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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 10th day of July, 2018, at 9:00 o’clock a.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on July 5, 2018 at 2:55 o’clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:00 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Epperson. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners were present.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in the Open Forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** There were no questions on the Staff Reports.

4. **DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

a. **Prior Minutes.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to lift the Burn Ban with the County Judge being given the authorization to reinstate same if needed; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Discuss and/or take action on TAC Health Insurance, and dental and vision benefits. – Bobby Zesch, Zesch and Pickett Insurance.** Zesch appeared to address the Court. He provided information on the benefits and costs of the County’s TAC Health Insurance for the employees, as well as the dental and vision benefits from Guardian Insurance. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to keep the insurance that the County has in place; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and/or take action regarding request of audits/records review from external entities. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin addressed the Court. He explained that on every entity that is funded or gifted by the County during the budget process, they have historically been asked to provide copies of their financial audits/records to the Court. He would like this practice memorialized in the minutes. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to request an annual financial audit or financial statement for each entity that receives funding from the Court on or before December 31st of the prior fiscal year; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Discuss and/or take action regarding appointment of special counsel George E. Hyde from Russell Rodriguez Hyde Bullock, L.L.P. – Judge Shanklin** Judge Shanklin addressed the Court. He stated that this item stems from some legal questions that his office had that neither the County Attorney nor the legal department of the Texas Association of Counties could answer. TAC, in turn, referred Shanklin to Hyde. Hyde has to be paid for his professional services; his fee can be paid from the “Professional Services” line item in the Judge’s budget. Shanklin stated that there have also been some other issues with bankruptcies filed by companies that the County has done business with. A letter of engagement should be signed to cover any future questions. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve signing a letter of engagement with special counsel George E. Hyde; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Schedule Budget Workshop for August 6, 2018. – Judge Shanklin.** This special meeting will be scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to schedule the budget workshop for August 6, 2018; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** No new business was discussed.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** This special meeting/budget workshop will be scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2018. The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on the second Tuesday of August, 2018 (August 14, 2018) at 9:00 a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners’ Court adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk