

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

August 9, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 9th day of August 2021 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 9:05 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Commissioner Court with the following correction; 1.) Bob Bass, Allison, Bass & McGee, LLP, Legal Counsel for Comanche County advised the Court relating to the request of Volleman Dairy Processing Land, L.P. (Company) and Volleman Dairy Processing LLC. (Operator) to modify an existing Tax Abatement Agreement. 2.) The Original 2019 Volleman Tax Abatement Agreement did not include Volleman Dairy Processing LLC. (Operator) it only addressed the single entity, Volleman Dairy Processing Land, LP. (Company) This modified agreement includes both entities. An agreement may be modified to include provisions that could have been included in the original agreement as long as the original agreement is still in effect. 3.) and Volleman Dairy Processing LLC (Operator) could have been included in the original agreement. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; Jon Awbrey commented on a lot in DeLeon that had been sold at a tax sale. The lot had failed to sell the first time and the County was made trustee for the other taxing entities. The lot was offered for sale the second time. The lot was purchased and the owner has complete control of the lot. DeLeon City is requesting a right of way for this lot. The new owner has authority to grant a right of way or deny the right of way.

Judge Davis thanked Commissioner Sides and his crew for relocating the County Mail Room to the office vacated by the office of Agency on Aging. This is the office that joins the County Court Room.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to acknowledge the coverage update to the Texas Association of Counties Notice of Public Officials Liability Document effective October 1, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to renew the contract with the Department of the Army, U.S. Corp of Engineers License #DACW63-3-210538 for the operation, maintenance and repair of road, parking area and boat ramp on Tract 412 at Lake Proctor. The term of the contract is five years. This agreement replaces License # DACW63-3-16-0688. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

An application from Sheriff Pounds to display art and awareness for Raising Youth Services on the display case in the south hall of the Courthouse was considered. Raising Youth services is a non-profit youth organization started a year and half ago. The youth are taught life skills, communications and budgeting. The program provides an opportunity to youth that they might not have access to otherwise. The program provides for some fun activities such a cook out at the lake. The program operates with grant funds from private foundations and donations. The youth completed a painting that each member painted a part of the picture. Chris Pounds is requesting to display the art work on the south hall in the Courthouse beginning August 16, 2021 thru September 3, 2021.

Judge Davis made the motion to approve the art display by Raising Youth Services on the south hall of the Courthouse. Commissioner Johnson made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Grace Everhart, Comanche County Tax Assessor Collector requested approval of the proposal by The Master's Touch, LLC for the 2021 tax statement mailing.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve the proposal from The Master's Touch, LLC for mailing the 2021 tax statements. All approved. Motion passed.

Grace Everhart al requested to cancel the Experian Account which is used to locate addresses for delinquent tax payers and tax payers who have moved out of the county. Everhart stated it would save \$600 if the account was cancelled. Everhart stated the account was not very helpful.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to cancel the Experian Account. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve an increase in the rate for the calendar year 2022 from 11.64% to 11.85% for the Texas County and District Retirement System. Comanche County retired employees will receive this cost of living increase. All approved. Motion passed.

Judge Davis reminded officials to select the service plan for their offices when the email services change from Rackspace to Microsoft Office 365 Email Services. Judge Davis encouraged all offices to avoid using Gmail and switch to the more secure email service.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve a salary increase for one employee of Precinct #4 who had obtained his CDL License. And possible two more to make their salary competitive with the other precincts. All approved. Motion passed.

Grace Everhart presented the 2021 No-New-Revenue (NNR) and Voter Approval Rate (VAR) for Comanche County General Fund and Road and Bridge. The total 2021 NNR Tax Rate is \$0.596868/\$100 and the 2021 Voter Approval Rate (unadjusted) is \$0.687552/\$100. The 2021 Voter Approval Rate (adjusted) is \$0.625729.

Bids for the sale of surplus equipment, a 1992 Peterbilt Truck, D315551GL, from Precinct #4 were opened at 10:00 am. Three bids were received. 1. Wesley Peters submitted a bid of \$8010.00; 2. Mike Mize submitted a bid of \$11,500; 3. 5W Diversified, LLC submitted a bid of \$27,251.00.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to accept the bid from 5W Diversified, LLC for the bid of \$27,251.00. All approved. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing for the continued collection of a \$10 Archive Fee collected by the County Clerk's Office for preservation of documents filed prior to 1990 was opened at 10:00 a. m. The fee would apply to the FY 2021-2022 Budget year. No public comment was received.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the collection of the \$10 Archive Fee for the County Clerk's Office for the 2021-2022 Budget year. All approved. Motion passed.

Comanche County Planning,

Nothing to report

- a. No update to the Courthouse & Old Cora Master Plans.
- b. The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group was in the County Thursday and Friday to attend the Peach & Melon festivities in DeLeon

Comanche County Property no updates.

A bid from Apollo Computers for a security system to be installed at 215 N. Houston St. Comanche, County Annex, was received.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the bid of \$5,661.63 from Apollo Computers for a security system at 211 N. Houston was approved. All approved. Motion passed.

- a. 211 S. Austin Street (CCMC Property); No update

COVID-19 cases are on the increase in the County.

- a. Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant (Cares Act) No update.
Interlocal Agreement with City of DeLeon for CARES Act Grant. No Update.
- b. American Rescue Plan. Comanche County has been approved to receive Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan. Comanche County will receive \$1,324,219.50 this year. Guidelines for the use of these funds are not fully developed. A committee has been established to determine qualifying distribution of these funds.
- c. Administrative COVID-19 Leave. No update.

Courthouse COVID-19 Policies and procedures. No update.

Emergency Management Operations.

- a. Emergency Management, Homeland Security, FEMA Grants. No update.
- b. Burn Ban; the Burn remains in effect.

Sheriff & Jail Operations:

Sheriff Pounds presented the Sheriff's Office Report for July 2021.

The Jail had 778 Inmate Days, 31/31 Contract days,

38 Book in/Release and 2 Sentenced,

Patrol; 615 Calls for Service,

56 Offense Reports and 14 Arrests,

214 Training Hours,

Employment; Openings; Hired 1 Jailer, 1 Jailer position open and 1 Dispatch positions open and 2

Deputy Positions open.

Officer's Reports; none.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to enter an Order approving the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July, 2021. The total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$11,039,776.56. Commissioner Johnson made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Regular Budget Amendments as presented. All approved. Motion approved. There are no Emergency Amendments.

Commissioner Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$160,590.53. All approved. Motion passed.

A Budget workshop was conducted.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second at 6:00 p.m. to recess Commissioner's Court until Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner's Court reconvened at 9:15 a.m. August 10, 2021.

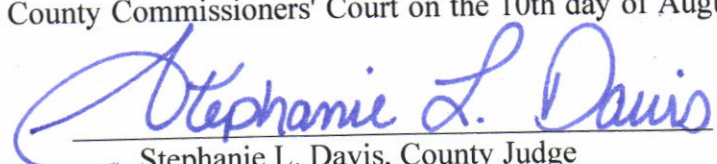
The Budget Workshop was continued.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 10th day of August 2021 at 9:30 a.m. with a motion by Commissioner Underwood and a second by Commissioner Sides All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 10th day of August, 2021.

Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

