

On this the 22nd day of March, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. came on to be held a REGULAR meeting of the Ector County Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St., Odessa, Texas with the following members present:

Debi Hays, County Judge
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Don Stringer, Commissioner Precinct #3
Armando Rodriguez, Commissioner Precinct #4
Minutes taken by Barbara Brownlee, Chief Deputy County Clerk

when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

County Judge Debi Hays called the meeting to order at 10:01 A. M. with a quorum of the court present. The invocation was led by Judge Hays. Commissioner Gardner led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. To accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 2021.
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 2021. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

2. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the relocation expenses for any and all ECSO staff.
Mike Griffis – Sheriff

Commissioner Stringer withdrew his motion to approve.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to allow the Sheriff to offer up to \$3000 as a sign-on bonus or relocation assistance for new employees contingent on a 12 month commitment with reimbursement required if the employee does not retain employment with the Sheriff's Office. These fees will be paid out of the funds that were set aside for the salary committee; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the purchase of ID scanner for patrol and crime scene laser scanners for investigative purposes and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Mike Griffis – Sheriff

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the purchase of ID scanner for patrol and crime scene laser scanners for investigative purposes and authorize the County Judge to sign subject to the receipt of grant funding to cover the expense; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

4. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a presentation by Betenbough Homes regarding a subdivision that they are considering building. (Precinct 1)
Mike Gardner – Commissioner Pct. 1

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

5. To accept the resignation of Tenisha Muhammad and approve the appointment of Wesley Burnett to serve on the Ector County Library Advisory Board and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Commissioners Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the appointment of Wesley Burnett to serve on the Ector County Library Advisory Board and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

6. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a Burn Ban in Ector County based on drought conditions and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign Order.
Rickey George – Emergency Management

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a 90 day Burn Ban in Ector County based on drought conditions and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign Order; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

7. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the appointment of B.A. Jinadu M.D., MPH as Local Health Authority for the Ector County Health Department (ECHD) and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Brandy Garcia – Health Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to appoint B.A. Jinadu M.D., MPH as Local Health Authority for the Ector County Health Department (ECHD) and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays
✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

8. To consider, discuss, and approve repairing a fence and gate damaged during the expansion of Cottonwood Road in Gardendale, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 2) and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.
Greg Simmons – Commissioner Pct. 2

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to table the item until the next Commissioner Court meeting; a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

9. To award, reject, or take any necessary action regarding the proposal for Vending Machine Services and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposal for Vending Machine Services and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

10. To consider, discuss, approve, reject the awards regarding Road Construction Material and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing
Steven Davis – Public Works

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Road Construction Material and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

CONTRACT/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

11. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding Change Order #5 for Moss Mill & Overlay; and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing
Steven Davis – Public Works

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve Change Order #5 for Moss Mill & Overlay; and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

12. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding Change Order #7 for Cottonwood Road Improvements; and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing
Steven Davis – Public Works

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Change Order #7 for Cottonwood Road Improvements; and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

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| <u>✓</u> Judge Hays | |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez |

13. To approve, reject, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the proposal from Kofile Technologies, Inc., for the 2022 Project for the Archival Imaging and Preservation of District Clerk Records, with Kofile's TXMAS Contract No. TXMAS-18-3602, and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Clarissa Webster – District Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the proposal from Kofile Technologies, Inc., for the 2022 Project for the Archival Imaging and Preservation of District Clerk Records, with Kofile's TXMAS Contract No. TXMAS-18-3602, and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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| <u>✓</u> Judge Hays | |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez |

PERSONNEL REQUEST

14. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a stipend for individuals performing additional duties while the office is operating with reduced attorneys.
Dusty Gallivan – District Attorney

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a stipend for individuals performing additional duties while the office is operating with reduced attorneys through end of the current budget; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

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| <u>✓</u> Judge Hays | |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez |

15. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding starting pay for Health Inspector/Sanitarian (Non-licensed) at a Step 3 and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Brandy Garcia – Health Department

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve starting pay for Health Inspector/Sanitarian (Non-licensed) at a Step 3 and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

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| <u>✓</u> Judge Hays | |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer |
| <u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons | <u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez |

PUBLIC WORKS

16. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Proposed Ector County MHRC Development to serve 1123 S Moss Avenue 7.99 acre lot located in Madrid Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 1 and 2, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 1) and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Steven Davis – Public Works

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a Proposed Ector County MHRC Development to serve 1123 S Moss Avenue 7.99 acre lot located in Madrid Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 1 and 2, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 1) and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

17. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Replat of Lot 3, Block 8, Pleasant Farms Subdivision a subdivision of 4.69 acres in Section 37, Block 43, T-3-S, T&P RY. Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 4) and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Steven Davis – Public Works

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a Replat of Lot 3, Block 8, Pleasant Farms Subdivision a subdivision of 4.69 acres in Section 37, Block 43, T-3-S, T&P RY. Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (Precinct 4) and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

CONSENT AGENDA

18. To review, consider, discuss, approve, and take any necessary action regarding the following proposed Consent Agenda:

18a. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Non Departmental, County Legal Fees, 001-320-5334 from Other General Expense, 001-950-5402 for \$20,000.
Randy Donner – County Auditor

18b. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Sheriff, Special Department Equipment, 001-360-5507 from Radio Repairs, 001-360-5250 for \$18,735.
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposed consent agenda; a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

19. To consider and approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for March 22, 2022 to review County financial statements and reports.
Randy Donner - County Auditor

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for March 22, 2022 to review County financial statements and reports; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

Judge Hays made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to reconvene; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. To consider and discuss legal matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

21. To consider and discuss real estate issues/transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

22. To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to allow Human Resources to proceed as discussed; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Gardner	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Stringer
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

23. To consider and discuss personnel matters (relating to and resulting from the retirement of the Maintenance Director, including the vacancy and the filling of said vacancy) pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays - County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

12:22 P.M.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Simmons made a motion with a second by Commissioner Stringer to adjourn to the call of the chair. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Barbara Brownlee, Chief Deputy County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Proceedings for the Regular Commissioners' Court meeting of March 22, 2022.



Barbara Brownlee
BARBARA BROWNLEE, CHIEF DEPUTY
ECTOR COUNTY CLERK