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REGULAR SESSION  
June 28, 2022

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom, 162 West 1st street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, with the following members present:

Doug Page, County Judge  
Tommy Park, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Mike Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Neal Smith Commissioner, Pct. 3  
Steven Truss, Commissioner, Pct. 4

1. Judge Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 4:18 PM, June 23, 2022. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, Nancy Shanafelt, County Attorney Colton Hay, Treasurer Bob Dockens, and Trinity County Clerk Shasta Bergman. Judge Page welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Oren Hargrave the group in an opening prayer and Judge Page led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Public Forum.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Regular Session, and June 21, 2022 Emergency Special Session, was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Official Bonds was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
6. Discuss and Act on Pauper Funeral Payment. None presented.
7. Approval of Proposed Agreement Between DRG Architects and Trinity County for Architectural Services for the Jail Project with the Limitation of Completing the Feasibility Study Prior to the Project Funding. Fees Would be Limited to \$60,000 until the Project was Funded and Commissioners Court Authorized the Project to Move Forward, was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
8. Approval of Hiring US Capital Advisors LLC to Provide Financial Advisory Services to the County on a Professional Services Contingent Fee Basis, was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

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9. Approval of Resolution of the Commissioners Court of Trinity County, Texas  
Approving an Engagement Agreement Related to Bond Counsel Services

a. Trinity County, Texas (the "County") desires to hold a bond election and to issue bonds and other obligations from time to time for various public purposes authorized by Texas Statutes, in order to finance or refinance various public projects;

b. Bracewell LLP's ("Bracewell" or the "Firm") is a full service firm that includes a national public finance practice and has the necessary competence, qualification and experience to serve as bond counsel for the County.

c. The County and Bracewell do not have any prior engagements or relationships or other information regarding the nature of any relationships between the political subdivision and the firm as described in §2254.1036(c) of the Texas Government Code;

d. The County's attorneys and supporting personnel do not have the required experience, qualifications or resources to adequately perform bond counsel services for the issuance of bonds or other obligations;

e. Given the nature of bond counsel services and the source of payment therefor (being from the proceeds of bonds or other obligations issued by the County) such legal services cannot reasonably be obtained from attorneys in private practice under a contract providing for the payment of hourly fees without contingency; and

f. Entering into a contingent fee contract with Bracewell for bond counsel services is in the best interest of the residents of the County as the County will have competent, qualified and experienced counsel to advise on the issuance of the bonds and other obligations, and the provision of such legal services will not financially impact the County as the compensation for such services will be paid from the proceeds of such bonds or other obligations.

was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Personnel Action Forms as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.


11. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for May 2022.

12. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for May 2022, was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

13. Approval of to Revise Vacation Payout Policy, leave 40 hours of vacation, was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
14. Approval of Paying Out Excess Vacation Time to Sheriff's Office Employees Due to Not Being Able to Take Time Off, was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
15. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for May 2022 was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
16. Approval of Budget Amendments as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
17. Approval of IRS Mileage Rate Increase to 62.5 for Remainder of Calendar Year 2022, was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
18. Open, Review and Award Bids for Road Materials and Contract Hauling for Fiscal Year 2023 - Bid No. 2022-05.10, a motion was made by Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith to award Conners as the primary for road material and Frost Crushed Stone as secondary for road materials, award Nelms Dozer and Russell Byrd Trucking contract for hauling. Motion carried.
19. Approval of Establishing Interlocal Agreements with Entities Funded by Trinity County in Accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 791, with the changing of the language in regard to auditing entities, was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
20. Approval of the Reports for the Month of May 2022 of the Justices of the Peace, County Extension Agent, Constables, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Community Center, and 9-1-1 Addressing was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
21. Receive Monthly Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office.
22. Approval of Oil and Sand Mixture for Precinct 3 and Precinct 4. Oil to be Purchased from Bryan and Bryan. Mixture to be done by J & B Production. was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
23. Approval of Adding Wagner Ln, a County Maintained Road Located in Precinct 3 and is on page 57 of the County Map Book, to the 911 Addressing Map. was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

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24. With no further business to come before the Commissioner's Court, court adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

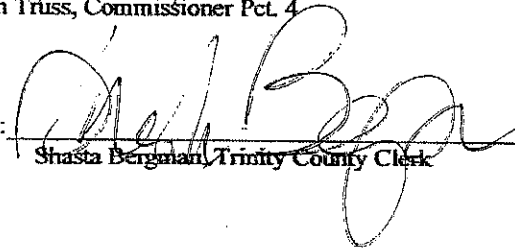
  
Doug Page, County Judge

  
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Attest:   
Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk