

## MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

**February 12, 2018**

Be it remembered that on February 12, 2018 the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: County Judge Kevin Brendle. Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Mike Smith, Precinct #2, Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, Darla Thomason, Treasurer, and Becky Hill County and District Clerk. Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4 was not present. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by C. C. Noland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

Whereupon the following business was transacted and is now placed of record in the minutes of said Court:

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of the January 8, 2018, January 16, 2018 and January 31, 2018 Commissioners court were reviewed.

- Sheriff Terry Braly presented the Sheriff's Department report. There was a total of 277, 9-1-1 calls, and 119 other calls. There was a total of 7 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for January were 92, and total revenue collected was \$8,723.06.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$583,476.27, delinquent collected \$446.82. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$126,033.57, delinquent collected \$150.17.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3551.58 for fines, fees and court costs was collected.
- In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 2 criminal cases filed, 2 criminal cases were heard, 4 probates were filed and 2 probates were heard.. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, no cases were filed and 1 civil case were heard. Three Attorney General Cases were heard and 4 CPS cases were heard.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of January 31, 2018 were: General Fund \$17,253.59, Road and Bridge, \$11,870.61, dedicated fund balance is \$82,074.66.
- Thomas Boyle, County Extension Agent presented his annual achievement report to the court, preparing shows in Houston, San Angelo and San Antonio. Play Day and shooting events are scheduled to begin in March and April.
  - Clint Martin, Wildlife Services presented his report to the court. 84 swine and 43 coyotes were killed.
  - Emergency Management Coordinator, Wes Abbott presented his report to the court concerning emergency radio tower lease agreement.
  - County commissioners reported on the road conditions in their precincts
  - Texas Indigent Defense Commission Statement of Grant Award for 2018 was submitted to the court
  - Justice Assistance Grant Program with the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor was discussed with the court pledging to comply with the grant requirements. The grant can be used for the purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

- Becky Hill presented the court with her certificate for the required 20 hours of training to maintain the requirements of office.

Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt with second by Charlie Morris to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Vote passed unanimously.

#### **4-H FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSED**

Jody Duggan presented the court an outline of the improvements needed for the 4-H Facility located Dickens. The 4-H would like to have a complete facility which would accommodate all 4-H activities located in one area. Some of the improvements would include lighting, restrooms, enclosed shed, kitchen, closet and trap house. Mr. Duggan stated that the 4-H should be able to fund the projects but might need help with labor from the county.

No action needed.

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT**

Harry Bob Martin met with the court to give an annual accounting of The Historical Commission. Mr. Martin stated that everything at the Palace Theater was complete except the purchase of projector and sound equipment. The Palace Theater intends to open a gift shop to mirror the hours of the Spur-Dickens County Museum. Materials for the repairs of the Chuck Wagon at the Dickens Springs have been ordered.

No action taken.

#### **ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE DISCUSSED**

No action taken.

#### **RADIO TOWER AGREEMENT**

Wes Abbott Emergency Management Coordinator presented the court with the proposed radio tower agreement with South Plains Electric.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris, seconded by Mike Smith to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **HUMMER STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE**

Sheriff Braly presented the court with terms and conditions of use of the Hummer as directed by the Texas LESO Program. The court agreed to store the Hummer in the Old County Precinct Barn in Dickens. Charlie Morris and Wes Abbott gave a report on repairs made and needed to the Hummer to be better equipped for emergency use. Wes Abbott will be in charge of maintenance and expenditures. Any use of the Hummer must come through Sheriff Braly.

No action needed.

## **IN TRUST PROPERTY BID**

A sealed bid for in trust property described as Lot 11 and E. ½ of Lot 12, Blk 23 OT of Spur was opened by the court. On a motion by Dennis Wyatt and second by Mike Smith, the court voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$150.00 submitted by Bryan Thomas.

## **COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD AT LOCAL FARM SALE**

On a motion by Charlie Morris and second by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to place the following 2 items in the local farm auction: Heavy EquipmentTrailer; 5000 gallon tanker.

## **NOTICE OF COMPLETION REPORT FROM TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION REVIEWED**

No action needed

## **TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE ASSISTANT HIRED**

On Motion made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Dennis Wyatt, the court voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Brandi Abbott as Texas AgriLife Extension Office Assistant as recommended by Thomas Boyle, CEA.

No line item transfers  
No budget amendments

- ❖ Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to settle all other claims and accounts with the exception of Wyatt Tractor Service. Motion passed unanimously
- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay Wyatt Tractor Service. Motion passed unanimously with Dennis Wyatt abstaining.
- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to pay Dickens County Historical Commission bills. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Charlie Morris. On second by Dennis Wyatt, motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 12:50 pm.

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF DICKENS   §

I, Becky Hill, Dickens County Clerk, attest that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcription of my notes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of February, 2018.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Hill".

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Becky Hill