On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, 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 Jennifer Martin, 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 Commissioner Simmons. Commissioner Stringer 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 consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to appoint Shawn Oglesby to the 911 Emergency District of Ector County Board of Directors to be effective from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023 and authorize the County Judge to sign. Mike Gardner - Commissioner Pct. 1

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to appoint Shawn Oglesby to the 911 Emergency District of Ector County Board of Directors to be effective from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023 and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED. 5-0 Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

- ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez
- To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on the creation of a permanent Library Advisory 2. Committee and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item. **Commissioners** Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the creation of a permanent Library Advisory Committee and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. 5-0 Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Gardner

✓ Commissioner Stringer

✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a donation of \$49,038 to the Friends of the Ector County Library and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item. **Commissioners Court** 

**ITEM WITHDRAWN** 

4. To receive a presentation of proposed final plan redistricting the County Commissioner precincts based on 2020 Census data. Commissioners Court

Claudia Russell, Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP gave a presentation regarding the two redistricting plans that were submitted to the County Judge and Commissioners.

#### NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

5. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to discuss proposed redistricting plan by the Commissioners Court and any amendments, if necessary, to finalize the proposed plan for adoption and possible adoption and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign. Commissioners Court

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to adopt the plan that was drawn by David Mendez, Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP which included voting precincts 106, 107, partial 108 and all of 111 in Precinct 3; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. **MOTION PASSED. 4-1** 

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer

✓ Commissioner Simmons Voting Against Motion:

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

 To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a resolution authorizing the annual County grant to Odessa Meals on Wheels and authorize the County Judge to sign. Randy Donner – County Auditor

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a resolution authorizing the annual County grant to Odessa Meals on Wheels and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0** 

Voting for Motion:

- $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\checkmark} Judge Hays \\ \stackrel{\checkmark}{\checkmark} Commissioner Gardner \qquad \stackrel{\checkmark}{\checkmark} 0$
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner✓ Commissioner Stringer✓ Commissioner Simmons✓ Commissioner Rodriguez
- 7. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to appoint Greg Simmons, Jennifer Martin, Lindy Wright, Kevin Mann, Patricia Patton, Randy Donner, and Shawn Callendar to the Ector County Salary Committee and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

**Commissioners Court** 

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to appoint Greg Simmons, Jennifer Martin, Lindy Wright, Kevin Mann, Patricia Patton, Randy Donner, and Shawn Callendar to the Ector County Salary Committee and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. **MOTION PASSED. 4-1** 

✓ Commissioner Stringer

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner

✓ Commissioner Simmons

Voting Against Motion:

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

#### **AWARDS OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

 To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the award of the request for bids on Medical Examiner Transportation Services II, and authorize the County Judge to sign any documents associated with this agenda item. Lucy Soto – Purchasing Ron Inge – Medical Examiner

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to award the bid for Medical Examiner Transportation Services II to A & H Funeral Transport and authorize the County Judge to sign any documents association with this agenda item; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0** Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- $\checkmark$  Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

#### **CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS**

 To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Ector County Sheriff's Office and authorize the County Judge to sign. Mike Griffis – Sheriff

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Ector County Sheriff's Office and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0** 

✓ Commissioner Stringer

#### Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez
- 10. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a proposed amendment to the End User License Agreement and Professional Services Agreement between Ector County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. to add 11 additional users to Odyssey Online-Licensed Software to be used by the City of Odessa, and authorize the County Judge to sign. Stephen White – Sheriff's Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a proposed amendment to the End User License Agreement and Professional Services Agreement between Ector County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. to add 11 additional users to Odyssey Online-Licensed Software to be used by the City of Odessa, and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0** Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner

✓ Commissioner Simmons

- $\checkmark$  Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a proposed change in the Interlocal 11. Agreement between the City of Odessa and Ector County to add 11 additional licenses for the City of Odessa Fire Marshal to access the County Odyssey Integrated Courts and Justice System and authorize the County Judge to sign any and all documents associated with this agenda item. Stephen White – Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a proposed change in the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Odessa and Ector County to add 11 additional licenses for the City of Odessa Fire Marshal to access the County Odyssey Integrated Courts and Justice System and authorize the County Judge to sign any and all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer.

#### **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Gardner

✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

#### PERSONNEL REQUEST

12. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to authorize Building Maintenance to hire at a Step 3 when hiring any Maintenance position for the remainder of the Fiscal Year. Charles Pierce – Building Maintenance

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to authorize Building Maintenance to hire at a Step 3 when hiring any Maintenance position for the remainder of the Fiscal Year; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez
- To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve hiring an Event Coordinator at a Step 13. 4 due to experience. Aaron Martin – Coliseum

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve hiring an Event Coordinator at a Step 4 due to experience; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED. 5-0 Voting for Motion:

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

#### **POLICIES/PROCEDURES**

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Summary of Benefits provided by 14. AETNA for eligible Ector County retired employees and their dependents aged 65 and over, beginning January 1, 2022. Patricia Patton – Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the Summary of Benefits provided by AETNA for eligible Ector County retired employees and their dependents aged 65 and over, beginning January 1, 2022; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons

#### ✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 15. To review, consider, discuss, approve, and take any necessary action regarding the following proposed Consent Agenda:
  - 15a. To consider, discuss, and approve a line item transfer in the FY 2022 budget to Sales Tax Fund, Road Department, Motor Vehicle Equipment, 005-810-5505 from Contract Services, 005-810-5309 for \$5,185. Evans Kessey – Public Works

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

## **BUDGET/FINANCIAL**

16. To consider, discuss, and approve a FY 2022 budget amendment to FMLR Fund, County Engineer, Full Time Salaries, 002-820-513 for \$4,160, to Social Security, 002-820-5121 for \$318, to Retirement, 002-820-5123 for \$795 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 002-3310 for \$5,273. Randy Donner – County Auditor

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a FY 2022 budget amendment to FMLR Fund, County Engineer, Full Time Salaries, 002-820-513 for \$4,160, to Social Security, 002-820-5121 for \$318, to Retirement, 002-820-5123 for \$795 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 002-3310 for \$5,273; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. 5-0 Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Judge Hays ✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez
- 17. To consider and approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for October 26, 2021 to review County financial statements and reports. Randy Donner - County Auditor

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for October 26, 2021 to review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to adjourn to Executive Session; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner✓ Commissioner Stringer✓ Commissioner Simmons✓ Commissioner Rodrigue

✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

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

- Voting for Motion:
- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner
- ✓ Commissioner Simmons

✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

18. 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

19. To consider and discuss legal matters (Opioid Settlement Update) pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code. Debi Hays - County Judge

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve and sign the resolution and the Texas Release Form related to the case against Johnson & Johnson and accept the settlement as proposed and recommended by counsel; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

#### **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

- ✓ Judge Hays
- ✓ Commissioner Gardner ✓ Commissioner Stringer
- ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- To consider and discuss real estate issues/transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 20. 551.072, Texas Government Code. Debi Hays - County Judge

#### NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas 21. Government Code. Debi Hays - County Judge

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to authorize Human Resources and Payroll to discontinue payment of the SME stipends effective October 2021; a second was made by Commissioner Rodriguez.

# **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion: ✓ Judge Hays

✓ Commissioner Gardner

- ✓ Commissioner Simmons
- ✓ Commissioner Stringer ✓ Commissioner Rodriguez

#### 10:56 A.M.

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

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## COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Jennifer Martin, County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Proceedings for the Regular Commissioners' Court meeting of October 26, 2021.



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JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS