

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

June 28, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 28th day of June, 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 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of Commissioners' Court as presented. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public comment; Judge Davis thanked Commissioner Underwood for arranging to mow the Courthouse lawn in the absence of the regular maintenance.

Tommy Vanya did not appear to discuss County Road 127 in Precinct #1.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the application from Rick Reynolds representing Comanche County Christmas for a fourth of July lighted display on the south-east lawn of the Courthouse from June 27 thru July 4, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve a Cooperative Agreement between Comanche County and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2021. All approved. Motion passed. This agreement is in support of continued educational programs and service to the residents of Comanche County in the areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth and economic development.

Commissioner Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the financing agreement with Canon Financial Services, Inc. for a copier in the Tax Assessor Collector Office. All approved. Motion passed.

The Firm of Rutledge Crain & Company, PC presented the Independent Auditors Report for Comanche County for the year ending September 30, 2020. The report reflected the County's total combined cash or cash equivalents were \$7,534,582 as of September 30, 2021. During the year, the County's disbursements were \$1,234,909 less than the \$11,416,155 generated in taxes and other receipts for governmental activities. The total cost of the County's programs decreased \$1,404,688 or 12.1% overall; new programs were added this year for COVID 19 Relief Fund and CARES Act Fund. The General Fund reported a cash balance (cash or equivalents) this year of \$1,632,109. 1.2 million dollars was added to the reserve Fund. The retirement fund gained over two million dollars due to the wise investment of the County and District Clerk's Retirement System.

The County's General Fund reflected actual disbursements of \$575,590 less than final budgeted amounts. It was stated this was due to department heads being conservative and spending less than their budgeted amounts. The total actual receipts were \$25,768 less than the final budgeted amounts. Receipts from governmental fund types totaled \$11,416,155, an increase of \$341,711 over the preceding year.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to accept the Independent Audit from Rutledge Crain & Company, PC. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to accept the Single Audit of Federal Grant Funds ending September 30, 2020 as conducted by Rutledge Crain & Company, PC. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

The Statewide Radio Infrastructure Grant was discussed. Comanche County will receive \$169,000 to update a console for Dispatch and new repeaters, 2 for Sheriff's Office, 2 for Emergency Management, 1 for Comanche Fire Department and 1 for the DeLeon Fire Department. A propagation study is underway to determine the best locations to place the new repeaters. The goal is to improve emergency communication. Totelcom and the Comanche Electric CO-OP have offered to allow the use of their towers.

Commissioner Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Statewide Radio Infrastructure Grant pending results of the propagation study. All approved. Motion passed.

Joe McFarland, President of the Leon Bosque Resource Conservation and Development announced Juvenal Sierra and Jon Awbrey have been appointed to fill the two vacant Comanche County positions on the RC&D Board. They will replace board members John Mack Weaver and Curtis Lesley. RC&D distributes funds to Comanche County for environmental cleanup. These funds are awarded from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as funds collected from fines assessed to violators. Comanche County has had several tire collections, electronics collection and dumpsters place in the Cities of Comanche and DeLeon for trash removal. RC&D also grants loans to small business to help them get started. So far Comanche County has been awarded approximately \$42,000. The RC&D is working to schedule another electronics collection for TV's, computers, cell phones, printers, etc. A limit of two TV's will be allowed per household. TCEQ has awarded \$4,500 for this event.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to designate the Precinct #3 yard in Proctor as the location for the next electronic collection. All approved. Motion passed. The date has not been determined.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to authorize Commissioner Gillette, Precinct #1 to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1992 Peterbilt Truck, D315551GL. All approved. Motion passed.

Judge Davis made the motion to approve the Annual County Road Reports pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code Section 251.005 for the period of May 31, 2020 thru June 1, 2021. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Letter of Authorization from Comanche County authorizing Lisa Lambert, 220th Judicial District Chief Adult Probation Officer, confirming eligibility to utilize the County Credit Card. All approved. Motion passed.

No action was taken on the new Texas County and District Retirement rate for 2022. This will be reset for the August 2, 2021 agenda. A 1.5% cost of living adjustment is proposed for retirees.

The Texas Historical Commission has recommended some changes to the wording in the Courthouse & Old Cora Master Plans.

The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group was in Comanche County recently and met with the City of Comanche, attended the Dairy Breakfast, and visited the Comanche Independent School District Dome. Judge Davis presented a Comprehensive Plan from the Task Force Meeting of June 15, 2021.

The Komatsu Firm has finished the draft floor plan for the Annex at 215 N. Houston.

There is no update for the CCMC property at 211 S. Austin, Comanche

There are no updates for the Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant (Cares Act).

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to authorize Judge Davis to request Recovery Funds from the U. S. Treasury and authorize Judge Davis to sign the agreement on behalf of Comanche County. All approved. Motion passed.

There are no changes to the Administrative COVID-19 leave policy.

Masks are no longer required for entrance to the Courthouse.

The Burn Ban remains off.

A request for documents had been received from FEMA to continue with closing this grant.

Sheriff Pounds reported removing a couple of trees at the Jail and installed new lighting.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to enter an order approving the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May, 2021. The total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$10,784,261.990 All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Judge Davis made the motion and second to approve the regular amendments to the County Budget. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Emergency Amendments to the County Budget. All approved. Motion passed.

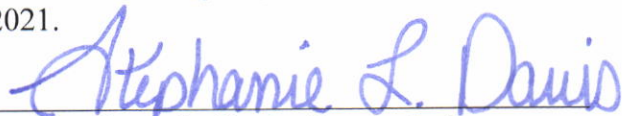
Commissioner Johnson made the motion to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$388,747.66, of that amount \$248,273.00 was for election equipment purchase. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Comanche County Health and employee Benefit Pool 2021-2022 renewal notice benefit confirmation was discussed.

Commissioner Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to select Option #3 renewal to the Comanche County Health and employee Benefit Pool 2021-2022. Judge Davis, Commissioners Underwood and Sides voted for the motion. Commissioners Gillette and Johnson voted against the motion. Motion passed.

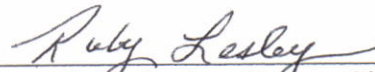
There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 28th day of June, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Sides and a second by Commissioner Underwood All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 12th day of July 2021.



Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest:



Ruby Lesley, County Clerk

