



Ector County Commissioners' Court

July 11, 2023

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St.,
Odessa, Texas

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: CLIFF DEARMOND- HOPE ALIVE CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

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. Burn Ban , James Carta- Environmental Enforcement & Emergency Management Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning (burn ban) in Ector County, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #1.pdf

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning (burn ban) in Ector County, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$350.00 donation from Rick Young to the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept a \$350.00 donation from Rick Young to the Ector County Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$135,000.00 donation from Bustin' For Badges to the Ector County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to accept a \$135,000 donation from Bustin' For Badges to the Ector County Sheriff's Office; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. July 2023 Auction, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to declare surplus and approve *sale by auction* for the items on the attached list in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle B, Chapter 263, Subchapter A of the Texas Local Government Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve sale by auction for the items on the attached list in accordance with Title 8, Subtitle B, Chapter 263, Subchapter A of the Texas Local Government Code -- Commissioner Simmons amended his motion to exclude the mower from Juvenile Probation. A second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

5. Resolution for Renewal, Reauthorization and Re-Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement , Lee McClendon- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to adopt a Resolution for the Renewal, Reauthorization, and Re-Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria governing tax abatement in Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones under Chapter 312 of the Tax Code and authorizing the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign the Resolution and all other documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #5.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Renewal, Reauthorization, and Re-Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria governing tax abatement in Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones under Chapter 312 of the Tax Code and authorizing the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign the Resolution and all other documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

6. Origis Energy USA/Rockhound Solar Projects Tax Abatement , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To conduct a public hearing and consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding applications by Origis Energy USA for a proposed designation as a Reinvestment Zone and applications for tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, for the use as solar power facilities by the Rockhound Solar Projects located southeast of the City of Penwell in Ector County; and to take any necessary action regarding approval of adoptions of resolutions and the tax abatement agreement with Origis Energy USA/Rockhound Solar, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #6.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve applications by Origis Energy USA for a proposed designation as a Reinvestment Zone and applications for tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, for the use as solar power facilities by the Rockhound Solar Projects located southeast of the City of Penwell in Ector County; and to take any necessary action regarding approval of adoptions of resolutions and the tax abatement agreement with Origis Energy USA/Rockhound Solar, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

7. PermiaCare, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a contract for jail based mental health services between PermiaCare and Ector County, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #7.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a contract for jail based mental health services between PermianCare and Ector County, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Hall.
MOTION PASSED 5-0

8. Food Service Agreement, Lucy Soto- Purchasing, Kevin Mann- Juvenile Probation Director, Mary Salaz- Senior Citizens Centers Director, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the renewal for Food Services for the Senior Citizen Centers and the Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers; and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #8.pdf

Judge Fawcett informed the court that the Senior Citizen Center was withdrawn from the proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the renewal for Food Services for the Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers; and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

9. JSA Architect Pricing, Lucy Soto- Purchasing, Billy Carrigan- Building Maintenance

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding an agreement and fees update with JSA Architects.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve an agreement and fees update with JSA Architects; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10. Courthouse and Annex TPO Roof Specifications, Lucy Soto- Purchasing, Billy Carrigan- Building Maintenance Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the proposal specifications for Courthouse roof replacement and Annex roof replacement projects; the proposal specifications are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the proposal specifications for Courthouse roof replacement and Annex roof replacement projects; the proposal specifications are ready to advertise and distribute to vendors upon approval; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

11. Texas State Library & Archives Commission Grant, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding a special grants program with Texas State Library to acquire a new sprinter van/bookmobile for extended outreach across Ector County, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to table the item; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

12. Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP- General Legal Services Agreement, Lee McClendon- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the approval of a legal services engagement agreement (a General Services Agreement) and all related matters between Ector County, Texas, and the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #12.pdf

Charles R. Kimbrough of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, addressed the court to go over the history with Ector County and emphasize that the agreement is not exclusive so the county can go outside their firm for other matters as the court sees fit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the legal services engagement agreement (a General Services Agreement) and all related matters between Ector County, Texas, and the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

13. Hillmont Estates Streetlights, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding agreement specifications with developer Ron Chesnut about streetlights, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to table the item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

14. Proposed Consent Agenda, County Auditor's Office

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

Line Item Transfer- Elections, County Auditor's Office:

14a.) To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a line item transfer to Election Fund, Educational Travel, 004-980-5161 from Election Resources, 004-980-5172 for \$500, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Line Item Transfer- 446th District Court, County Auditor's Office:

14b.) To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a line item transfer to General Fund, 446th District Court, Educational Travel, 001-100-5161 from Cost of Living Allowance, 001-100-5109 for \$400, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Line Item Transfer- Senior Citizens Centers, County Auditor's Office:

14c.) To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Senior Centers, Office Supplies, 001-630-5171 from Contract Services, 001-630-5309 for \$200, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #14a.pdf
2. Agenda Item #14b.pdf
3. Agenda Item #14c.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the above proposed Consent Agenda; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

15. Budget Amendment Request- Sheriff's Office, County Auditor's Office

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Sheriff's Office, Contract Services, 005-360-5309 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 005-3310 for \$2,000,000, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

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1. Agenda Item #15.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a budget amendment to Sales Tax Fund, Sheriff's Office, Contract Services, 005-360-5309 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 005-3310 for \$2,000,000, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION

PASSED 5-0

16. Ector County Treasurer's Monthly Reports, Cleopatra Callaway- Ector County Treasurer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the Ector County Monthly Treasurer's Reports for March 2023, April 2023, and May 2023, and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item. In addition, it is requested that the reports be archived with the official minutes of this meeting.

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1. Agenda Item #16.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the Ector County Monthly Treasurer's Reports for March 2023, April 2023 and May 2023 and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign all documents associated with this agenda item. In addition, it is requested that the reports be archived with the official minutes of this meeting; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

17. Financial Reports/Statements , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for July 11th, 2023, and review County financial statements and reports.

Minutes Attachments

1. GENERAL 07 11 23.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for July 11th, 2023, and review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

18. Coffman Associates Airport Presentation , Don Stringer- Commissioner, Precinct #3

To consider, discuss, and take any action necessary action to receive a presentation from Coffman Associates Representatives regarding their final draft of the master plan for the Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport.

A presentation/report was given by a representative from Coffman Associates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the final draft of the master plan for the Odessa-Schlemeyer Field Airport; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10:39 a.m.

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

11:19 a.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider and discuss legal matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

20. Real Estate, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider and discuss real estate issues/transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

21. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

ADJOURN

11:19 a.m.

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

SIGNATURE PAGE

22. Agenda Approval w/ Signatures , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

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 held on the above date.

August 07, 2023 at 10:31 AM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk