

## **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

### **CALLED SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

**7:30 A.M.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February Elsa Fierro, Pct. 1 was absent. The following members were present: G L Bunger, Pct. 2; Wesley Bean, Pct. 3; Mike Medina, Pct. 4; and Frank Tambunga, County Judge where the following proceedings were had

### **AGENDA POSTING**

Judge Tambunga announced agenda to this called session was posted. All agreed and meeting carried on due to proof of posting.

### **OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judge Tambunga gave the public time to comment on any agenda line item. There were no comments from the public at this time.

### **EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND DIRECT PAYMENT OF THOSE APPROVED "EXHIBIT A"**

Commissioners met to examine accounts for approval and direct payment of those approved on Treasurer's Claims Register. G L Bunger made a motion to pay bills as presented. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. G L Bunger abstained from voting on any direct payments to his self. Wesley Bean abstained from voting on any bills dealing with his conflict of interest and Mike Medina abstained from voting on any Mike's Car Care bills.

## **CHANGES TO HOW THE COUNTY COMPENSATES VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE WITH DOL**

Judge Tambunga stated there were some changes that the County has to adjust to in order to compensate Volunteers and Employees to remain in Compliance with DOL. Laura Conner, County Treasurer reported some payroll discrepancies as per Cheraun Blankenship with Texas Association of Counties, Human Resources Consultant. This includes Cell Phone Allowance for Sheriff's Office in which it is not a reimbursement and two officers receiving a stipend as Mental Health Officer. These need to go into their regular rate of pay to calculate their over time. The County has not been compensating the K9 Officer when he takes care of the dog on his days off, the jailers and dispatchers working over 40 hours need to have over time calculated and personnel policy needs to be passed regarding Section 207K for deputies and jailers. The bigger concern is EMS personnel with labeling them. They cannot be labeled volunteer because they are paid for their time, they cannot be labeled temporary if they have been working for over a year nor can they be labeled contract labor. Their hours need to be monitored as well as their time sheets. EMS is not getting compensated for on call "waiting to engage", "engaged to be waiting", or "respond ready". The Department of Labor says if you are restricting them at home, they should be getting paid at least minimum wage and employees cannot have two separate time sheets. Changes will all be reviewed and find the best way to handle these issues.

## **JESSE VENEGAS ARENA & CONCRETE INVOICES "EXHIBIT B"**

Wesley Bean made a motion to pay invoice for material in the amount of \$12,900.00. G L Bunker seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Wesley Bean made a motion to pay invoice for concrete in the amount of \$10,850.00 with both invoices to be paid out of contingency. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR WORK ON COUNTY ROAD 207  
APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES OF CALICHE PART OF THE ROAD**

G L Bunger made a motion to go out for bids for work on County Road 207 approximately 4 miles of caliche part of the road and open bids on March 19, 2024. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR CIVIC CENTER "EXHIBIT C"**

New Board members recommended are Joyce Caldera, Lisa Castillo, Jill Hernandez, Cristy Sewell, and Gabby Smith. Mike Medina made a motion to approve the new board members for Civic Center. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**GUARDIAN SECURITY PROPOSAL FOR CIVIC CENTER CAMERA SYSTEM  
"EXHIBIT D"**

Mike Medina made a motion to approve Guardian Security Proposal for Civic Center Camera System in the amount of \$5,456.00 to be paid out of Civic Center Equipment Fund. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**SECURITAS PROPOSAL FOR LIBRARY SECURITY "EXHIBIT E"**

Mike Medina made a motion to approve Securitas Proposal in the amount of \$2,200.00 to be paid out of unclaimed funds. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN**

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item until the March meeting.

**PROCLAMATION FOR RED CROSS MONTH**


Wesley Bean made a motion to approve Proclamation for Red Cross Month. G L  
Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

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Frank Tambunga, County Judge

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Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk