

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE TOM N. KEYES PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
CRAIG BELT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
DAVID MURPHREE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
BIZ HOUSTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

VICKI PHILLIPS (ABSENT)

COUNTY CLERK

Court observed a moment of silence followed by the opening invocation given by Judge Keyes, who then led the pledge to the flags. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the proposed tax rate for FY 2018 / CY 2017; take action as appropriate

Judge Keyes called a public hearing, with Rick Dollahan, County Auditor, reviewing the proposed tax rate for FY 2018/CY 2017. The proposed property tax rate for FY 2018 is .593967. Judge Keyes called for public comments, and Bradley Peters had some questions on what percentage of increase comes from new development. The public hearing was closed at 10:10. This was the second of two public hearings held. The adoption of the tax rate will be held on September 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (see attached)

2. Discuss routine administrative items: take action needed;

- a. Last month's minutes
- b. Payroll
- c. Budget amendments and fund transfers
- d. Accounts payable
- e. Auditor's report
- f. Officer's report
- g. Surplus/Salvage(non-capital)

Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept and approve the routine administrative items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

2. Consider going out for proposals for fleet fuel; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to go out for proposals for fleet fuel, with proposals to be opened on October 10, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider a request by the Sheriff's office to declare 2 vehicles surplus; take action as appropriate

Sheriff Pipkin requested 2 vehicles be declared as surplus: (1) Unit S-81, a 2009 White Chevy 4-Door Pickup with 199,808 miles (2) Unit S-95, a 2014 White Chevy Tahoe with 164,197 miles, to be sold on GovDeals. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve declaring the vehicles as surplus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

4. Consider a request by the Sheriff's office to transfer 1 vehicle to the Maintenance Department; take action as appropriate

Sheriff Pipkin made a request to transfer Unit S-91, a 2013 White Chevy Pickup, 3GCPKSE77DG341035, with 162,844 from the Sheriff's Office to the Maintenance Department. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the vehicle transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Consider a request for a road closing located in Pct. 4, WD Hart Addition; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to table this item due to some signatures being needed and posting notice of road closing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider approving a new hanger at the airport; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve a 48X30 hanger with a 30X40 concrete slab for Henry Neufeld. The engineering paperwork is all in order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. Consider accepting RAMP grant; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the grant agreement for Routine Airport Maintenance Program with TxDot, and authorizing Judge Keyes to sign the grant agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. Consider a response to the request by the Freedom from Religion Foundation to remove publicly displayed crosses from the DPS office; take action as appropriate

Judge Keyes read the letter from Freedom from Religion Foundation requesting the removal of publicly displayed crosses from the DPS office. Joe Nagy, County Attorney gave the Court his opinion on the issue stating he does not believe the law forbids crosses in public places and that the crosses on display are within the law. Following a discussion, Judge Keyes made a motion to do nothing at this time, and to authorize the Judge to seek legal representation to resolve the issue if needed in the future. The motion was seconded four times, by Commissioners Rosson, Commissioner Belt, Commissioner Murphree and Commissioner Houston. The motion carried unanimously. There were public comments from Johnny Hernandez, Joyce Hargrove and Cookie Conley supporting the decision. (see attached)

9. Consider entering an inter-local agreement with Seagraves ISD to take possession of the old Post Office in Seagraves on a 50 year lease to use as a library; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion authorizing Judge Keyes to sign the interlocal agreement with the Seagraves ISD to take possession of the old Post Office in Seagraves to use as a library, with approval to use capital expenditure funds to pay for the renovations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houston. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. Consider accepting a grant in kind for an anonymous donor to make repairs to the mausoleum at the South Cemetery; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept a grant in kind from an anonymous donor to make repairs of landscaping and inside tile work and other repairs to the mausoleum at the South Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider current subdivision application(s); take action as appropriate.

None

12. Consider current road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate.

(a) Commissioner Rosson, Precinct 1, made a motion to approve a road crossing from Tabula Rasa Partners LLC to cross County Road 405-C with a 4" oil pipeline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

(b) Commissioner Houston, Precinct 4, made a motion to approve two road crossings from Tabula Rasa Partners LLC to cross County Road 405 and County Road 402 (Fairview Road) with a 4" oil pipeline. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

Charlotte Hankins wanted to verify the date to adopt the proposed tax rate for FY 2018/CY 2017. Judge Keyes stated it was Friday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m.

14. Commissioners Court will recess to move to, and tour, the Gaines County Park Community Center, then will return to the Courthouse and come out of recess to consider whether to accept the new building; take action as appropriate

Recess at 10:43 a.m. to tour the Gaines County Park Community Center to determine whether or not to accept the building. Judge Keyes stated that Level 5 has inspected the building and recommended accepting it.

Reconvene at 11:50 a.m. Following a discussion, Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept the new building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously.

Court set September 25-September 30 as the week to pick up the old building and set October 2, 2017 as open house for the new Community Center, with the public rentals to begin October 3, 2017.

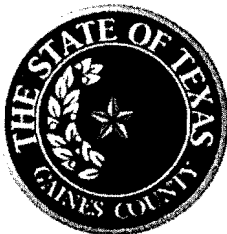
15. Adjourn;

Commissioner Belt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

Court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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I, Vicki Phillips, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 11, 2017.



Vicki Phillips

Vicki Phillips, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Gaines County, Texas

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COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE TOM N. KEYES PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
CRAIG BELT (ABSENT)	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
DAVID MURPHREE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
BIZ HOUSTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

VICKI PHILLIP (ABSENT)	COUNTY CLERK
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Court observed a moment of silence followed by the opening invocation given by Judge Keyes, who then led the pledge to the flags. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Discuss routine administrative items; take action as appropriate
Rick Dollahan, Auditor, presented a list of accounts payable items for approval, noting that the final payment on the Park building is included. Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houston. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
2. Consider setting the tax rate for FY 2018/CY 2017; take action as appropriate
Judge Keyes read the Order Setting The Tax Year 2017/FY 2018 Property Tax Rate for Gaines County. The levy for Tax Year 2017/Fiscal Year 2018 is an ad valorem tax of \$0.593967 per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property within the County. Judge Keyes made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.593967 which is effectively a 7.1164 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houston. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Judge Keyes asked public member Charlotte Hankins if she had any questions or comments, and she replied that she was just learning about the process.

3. Adjourn
Commissioner Murphree made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

Court adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE TOM N. KEYES PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
CRAIG BELT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
DAVID MURPHREE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
BIZ HOUSTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

VICKI PHILLIPS(ABSENT)

COUNTY CLERK

Court observed a moment of silence followed by the opening invocation given by Judge Keyes, who then led the pledge to the flags. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. Discuss routine administrative items: take action needed:

- a. Payroll
- b. Budget amendments and fund transfers
- c. Accounts payable
- d. Auditor's report
- e. Officer's report
- f. Surplus/salvage

Commissioner Belt made a motion to accept and approve the routine administrative items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

2. Consider a proposed resolution to grant a reimbursement of tax proceeds to Angelina Manufacturing over the next 3 years; take action as appropriate

Christopher Jones, Seminole Economic Development Corporation, reviewed a request for a three year Tax Rebate to Angelina Tank with the first year 2017: 100%; the second year 2018: 80%; and the third year 2019: 70%. The request is to show support for continued growth and to free up capital and cash which will be used to leverage the money needed to open and build the second facility. Following a discussion on the pros and cons of the request, Commissioner Houston made a motion to table this issue for further study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. Consider a request from Kyle Monk to renegotiate his contract early to address issues with golf course repairs; take action as appropriate

Kyle Monk addressed the court regarding renewing and restructuring his contract with higher compensation in the winter months and lower compensation in the summer months. Following a discussion, Commissioner Belt made a motion to authorize Judge Keyes to work with Rick Dollahan, Auditor, and Joe Nagy, County Attorney, to renegotiate a contract renewal with the Golf Pro. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider invoices for repairs at the GC Airport that have not been previously approved by either the County Judge or Commissioner Murphree; take action as appropriate

The County was obligated to repairs in the amount of \$5,403.72 by the Airport contractor. Following a discussion on how to handle this issue from reoccurring, Commissioner Houston made a motion to pay the invoices and to authorize Judge Keyes to prepare a letter to the contractor detailing the procedures to be followed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Discuss having an alternate attend the PBRPC meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017; take action as appropriate

Judge Keyes requested an alternate to attend the PBRPC meeting for a budget vote for Gaines County in his place. Commissioner Murphree agreed to attend. Judge Keyes also stated the Court is invited to attend a General Membership Luncheon on October 11th in Pecos County, if anyone is interested.

6. Consider approving contract for Indigent Defense for District Court for FY 2018; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the contract for Indigent Defense for the 106th Judicial District Court, with Arthur Aguilar Jr., as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. Consider approving Sheriff's forfeiture fund budget; take action as appropriate

Chad Hallum stated there were no changes, and no money spent from the previous year. Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Sheriff's forfeiture fund budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider approving medical services contract for the Sherriff's Office .: take action as appropriate

Chad Hallum stated the modified medical services agreement with Dr. Michael Watson, was changed to state the Doctor will provide on-site medical services to inmates of the jail, once each week on Thursday afternoon, reducing the liability issues of having to transport them to the Doctors office. Commissioner Belt made a motion to accept and approve the medical services agreement for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. Consider authorizing the County Judge to sign the contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc., to provide food for prisoners at County Jail; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to authorize Judge Keyes to sign the contract with Trinity Services Group to provide food for prisoners at the County Jail at a rate of \$2.704. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. Consider approving gifts and surplus for the library; take action as appropriate

Jane Bering presented a list of Library Surplus/Salvage and Gifts declared as of September 25, 2017 for approval. Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept and approve the gifts and surplus for the Library as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. (see attached)

11. Consider a resolution from the Friends of the Gaines County Library to allow them to conduct fund raising activities on county premises; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the resolution declaring a public purpose to allow the Friends of the Gaines County Library System, Inc. to conduct fund raising activities on County premises. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Consider declaring one of the Senior Citizens vans surplus; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to declare Unit SC 10, a 1997 Ford van as surplus to be sold on GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Consider approving an increase in the bond for the County Judge to \$100,000 to cover guardianship and probate proceedings, in accordance with SB 40 which went into effect September 1, 2017; take action as appropriate

Judge Keyes stated this basically moves the requirement for Judge's bond from \$10,000 to \$100,000, with a total cost increase of approximately \$366.00 per year. Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the increase in the bond for the County Judge to \$100,000 to cover County probate proceedings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houston. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Houston invited two young public attendees to come forward and participate in Court proceedings.

14. Consider approving software hosting agreement for probation; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to approve the software hosting agreement with Noble Software Group, LLC for the purpose of validating risk assessment which is being required. This will be paid out of Grant R money from the State. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. Consider a resolution to set the regular term meetings of the Commissioners Court for fiscal year 2018; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the resolution setting the regular term of Commissioners Court on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and on each Wednesday prior to scheduled paydays. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

16. Consider approving contract(s) for juvenile services; take action as appropriate

Judge Keyes presented three contracts for approval:

- a. Abraxas Youth & Family Services: Hector Garza Center
- b. Randall County: Youth Center of the High Plains
- c. Floyd County: Parent Adolescent Center

Commissioner Houston made a motion to accept and approve the Juvenile Services Contracts as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belt. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

17. Discuss using public funds for supplies for the grand opening of the new community building at the park; take action as appropriate

Commissioner Belt made a motion to purchase supplies to celebrate the grand opening of the new community building at the park out of the Park Building funds. The grand opening is October 2, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphree. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Consider approving subdivision application(s); take action as appropriate

None

19. Consider approving road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate

None

20. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

- a. District Attorney, Philip Mack Furlow, thanked the Court for help on budget issues and discussed upcoming trials in Gaines, Dawson and Garza counties, also informing the Court that the VOCA grant was approved.
- b. Commissioner Murphree inquired on taxiway.
- c. Rick Dollahan, Auditor, stated this is the last court for this fiscal year.

21. Adjourn:

Commissioner Belt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosson. The motion carried unanimously.

Court adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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