

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE TOM N. KEYES PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
CRAIG BELT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
DAVID MURPHREE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
<u>BIZ HOUSTON</u>	<u>COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4</u>

<u>TERRI BERRY</u>	<u>COUNTY CLERK</u>
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Teleconference:

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Members of the public who desire to make public comment during the meeting must register by e-mailing their identity to the following Gaines County (“County”) representative one (1) hour before the meeting start time on the day of the posted meeting: Benette McDonald, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners Court at benette.mcdonald@co.gaines.tx.us.

This meeting will be recorded, and the audio recording will be available on the County’s internet website after the meeting. A copy of the agenda packet for the meeting will be available on the County’s internet website at the time of the meeting at www.co.gaines.tx.us.

During this meeting, the Commissioners Court reserves the right to conduct an executive session/closed meeting session for any purpose authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code or other authority, including without limitation sections 551.071 and 551.129, Texas Government Code (consultation with attorney).

9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

1. Call to order, prayer, pledge
Judge Keyes called the meeting to order with a prayer and pledges of allegiances.
2. Public Comment
None
3. Discuss routine administrative items: take action needed;
 - a. Last month’s minutes
 - b. Payroll
 - c. Budget amendments and fund transfers

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the Racial Profiling report as presented by Ronnie Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Consider accepting a donation to the Sheriff's Office from Oxy; take action as appropriate

Ronnie Pipkin, Sheriff stated he had received a \$5,000.00 check from Oxy for a donation and it would be put in the Donation line. Commissioner Belt made a motion to accept the donation from Oxy. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss the requirement and consider nominating a replacement Board Member for the Gaines County Appraisal District Board of Directors; take action as appropriate

This item was table for next court date, as no names were presented.

7. Discuss and consider continuation of the COVID pay for affected employees, which was implemented at the start of the pandemic; take action as appropriate

Michael Lord, Treasurer, stated he had prepared an addendum to the leave policy in the Employee handbook regarding Covid Leave and is in section 6 page 31 as 6.13. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the addendum to the Employee handbook as presented by Michael Lord, Treasurer. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. Discuss and consider, in view of the current county-wide numbers of active COVID-19 cases, altering the current policy for the wearing of masks in County Buildings from Mandatory to Highly Recommended, take action as appropriate

No action at this time the policy regarding mandatory mask within the Courthouse will remain.

9. Consider approving buy board purchase on a road grader for Precinct. 1; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a buy board purchase of a Road Grader for Precinct 1. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider approving surplus for Precinct 1; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following as surplus for Precinct 1: road grader, water truck, dump truck, compressor & blast system, tractor, post hole digger, tandem trailer and cement mixer. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider abandoning a county right of way in Precinct 3, releasing it to neighboring land holders; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the abandonment of a right of way in Precinct 3 as there are no commissioner court minutes recorded for approval of the right of way to the county. He stated an attorney had prepared a Quitclaim Deed stating such to be recorded in the OPR records in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Consider approving Precinct 4 to go out for bids for a new dump truck; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve Precinct 4 to go out for bids on a new dump truck with bids being received by March 2, 2021 and awarded on March 3, 2021. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Consider approving a renewal of an interlocal cooperative contract between DPS and Gaines County JP Precincts. to enhance reporting of those failing to appear; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the renewal of an interlocal cooperative contract between DPS and Gaines County JP Precincts Commissioner Houston seconded the motion

16. Consider current road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate,

Non

17. Announcements / Discussion: for information purposes only, while there may be discussion for clarification purposes, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda,

Commissioner Belt suggested advertising for Covid shots to be given on February 17, 2021 at the stock barn area as drive through. Judge Keyes stated this was still in the planning process with the Emergency Management Team and the software is being tested for sign ups. Judge Keyes stated that Andrews county was in the process of trying to become the HUB for surrounding counties.

Commissioner Belt stated the need for additional employees from precincts to help move carpet. Commissioner Murphree and Commissioner Rosson stated they would send additional employees.

18. Adjourn;

Commissioner Belt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:46a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for February 3, 2021.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Berry".

Terri Berry, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Gaines County, Texas

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Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the 2021 Tournament request as presented by Shaun McDonald, Golf Pro. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Consider authorizing the Golf Pro to contract for help reclaiming, remodeling, and reinstating the webpage for the Golf Course; take action as appropriate

This items was table until Shaun McDonald, Golf Pro has a contract with pricing prepared by Tik Tak Design.

6. Meet with Chip Wicker, Seminole Butane, concerning payment of federal fuel taxes and the County's tax free status; take action as appropriate

Chip Wicker, Owner, Seminole Butane stated the county and city are exempt and do not get charged federal taxes on diesel and gas. Chip stated he is refunded this amount back once he reports it. However with the Pandemic this process has been slow with payments. He stated he was wanting approval to charge the county federal taxes and when he received his refund he would then refund the county. Judge Keyes stated are a government agency and this is not possible. However, Judge Keyes stated he would contact Jody Arrington and his contacts to help in the refund to Seminole Butane.

7. Consider adopting the two resolutions listed below to send to the leadership of the State Legislature and the Governor's office; take action as appropriate

- a. Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates

- b. Resolution in Opposition to SB 234 and HB 749

Commissioner Belt made a motion to adopt the Opposition to Unfunded Mandates and Opposition to SN 234 and HB 749 Resolutions as presented and read aloud by Judges Keyes. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. Consider approving renewal of RVI contract; take action as appropriate

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, presented the renewal contract of RVI for the Imagining System in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the renewal RVI contract as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. Consider approving updated insurance policy for the Seagraves Library; take action as appropriate

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, stated the policy on the Seagraves Library was prepared prior to the renovation. Therefore to increase the value of the policy it would be a yearly increase of \$2,950.00 to have 1.5 million dollars in coverage. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve updating the insurance policy at the Seagraves Library as presented. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider approving renewal of Affordable Care Act reporting and tracking service (ARTS); take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the renewal of the Affordable Care Act as presented by Michael Lord, Treasurer. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider approving the Treasurers quarterly investment report; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the Treasurers quarterly investment report as presented by Michael Lord, Treasurer. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Discuss the possibility of having out of date documents shredded by an outside firm; take action as appropriate

14. Consider authorizing Precinct 3 to go out for bids for a new water truck; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to authorize Precinct 3 to go out for bids for a new water truck to be turned in by March 16, 2021 and awarded March 17, 2021. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. Consider approving subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances; take action as appropriate

None

16. Consider current road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate,

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve road crossings on CR 200-D and CR 249-J at Stateline subdivision by Windstream. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, stated if Commissioners are still experiencing problems with Unifirst regarding uniforms now is the time to consider changing. She stated the current contract is up for renewal in April and a 30 day notice has to be sent to cancel or it automatically renews. Commissioner Houston suggested looking at advancing money to employees in payroll to purchase their own uniforms.

Commissioner Houston stated he had received phone calls regarding a gun sanctuary. Judge Keyes stated he would reach out to other counties and prepare a Resolution to be presented at the next court date.

Judge Keyes stated we now have a permanent Deputy at the front door therefore the closet/room at that corner would be made into his station with a bullet proof window placed. He stated that monitoring equipment would also be installed within that room for the Deputy.


18. Adjourn;

Commissioner Belt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for February 17, 2021.




Terri Berry, County Clerk