

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 27th day of December at 2:00 P.M. in the Robertson County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Franklin, Texas.

The following members were present:

Joe David Scarpinato, County Judge

Ty Rampy, Commissioner Precinct #1

Donald Threadgill, Commissioner Precinct #2

Chuck Hairston, Commissioner Precinct #3

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk - Absent

Candace Anderson, County Auditor

**1. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Maximum of 3 minutes and must have the completed Public Participation Form turned into the County Judges or County Clerk's Office by 2pm the day before the meeting of the Court.  
No action taken.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public discussion on Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement for Coati Solar, LLC.  
No discussion held.  
B. Public discussion on Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement for Holly Branch Solar, LLC.  
No discussion held.

**5. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK**

A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from December 12, 2023 regular meeting.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.  
B. Approve bonds and oaths.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Continuation certificate for William Frederick Taylor and the Official Bond and Oath for Ramona R. Aguirre, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

**6. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**

A. Discuss and take action on election related matters.  
No action taken.

**7. MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for November 2023.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for November 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

**8. BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters.  
Discussion was held.  
B. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.  
No action taken.

**9. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE**

A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.  
Discussion was held.

**10. TAMARA MYERS, LUMINANT**

A. Discuss and take action on Petition and Notice to Permanently Abandon, Close and Vacate a portion of Robertson County Road 453, also known as Krownberger Road in Precinct 4.  
Discussion was held.

**11. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3**

A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from George Harris for approval/rejection on Final Subdivision Plat – Harris Addition in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas.  
Tabled.

**12. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE**

A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to FP Finance in the amount of \$696.93 to be paid out of Contingency, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.  
B. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters.  
Discussion was held.  
C. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters.  
Discussion was held.

- D. Discussion and possible action on CDBG – MIT-MOD grant related matters and any other issues. Discussion was held.
- E. Discussion and possible action for court to consider Tax Abatement Agreement for Coati Solar, LLC. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Robertson County and Coati Solar, LLC, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion passed. Commissioner Threadgill opposed.
- F. Discussion and possible action for court to consider Tax Abatement Agreement for Holly Branch Solar, LLC. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Robertson County and Holly Branch Solar, LLC, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion passed. Commissioner Threadgill opposed.
- G. Discuss and take action on email received from Pinnacle Medical Management on scheduling random drug testing for CDL drivers. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the new agreement with Pinnacle Medical Management on scheduling random drug testing for CDL drivers (\$250.00 Flat Rate, \$75.00 Drug Screen, & \$35.00 Alcohol Screen) pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance Prohibiting Solid Waste Disposal in Certain Areas of Robertson County, Texas. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Judge to move forward with a public hearing for the Ordinance Prohibiting Solid Waste Disposal in Certain Areas in Robertson County, Texas, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discussion and possible action on adding Sheriff's Office main channel to the county five (5) tower VHF System. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment in the amount of \$23,312.25 to be paid out of Capital outlay for the Sheriff's Office updated equipment of the (5) tower VHF System and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to re-sign USDA Grant Agreement. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the Judge to resign the USDA Grant Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- K. Discuss and take action on purchase of 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD in the amount of \$44,752.71 for Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD in the amount of \$44,752.71 for Commissioner Precinct 3 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- L. Discuss and take action to place of record the Purchase Order and ARPA Terms & Conditions for the 580SN Backhoe Loader for Commissioner Precinct 3 that GrantWorks has approved to be paid with ARPA funds (this was approved by the Commissioners Court on October 17, 2023). Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Purchase Order and ARPA Terms & Conditions for the 580SN Backhoe Loader for Commissioner Precinct 3 that GrantWorks has approved to be paid with ARPA funds (approved by the Commissioners Court on October 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously).
- M. Discuss and take action to complete and sign the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors Election Ballot. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to complete and sign the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors Election Ballot pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- N. Discuss and take action to place of record UBEO Agreement with Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 that was approved in Commissioners Court on November 28, 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the UBEO Agreement with the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 that was approved in Commissioners Court on November 28, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- O. Discuss and take action to place of record Robertson County Disaster Declaration related to threat of wild fires due to drought conditions through January 12, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the Robertson County Disaster Declaration related to threat of wild fires due to drought conditions through January 12, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- P. Discuss and take action to place of record Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through January 12, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through January 12, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

### 13. CANDY ANDERSON, COUNTY AUDITOR

- A. Discuss and take action on approving budget adjustments and/or amendments, credit applications and/or lease purchase agreements, and/or cell phone allowance agreements. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

B. Settlement of Accounts: Discussion, consideration and possible action to settle and pay all accounts against the county as per Texas Local Government Code Section 115.021.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to pay Lingo in the amount of \$105.75, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$563,896.08, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take action on approval of mileage rate for 2024.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the new mileage increase from the IRS in the amount of \$0.67 per mile for the 2024 year, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

#### **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney - Discussion with attorney regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Section 551 - Open Meetings Act; or discussion with attorney regarding a matter of contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or both; to wit: No action taken.
- B. Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvene in open session.  
No action taken.
- C. The Robertson County Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Properties), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations).  
No action taken.

## 15. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

A. The Robertson County Commissioners' Court will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.  
No action taken.

**16. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.



Robertson County Judge

## Robertson County Judge

B. Ross

### Commissioner Precinct #1

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*John C. Kepp*

Commissioner Precinct #2

Commissioner Precinct #4

Commissioner Precinct #2

A circular seal with the words "COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY" around the top edge and a large five-pointed star in the center. To the right of the seal is a handwritten signature that appears to read "W. J. [illegible]". Below the seal and signature is the text "Commissioner Precinct #3".

### Commissioner Precinct #3

Rumie Hennock for  
County Auditor Candy Anderson

## County Auditor

January 9, 2024