

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE TOM N. KEYES (ABSENT) AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
CRAIG BELT JUDGE PRO TEM	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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9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

1. Call to order, prayer, pledge
Commissioner Belt, Judge Pro Tem, called the meeting to order with the pledges of allegiance and Shaun McDonald, Gold Pro, said the prayer.
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
 - d. Accounts payable
 - e. Auditor's report
 - f. Officer's report
 - g. Renewal of routine annual service and similar agreement(s)
 - h. Non-capital surplus or salvage

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. Consider approving a lease agreement with CMC for a copier for the golf course; take action as appropriate

This item was tabled until Shaun McDonald, Golf Pro, contacts CMC regarding his request for a Commercial copier and receives a quote to present to commissioners court.

5. Consider approving replacing cement ramp at the golf course; take action as appropriate

This item was tabled until Wayne Gondeck with ONYX is contacted to review areas of the golf course that need repaired and provide a quote.

6. Consider approving a resolution for Gaines County to receive grants from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the purpose of providing improvements in the indigent defense services in the county; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the Resolution for Gaines County to receive grants from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission as read aloud by Commissioner Belt, Judge Pro Tem. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. Consider naming nominees for the Gaines County Appraisal District Board of Directors; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to split equal votes between Adolfo Cortez and Blair Tharp. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. Consider authorizing Davis, Ray & Co., PC to perform the annual audit for the Seagraves Senior Citizens Center, Inc. for the year ending September 30, 2021; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to authorize Davis, Ray & Co. PC to perform the annual audit for the Seagraves Senior Citizens Center, Inc. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. Consider consolidating and submitting any change requests for the County's active Project List for the 2020 TXDOT Grant Project to Mr. Kimbrough for submission to TXDOT; take action as appropriate

This item was tabled until next court in order for commissioners to review their CTIF balance and to prepare a report for changes or additions to their project list.

10. Consider participating in the Opioid Settlement through the Texas Attorney General's Office; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Resolution as read aloud by Esmeralda Felan, Auditor and to complete the application to participate in the Opioid Settlement through the Texas Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider accepting gifts for the Sherriff's office; take action as appropriate

Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff, stated the following gifts were presented to the sheriff's office in the amount of \$2,000.00 to purchase of candy for Halloween to be given out at various functions

- a) Topline Equip. LLC- \$300.00
- b) Cold Snap, Inc- \$200.00
- c) Peters Irrigation USA, Inc.- \$500.00
- d) JNL steel components Inc- \$500.00
- e) Vanguard Well Resources LLC- \$500.00

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to accept the gifts to the sheriff's office as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Consider approving a resolution concerning TX Dept. of Agriculture - Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the resolution from TX Dept of Agriculture as read aloud by Commissioner Belt, Judge Pro Tem. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Consider approving the Gaines County Tax Rolls for 2021; take action appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the 2021 County Wide Equalization, Road and Bridge Fund and Gaines County Tax Roll per a report from the Gaines County Appraisal District. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

14. Consider allowing the Seminole Library to become a passport acceptance facility; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion authorizing Sabra Hall, Seminole Library to submit an application to the state to apply to become a passport acceptance facility. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. Consider accepting private roads into county inventory; take action as appropriate

This item was tabled until Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP was contacted to provide appropriate guidance for proper procedures for private roads becoming county inventory.

16. Consider approving renewal of a contract for juvenile residential services; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the renewal juvenile contract for Nikki Russell, PhD, LP:C-S NCC Counseling Services as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the renewal juvenile contract on Alternative Life Solutions Counseling as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

17. Consider current subdivision application(s); take action as appropriate,

None

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

None

19. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda,

Commissioner Murphree stated he had met with Tommy Phillips, City of Seminole, and discussed what they would be using the Federal Grant money for and he stated they had hired an outside public management company. Commissioner Murphree along with the other commissioners stated this needed to be put on the next agenda for further discussion regarding hiring an outside management company to assist with the Federal Grant money.

Commissioner Belt stated he had over \$980,000.00 from insurance money regarding hail damage on roofs on county buildings. Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, stated she had the itemized list from the insurance company. There was discussion regarding the cost of tearing down the old jail in house and possibly using some of this money however, the auditor stated this would have to go for bids.

20. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:26a.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 October 13, 2021.



Terri Berry

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



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 26 , 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
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9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting

1. Call to order, prayer, pledge
The Judge called the meeting to order with a prayer and pledges of allegiance.
2. Public Comment concerning items listed on the agenda
None
3. Discuss routine administrative items: take action needed;
 - a. Last month's minutes
 - b. Payroll
 - c. Budget amendments and fund transfers
 - d. Accounts payable
 - e. Auditor's report
 - f. Officer's report
 - g. Renewal of routine annual service and similar agreement(s)
 - h. Non-capital surplus or salvage

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.(see attached)

4. Discuss and consider action(s) concerning rural mailboxes that are being removed by TXDoT from State right of ways; take action(s) as appropriate

A representative from TXDOT was present and explained the need to work with the county to resolve the issues of mailboxes being moved from right of ways. He stated he has not had issues with other counties. Judge Keyes stated he had contacted the Postmaster for Gaines county and he stated he had contacted his supervisor in Austin to help resolve this issue. Judge Keyes stated he would contact proper authorities regarding this matter and have all entities work together to resolve this issue.

5. Meet with Robert Barrett to consider a proposal to update the communications tower east of Seminole; take action as appropriate

Tabled see item #6

6. Meet with Robert Barrett, County Emergency Management Coordinator to consider a proposal to use federal grant funds to build a new Emergency Operations Center on the site of the old jail; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to table this item along with item #5 regarding communications tower east of Seminole until Robert Barrett, County Emergency Management Coordinator is present. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider authorizing the County Judge to begin to develop with guidance from TDEM, a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for Gaines County and all interested taxing entities within the county; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion authorizing the County Judge, Emergency Management with FEMA, to begin to develop with guidance from TDEM a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for Gaines County. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider approving a lease agreement with CMC for a copier for the golf course; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the lease of a Canon IR-C38265 color printer for the Golf Course in January 2022 when all copier lease are renewed for the County. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. Consider approving replacing cement ramp at the golf course; take action as appropriate

Following much discussion the commissioners agreed to repair the cement ramp at the golf course within the county until Wayne Gondeck submits a quote.

10. Consider approving an amendment to GTL Inmate Service agreement; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the amendment to GTL Inmate Service agreement regarding inmate phone calls. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider consolidating and submitting any change requests for the County's active Project List for the 2020 TXDOT Grant Project to Mr. Kimbrough for submission to TXDOT; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve change requests for Commissioner Belt, Precinct 2 and Commissioner Rosson, Precinct 1 regarding the 2020 TXDOT Grant Project. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Consider adopting an Order to Approve Online Education for County Commissioners; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Order to Approve Online Education for County Commissioners per Section 81.0025 LGC. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Consider approving the County Indigent Defense plan to be submitted to TCID for Juveniles and Misdemeanor Defendants in the County Court; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the County Indigent Defense plan to TCID for Juveniles and Misdemeanor defendants. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion, Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider accepting private roads into county inventory; take action as appropriate

This items is tabled

15. Consider going out for Requests for Proposals for a Consultant to assist the Commissioner's Court in determining the best use of ARPA and other COVID19 recovery funds; take action as appropriate

This item is tabled until we receive grant money.

16. Consider going out for bids for roof repairs on county buildings; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to go out for bids for roof repair on the courthouse and Nick Castillo, Maintenance, to meet with each Commissioner to compile a list of additional repairs needed. All bids are to be turned in by December 7, 2021 and opened December 8, 2021. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Open bids for hauling county owned caliche to county roads; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the bids for hauling county owned caliche to county roads from Tex-Mex Construction Inc, Caprock Dirtwork and Construction, RFC Regional Transport LLC as presented. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

18. Open bids to lay caliche in on county roads; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the bids for laying caliche on county roads from Tex-Mex Construction Inc. and Caprock Dirtwork & Construction as presented.

Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

19. Open bids for MC-30; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to accept the bid from Asphalt & Fuel Supply as presented for MC-30. Commissioner Belt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

20. Consider the appraisal on the old Seminole Post Office and consider appropriate methods to dispose of the building; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to go out for bids to purchase the Old Seminole Post Office building at 117 SW Ave B with Bids turned in December 7, 2021 and opened December 8, 2021. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

21. Consider current subdivision application(s), also consider any exceptions or variance requests; take action as appropriate,

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a variance on CR 109, Hwy 180, for property owner Jose Villarreal to install a septic tank for a small business. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

None

23. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda,

Judge Keyes stated the Community Building at the Gaines County Park was used this last weekend and the individual placed a propane burner in the kitchen and damaged and ruined the finish on the kitchen floor and damaged a baseboard, therefore his deposit of \$500 is being held. The individual stated he had someone that could fix the floor until such time and approval the deposit will not be returned. Judge Keyes stated the individual was told he could not rent any county buildings for a period of a year.

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor, stated she will be in contact with Davis, Ray & Company regarding the year end audit and the dates they will be doing the audit.

Scott Shortes, IT Director, stated he is having difficulties with AT & T regarding the switch over to another company and this has caused a 2 month delay. He has been assured by a supervisor this issue will be resolved as quickly as possible.

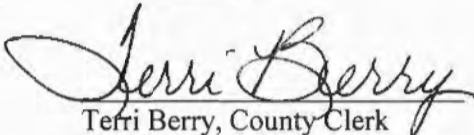
24. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:53a.m.

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Agenda Items:

1. Call to order, prayer, and pledges of allegiance.

The Judge called the meeting to order with a prayer and pledges of allegiance.

2. Public comment on agenda items listed;

None

3. Meet with Stan Reid, an attorney with Allison & Bass, to receive and provide information, evaluate demographics and consider possible action(s) regarding redistricting of the Gaines County political boundaries; take action as appropriate

- Para recibir y proporcionar información, evaluar los datos demográficos y tomar medidas posibles redistribución de los límites políticos del condado.

Stan Reid, Allison, Bass & Magee LLP, presented one or more alternative plans regarding the Redistricting plan for political boundaries for Justice of the Peace and Election precincts of Gaines County. Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries as presented with a Public Hearing to be held prior to the next scheduled Commissioners Court. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. Adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:14p.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 October 29, 2021.



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

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

