

On this the 17th day of December, 2020, 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
Eddy Shelton, Commissioner Precinct #1
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Dale Childers, 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 Shelton. Commissioner Childers 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 receive a presentation from the Public Works Department regarding 2020 Operational Report and Projects Proposals for 2021.
Evans Kessey – Public Works

ITEM WITHDRAWN

2. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to adopt a Resolution and to renew and ratify adoption of guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement in the Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones and authorizing the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign.
Debi Hays – County Judge

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adopt a Resolution and to renew and ratify adoption of guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement in the Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones and authorizing the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Childers.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for TCEQ and authorize the County Judge to sign.
David Peck – Public Works

ITEM WITHDRAWN

4. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action for the I.T. Equipment needed to open the new Booking Area of the Law Enforcement Center and to approve a budget amendment to Jail Expansion Fund, Special Departmental Equipment, 047-420-5507 for \$19,541 to Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 047-420-5199 for \$5,190 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 047-3310 for \$24,731 and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Charles Pierce – Building Maintenance

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the I.T. Equipment needed to open the new Booking Area of the Law Enforcement Center and to approve a budget amendment to Jail Expansion Fund, Special Departmental Equipment, 047-420-5507 for \$19,541 to Departmental Furniture & Equipment, 047-420-5199 for \$5,190 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 047-3310 for \$24,731 and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

5. To consider, discuss, approve, reject, modify and take any necessary action on the following bid specification: Police Pursuit Vehicles – 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe with Rigups.
Lucy Soto – Purchasing

Commissioner Shelton made a motion to approve the bid specifications for Police Pursuit Vehicles – 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe with Rigups; a second was made by Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

6. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ector County and Lynn County regarding housing of Lynn County inmates in the Ector County Law Enforcement Center/Jail and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Mike Griffis – Sheriff

A motion was made by Commissioner Childers to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ector County and Lynn County regarding housing of Lynn County inmates in the Ector County Law Enforcement Center/Jail and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 5-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

7. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the starting pay for the Disease Intervention Specialist to be \$17.00 hour.
Brandy Garcia – Health Department

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the starting pay for the grant funded Disease Intervention Specialist to be \$17.00 per hour; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

8. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve and implement the policy for Handling of Dead Animals in Ector County and authorize the County Judge to sign.
Evans Kessey – Public Works

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to approve and implement the policy for Handling of Dead Animals in Ector County and authorize the County Judge to sign; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

9. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a request to abandon the alley south of N. Anne St. -67th Vicloumar Subdivision, Ector County, Texas and authorize the County Judge to sign.
David Peck – Project Manager

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to abandon the alley south of N. Anne St. -67th Vicloumar Subdivision, Ector County, Texas and authorize the County Judge to sign; a second was made by Commissioner Shelton. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

10. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on paying for a change order for the roof at the White Pool House and to approve a budget amendment to Capital Improvements Fund, Improvements & Construction, 044-990-5509 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 044-3310 for \$8,950.
Charles Pierce – Building Maintenance

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve payment for a change order for the roof at the White Pool House and to approve a budget amendment to Capital Improvements Fund, Improvements & Construction, 044-990-5509 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 044-3310 for \$8,950; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

11. To consider, discuss, approve, reject and take any necessary action regarding the Ector County Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2020.
Randy Donner – Auditor
Cleopatra Callaway – Treasurer

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Ector County Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2020; a second was made by Commissioner Childers. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

12. To consider, discuss, approve, reject, and take any necessary action regarding the Ector County Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2020, October 2020, and November 2020 and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign.
Cleopatra Callaway – County Treasurer

A motion was made by Commissioner Shelton to approve the Ector County Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2020, October 2020, and November 2020 and authorize the County Judge and County Commissioners to sign; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

13. To consider and approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for December 17, 2020 to review County financial statements and reports.
Randy Donner – County Auditor

Commissioner Childers made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for December 17, 2020 to review County financial statements and reports; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. **MOTION PASSED. 5-0**

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Shelton	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to discuss any and all issues related to COVID-19.
Debi Hays – County Judge

Keith Antilley, 204 E 52nd Street, Odessa, Texas addressed the court with concerns regarding the office closure of all four Justices of the Peace. He stated that he is unable to conduct business in person and that he has left messages and not received any return calls. He also stated that the voice mail boxes are often full. Mr. Antilley suggested furloughing the staff. Commissioner Simmons asked that HR send a request to the Justices of the Peace requesting an operations plan going forward. Judge Hays also requested that correspondence be sent to the elected officials who stated they were waiting on the COVID-19 vaccine to be available before returning to the office and/or re-opening.

Charlie Pierce, Director of Building Maintenance, informed the court that he still has hand sanitizer available should any of the county offices need more.

Commissioner Commissioner Childers made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session; Commissioner Commissioner Shelton seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Childers to reconvene with a second by Commissioner Rodriguez.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. 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

16. 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

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to accept the letter of resignation/retirement from Rebecca Taylor, Library Director and to appoint Lynette Nichols as interim Library Director beginning January 1, 2021 until a permanent replacement is hired; Commissioner Childers seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED. 4-0

Voting for Motion:

<u>✓</u> Judge Hays	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Simmons
<u>✓</u> Commissioner Childers	<u>✓</u> Commissioner Rodriguez

19. To consider and discuss personnel matters (Medical Examiner’s Department) pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
Debi Hays – County Judge

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

10:52 A.M.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Childers made a motion with a second by Commissioner Simmons to adjourn to the call of the chair. **MOTION PASSED. 4-0**

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 December 17, 2020.



Jennifer Martin
JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS