



Ector County Commissioners Court

February 14, 2023

10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, ECTOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ANNEX, ROOM 120

1010 EAST 8TH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS

ATTENDANCE

Dustin Fawcett, County Judge
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Don Stringer, Commissioner Precinct #3
Billy Hall, Commissioner Precinct #4
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, County Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Fawcett called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum of the court present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Jeremiah Ramer, Lead Pastor at Crossroads Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. New Elections Equipment, Lisa Sertuche - Elections

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to receive a presentation from Lisa Sertuche from the Elections Department in regards to the new department equipment.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #1.pdf

Lisa Sertuche, Elections Administrator and Tiffany McClure, Elections Technician gave a demonstration on the new elections equipment.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

2. Out of State Training - Sheriff's Office, Mike Griffis – Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an advanced homicide investigation training class in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Lieutenant Randy Dominguez.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #2.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve an advanced homicide investigation training class in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Lieutenant Randy Dominguez; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Out of State Training - Planning & Development, Eddie Landrum - Planning and Development

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Eddie Landrum's out-of-state

conference from July 10th-14th, 2023 .

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #3.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve Eddie Landrum's out-of-state conference from July 10th-14th, 2023; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. Mileage Reimbursement, Eddie Landrum - Planning and Development

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve mileage reimbursement for ROW Inspectors.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #4.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve mileage reimbursement for ROW Inspectors until they receive their county vehicles; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

5. Vetted Authors and Artists - Library, Howard C. Marks - Library

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve all vetted authors and artists that present at the library to be able to sell their books and artwork.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #5.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve all vetted authors and artists that present at the library to be able to sell their books and artwork; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

6. Out of State Fee for Marriage Applications, Jennifer Martin - County Clerk

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an additional \$100 charge for out-of-state marriage applications.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #6.pdf

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve an additional \$100 charge for out-of-state marriage applications; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

7. VOCA Grant, Ysela Ortiz - District Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an application and resolution for the VOCA Grant#3978903 with the Office of the Governor for the Ector County District Attorney's Office, and authorize the County Judge, County Clerk, and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #7.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve an application and resolution for the VOCA Grant#3978903 with the Office of the Governor for the Ector County District Attorney's Office, and authorize the County Judge, County Clerk, and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

8. T-Mobile/ECF, Howard C. Marks - Library

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$548,100 grant from T-Mobile (part of Covid Emergency Connectivity Funds) with one full year of service for: 600 tablets, 400 hotspots deployed to us.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #8.pdf

Howard Marks addressed the court and answered questions. Commissioner Gardner made a motion to accept a \$548,100 grant from T-Mobile (part of Covid Emergency Connectivity Funds) with one full year of service for: 600 tablets, 400 hotspots deployed to us; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. Cell Phone - Library, Howard C. Marks - Library

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a cellular phone and monthly service plan for Library Director, Howard Marks-pertaining to connection with agenda item #7.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #9.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to table this item until the budget sessions; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10. Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin, Howard C. Marks - Library

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$5,000 grant from the Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin for a book drop in West Odessa.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #10.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept a \$5,000 grant from the Literacy Coalition of the Permian Basin for a book drop in West Odessa; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

11. Hoopla Database, Howard C. Marks - Library

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a new agreement/ extended contract for Hoopla Database, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #11.pdf

After Howard Marks addressed the court to explain what Hoopla Database is, a motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve a new agreement/extended contract for Hoopla Database, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

12. Mitchell County Contract, Mike Griffis – Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to update an existing contract with Mitchell County for housing inmates, should the situation arise, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #12.pdf

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to update an existing contract with Mitchell County for housing inmates, should the situation arise, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

13. Johnson Controls Inc., Lucy Soto – Purchasing Billy Carrigan - Building Maintenance

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to receive a presentation from Jennifer Edwards at Johnson Controls, Inc. regarding Year I Measurement & Verification Services

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #13.pdf

ITEM WITHDRAWN

14. Johnson Controls Inc., Lucy Soto – Purchasing Billy Carrigan - Building Maintenance

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the cancellation of the Measurement and Verification Services from Johnson Controls included under the Performance Contract and to make that cancellation retroactive effective November 1,2022, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #14.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the cancelation of the Measurement and Verification Services from Johnson Controls included under the Performance Contract and to make that cancelation retroactive effective November 1,2022, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

15. Budget Amendments, Jennifer Martin - County Clerk

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to General Fund, County Clerk, Office Supplies,001-160-5171 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$2,600, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #15.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve a budget amendment to General Fund, County Clerk, Office Supplies,001-160-5171 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$2,600, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

16. Budget Amendments, Randy Donner - County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Self-Funded Liability Fund, Auto Liability, 032-960-5367, and to Auto Premiums, 032-4403 for \$40,768, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #16.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve a budget amendment to Self-Funded Liability Fund, Auto Liability, 032-960-5367, and to Auto Premiums, 032-4403 for \$40,768, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

17. Budget Amendments, Eddie Landrum - Planning and Development

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve both a Microsoft License for Planning and Development and a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Planning and Development, Subscriptions, 005-025-5207 and to Interest Earnings, 005-4161 for \$470, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #17.pdf

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve both a Microsoft License for Planning and Development and a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Planning and Development, Subscriptions, 005-025-5207 and to Interest Earnings, 005-4161 for \$470, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

18. Budget Amendments, Mike Griffis – Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Jail, Contract Services, 005-420-5309 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 005-3310 for \$14,995, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #18.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the budget amendment but to have the funds come from the Commissary Account rather than the Sales Tax Fund as requested by Sheriff Griffis; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

19. Budget Amendments, Mike Griffis – Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Sales

Tax Fund, Sheriff, Contract Services,005-360-5309 from Unreserved Fund Balance,005-3310 for \$20,000, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #19.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Sheriff, Contract Services,005-360-5309 from Unreserved Fund Balance,005-3310 for \$20,000, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

20. Increase in Change Fund - LEC, Mike Griffis – Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an increase in the change fund amount for the Detention Center to \$5,000.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #20.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve an increase in the change fund amount for the Detention Center to \$5,000; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

21. Investment Report, Randy Donner - County Auditor Cleopatra Calloway - County Treasurer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Ector County Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31,2022.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #21.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the Ector County Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31,2022; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

22. Accounts Payable Report, Randy Donner - County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for February 14th,2023, and review County financial statements and reports.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #22.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for February 14th,2023, and review County financial statements and reports; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Stringer with a second by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

23. Personnel Matters, Dustin Fawcett - County Judge

To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

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1. Item #23.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to authorize Personnel to offer Carl Rogers the Chief Medical Examiner position and Mary Salaz the Director of Senior Centers position; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to accept the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Salary Committee; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

ADJOURN

12:27 P.M.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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 February 14, 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Martin
JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS