

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

September 7, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 7th day of September 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; Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2021 Commissioner Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; Judge Davis thanked Commissioner Sides and Precinct #3 employees for their aid with the fire near Energy.

The Comanche City County Library roof and air conditioning were discussed. Deborah Hanson, Librarian and Margaret Dudley presented an estimate from Lydick-Hooks Roofing Company, Inc. to repair the roof at the library. The proposal included scraping existing gravel out 2 inches for four mechanical curbs. Prime the roof surface with asphalt primer, mop 2-ply fiberglass felt with hot asphalt, flood the top with hot asphalt and cover with gravel. Install cant board to the base of the mechanical curbs. Mop 1-ply modified base flashing to the sides of the curbs and terminate at the top with term bar. Fabricate and install 24-gauge metal counter flashing. The proposed cost would be \$3,970.00. In their opinion the leaks were mainly due to broken condensation lines from the air conditioning unit and lack of maintenance of the AC unit. Regular maintenance of the roof was recommended to keep leaves and debris from collection on the roof. Deborah Hanson has received an estimate from Ricky Dycus to repair the AC for \$600.00. These estimates will be presented to the Comanche City also. No action was taken.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve an event application for an event on the square from Comanche EMS. The event is a benefit for Rylan Pruitt to help with funding for travel to take Rylan to St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, TN for treatments. The event is scheduled for September 25, 2021 from 4 pm to 11 pm. The event will be held at Stone Eagle and the request is for parking on the square. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to authorize the Sheriff's Office to dispose of the following list of excess property; 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FAFP71W15X139750; 2009 Ford Victoria VIN#2FAHP71V79X135496 and a 2014 Ford F-150, VIN#1FTFX1EF5EKD76469. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Local Fund Participation-Waived Federal Off-System Bridge Program Projects and Equivalent-Match Project on bridge on CR 456 at Flat Creek Draw, CSJ #0923-17-093, NBI Structure #2304700AA0304001. All approved. Motion passed.

No action was taken on the location to place the waste collection dumpster on the square.

The Firm of Rutledge, Crain & Company, PC submitted a proposal to conduct the Comanche County Independent Audit of financial statements, Federal awards and other supplementary information. for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. The proposed cost is will not exceed \$27,250 for the financial statements and \$8,500 for the single audit.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to select Rutledge, Crain & Co, PC for the Independent Audit pending correction to the date of the fiscal year ending from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY2022 was opened at 9:00 a. m. No public comments were received. Changes to the proposed budget included increasing the Contingency fund from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The Courthouse Fund increased by \$25,000 for renovations to the Annex at 215 N. Houston Street, \$49,000 for internet rewiring of the Courthouse. A change to the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Budget produced an increase due to salary adjustments to \$15 per hour. Adjustments to the Agency on Aging Budget included an additional \$10,000 from the county due to increased cost. Central Dispatch and Agency Aging did not have their budgets complete at the time the county submitted the Proposed Budget for filing, this caused adjustments to the county budget. Emergency Management Budget was adjusted down.

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Comanche County Budget was closed at 9:47 a.m.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to adopt the Comanche County Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 with the year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Commissioner Underwood made the second to the motion. This budget will raise more revenue than last year's budget by \$383,293.00, which is a 5.9 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$84,437.25.

The motion to adopt the 2022 Budget passed by the following vote; Judge Stephanie Davis-For, Commissioner Gary Underwood-For, Commissioner Russell Gillette-For, Commissioner Sherman Sides-For, Commissioner Jimmy Dale Johnson-Against.

Commissioner Underwood moved by the following statement to adopt the Resolution setting the tax rate for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022; "I move that the property tax rate of \$0.625729, which is effectively a 4.84 percent increase in the tax rate."

This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. This tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.99 percent and will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$-4.23. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote; Judge Stephanie Davis-For, Commissioner Gary Underwood-For, Commissioner Russell Gillette-For, Commissioner Sherman Sides-For, Commissioner Jimmy Dale Johnson-Against.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to Ratify the Tax Rate of 0.625729 per \$100 for fiscal year 2022 and approve the Resolution adopting the 2021 tax rate for fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. The following voted for the motion; Judge Stephanie Davis, Commissioner Gary

Underwood, Commissioner Russell Gillette, Commissioner Sherman Sides. The following voted against the motion; Commissioner Jimmy Dale Johnson. Motion carried.

Comanche County Planning; The Komatsu Architectural Firm is making 5 copies of the finalized Courthouse and Old Cora Master Plan

- a. The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group; Judge Davis, Mike Barry and Tricia Grimshaw met with Texas A&M Planning Group to preview a map of the proposed subdivisions with locations of water wells.

Comanche County Property:

- a. 215 North Houston Street, Comanche. Security cameras will be installed at the County Annex on Thursday September 9, and internet enabled. A tree will be removed at the back entrance to provide a clear view for security cameras.
- b. 211 S. Austin Street (CCMC Property); No update

COVID-19 Update. Covid cases are on the increase.

- 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. No update
- c. Administrative COVID-19 Leave policy; 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 Ban remains in effect.

Sheriff & Jail Operations:

Sheriff Pounds presented the monthly Jail Report for August, 2021.

The Jail had 803 Inmate Days, 02/02 Contract days,
52 Book in/Release and 9 Sentenced,
Patrol; 595 Calls for Service,
57 Offense Reports and 19 Arrests,
283 Training Hours,

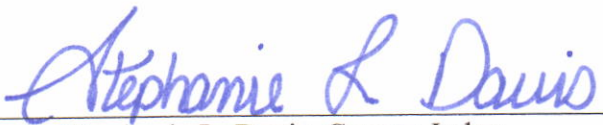
Employment; Openings; Hired 1 Jailer, 4 Jailer position open, 1 Dispatch positions open and 2 Deputy Positions open.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 7th day of September, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Underwood and a second by Commissioner Gillette. All approved. Motion passed.

The foregoing minutes will be considered for approval by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 13th day of September, 2021.

Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk



Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

