyone of the Serving the Servants for September 28, 2019 in Olney with a Lunch and Dance.

**ITEM NO. 4 – Consider County Clerk Minutes from previous meetings – August 19, 2019.**

**THEN**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve the minutes as present for August 19, 2019; outlined in Exhibit "B". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 5 – Consider Treasurers Financial Report/Updates on Securities Pledged.**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley moved to accept the Financial Report for July 2019 from the County Treasurer, Ann Dailey; outlined in Exhibit "C". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 6 – Consider Auditors Budget Amendments/Vouchers Payable**

**THEN**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to approve payment of vouchers submitted by Auditor, Cheryl Roberts, in the amount of \$79,341.71 and that \$26,397.81 be taken from the General Fund; as outlined in Exhibit "D". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 7 –Discuss/Consider setting Sheriff & Constable Fees.**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Mike Sipes made a motion to maintain the Sheriff's and Constable Fees the same; outlined in Exhibit "E". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Wiley and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 8 – Review/Discuss/Consider Humane Society Contract supporting data**

A report was received from Shelby Brogden, Animal Shelter Director, on numbers of animals housed and from what surrounding areas they were received of ; outlined in Exhibit "F". Also, some discussion regarding a 501(c) (3) competing with private business and a substantial discussion regarding an Animal Control Officer and Rabies Control Authority including and quarantine cage available 24/7.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**ITEM NO. 9- Discuss/Consider modifying HOT Resolution Pay Report.**

**THEN**, Commissioner Matt Pruitt made a motion to modify the HOT Resolution by moving remittance date from the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to the 28th of each month and with an updated letter to each vendor; outlined in Exhibit "G". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Sipes and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 10- Discuss/Consider Fort Belknap Arbor Project Proposals A, B & C from Burch Construction.**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley moved to use proposal "C" for the arbor structure. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Matt Pruitt. Motion failed 2-2-1 with Commissioner Mike Sipes present not voting.

**THEN**, County Judge, John C. Bullock made a motion to use Fort Belknap Arbor Project Proposals "B"; outlined in Exhibit "H". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers and carried 3-1-1 with Commissioner Jimmy Wiley opposing and Commissioner Mike Sipes present not voting.

**ITEM NO. 11- Discuss/Consider Road Use Agreement between Young County and Trinity Hills Wind, LLC.**

**NEXT**, Commissioner Jimmy Wiley made a motion to enter into Road Use Agreement between Young County and Trinity Hills Wind, LLC with agreed changes; outlined in Exhibit "I". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stacey K Rogers and carried 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 12- Discuss/Consider Burn Restrictions.**

N/A

Break for Lunch            11:53 a.m.  
Reconvened                1:37 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 13 – Budget Workshop – Any matter pertaining to Budget**

- Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Jason Hearne presented his vehicle allowance; outlined in Exhibit "J".

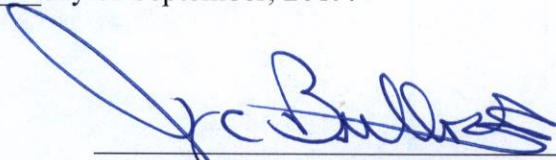
- DIR (Texas Department of Information Resource) Election Security Assessment Interlocal Agreement approved by Commissioner's Court between Young County and Texas Department Of Information Resource; outlined in Exhibit "K".
- A Motion from Commissioner Matt Pruitt for Salaries for Elected Official and employees in the amount of \$1200 straight across on applicable position be approved and to move the total amount of raises from General Fund Balance to cover the raises; outlined in Exhibit "L". Motion was seconded by County Judge John C. Bullock and carried 5-0.

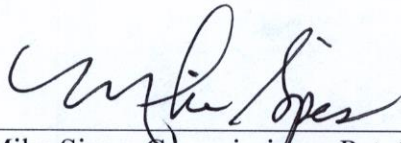
**THEN, Commissioner Court discussed various matters concerning the budget for 2020. No further action was taken at this time.**

**ITEM NO. 14 - Adjourn/Recess**

**THEN,** Commissioner Stacey K. Rogers moved to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Sipes and carried 5-0.

Attested to, the Third day of September, 2019.

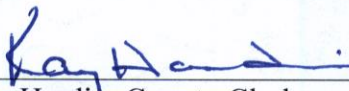
  
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 Jim Wiley, Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
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 Kay Hardin, County Clerk

