

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

January 13, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 13th day of January, 2020 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3; and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the December 23, 2019 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

No public comment was received.

Guidelines and application for use of the Courthouse Square were presented. All organized activities and events will need approval from the Comanche County Commissioners' Court before scheduling the event. Equal access shall be given to all groups and individuals applying, and no group or individual shall be denied access because of race, sex, or political persuasion, or because of political, religion, or social aims expressed by an individual or by any group's members. Permission to use the Comanche County Courthouse Square shall not, in any way, constitute Comanche County's endorsement of the group or individual, or their policies and activities. Applicants may not solicit Comanche County Courthouse employees or patrons doing business at the County Courthouse. Organized events, other than food trucks and produce /merchandise vendors, that take place during courthouse business hours (M-F 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) are restricted to the northeast corner of the courthouse yard unless a special request is made and granted by Commissioners' Court. The full context of the guidelines and application for use of the Comanche County Courthouse Square are available in the County Judge's Office and on the county website at www.co.comanche.tx.us.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Guidelines and amended Application for Use of the Comanche County Courthouse Square. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion to approve delegation of authority to the County Judge to approve food trucks and produce/merchandise vendors using the Courthouse Square. All approved. Motion carried.

Johnny Conine, Justice of the Peace, presented a contract with PACE thru NetData for credit card services. This will allow fines and court cost to be paid with a credit card.

Judge Davis made the motion to approve the contract with PACE for credit card services for the Justice of the Peace Office. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

A Comanche County Portable Heater policy was presented for approval. The policy applies to the use of portable space heaters in any county-owned, rented or leased building. Elected officials or their designee may authorize the use of space heaters on an individual basis when the County can not meet adequate heating needs or during temporary emergency conditions. Included in the policy is a list of safety guidelines and requirements for all heaters used in a Comanche County facility.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Comanche County portable heater policy. All approved. Motion carried.

Judge Davis discussed H.B. 3834 related to cyber security training for all local government employees and elected officials who have access to a local government computer system or database must complete a cyber security training program certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources. Certification will be annually. Texas Registration will be provided thru Texas Association of Counties beginning January 15, 2020 and the training must be completed by June 14, 2020.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to approve enrolling Comanche County employees in the state mandated cyber security course as mandated by H.B. 3834. Judge Davis, Commissioners Underwood and Gillette voted for the motion. Commissioners Sides and Johnson voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made a motion and second to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement with TXDOT for Off System Bridge Agreement CSJ# 0923-17-087 NBI Structure #230470AA0223001 CR 419 Duncan Creek, Precinct #1. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made a motion and second to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement with TXDOT for Off System Bridge Agreement CSJ# 0923-17-080 NBI Structure #230470AA0123002 CR 103 Sweetwater Creek, Precinct #1. All approved. Motion carried.

Rachel Hackman and Teresa Lemke co-directors presented information about the 40 Days for Life Campaign. The organization started in 2007 in the Bryan/College Station area with the goal to end abortions. The campaign offers prayers and information for those individuals considering abortion or who have had an abortion and offer support for single parents. The campaign is a community outreach program and is not in protest but rather offers prayers and healing. The 40 day for Life Campaign is for the period beginning February 26 thru April 5, 2020, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., Monday thru Saturday and will be conducted in approximately 505 cities. Area churches will be asked to participate by volunteering to pray silently. The group is requesting permission to hold a 40 Day for Life outreach in at the Courthouse.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the application of the 40 Days for Life Campaign to use the area and bench at Old Cora from March 4-April 5, 2020 and set their display beyond the 100 foot distance marker during the days of early voting for the Primary Election, February 26, 27, 28, and March 3, 2020 election day. All approved. Motion carried.

The Comanche County Leave Pool Policy was discussed. Under this policy an employee may join the pool by donating from their accumulated sick leave one day up to five days at a designated time of the year. A pool member

