



Ector County Commissioners' Court

December 03, 2024

10:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

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

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

INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER MIKE GARDNER

The invocation was led by Commissioner Gardner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

Commissioner Hall led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS

Non-Agenda Public Participation:

Scott Allen Johnson, 1950 S. Shawnee Tr. Sp. 5, Odessa, TX - Spoke regarding issues with Republic EES, LLC and water contamination stating that he is still waiting on a hearing with the state. Mr. Johnson explained that the paperwork had to be resubmitted due to an error made by the other party.

1. Parking Lot Request , Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* Mauricio Navarro and the City of Odessa to use the Ector County Health Department parking lot for a Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7th, 2024; liability insurance will be provided prior to the event date.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to *approve* Mauricio Navarro and the City of Odessa to use the Ector County Health Department parking lot for a Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7th, 2024; liability insurance will be provided prior to the event date; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

2. Resolution: Texas Community Development Block Grant, John Henderson- Commissioners' Court Attorney and Grant Writer

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to *approve* a *Resolution* authorizing the submission of a *Texas Community Block Grant Application*, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #2.pdf

Patti Kappaugh, 24 N. Broken Bow, Odessa, TX - addressed the court to speak in favor of the court passing the resolution. She also introduced West Odessa Water Warriors as the newly founded non-profit organization which found the grant stating that this is just the beginning and they will continue to look for additional funds to help get water to West Odessa.

Michelle Lee Spinks, 1716 N. Roadrunner, Odessa, TX - addressed the court to speak in favor of the approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Gardner responded and encouraged the group to keep up the good work that they have been doing.

Judge Fawcett echoed Commissioner Gardner's sentiment and thanked the group for staying involved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant Application; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED 4-0

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

3. Opioid Litigation, Lee McClendon- County Attorney

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the consideration of authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials to *execute* the settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Kroger in the matter of Texas opioid multidistrict litigation for the County in the matter of *County of Ector v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al.*

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #3.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to move the item to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

After Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to bring the item back to the table; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to accept the settlement that was discussed in Executive Session and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Time: 10:12 a.m.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

Commissioner Stringer joined the meeting in Executive Session as 10:37 a.m.

Time: 10:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to reconvene; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

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

5. Legal Matters, Lee McClendon- County Attorney

To consider and discuss legal matters (*County of Ector v. Pharma, Inc., et al.*, MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas) pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

See Item #3

6. Real Estate, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

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

7. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- Public Information Officer

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

Time: 10:47 a.m.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gardner with a second by Commissioner Simmons. 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 meeting held on the above date.

December 16, 2024 at 10:50 AM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk