

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 11, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11th day of July, 2022, the following members were present: Frank Tambunga, Pct. 1; G L Bunger, Pct. 2; Wesley Bean, Pct. 3; and Fred Deaton, County Judge where the following proceedings were had,

AGENDA POSTING

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

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes from previous meetings were previously read. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve minutes from previous meetings. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER "EXHIBIT A"

Susie Childress was present to give the Senior Center report and give an update on the Kitchen update. The cost that has been spent is approximately \$27,876.32 at Lowes out of the \$30,000.00 budgeted for this project.

CONVENTION CENTER REPORT

David McGuire was present to give the Convention Center report. He did state he wanted to raise the deposit and fee when the arena is rented or at least increase the deposit, plus have someone water the arena.

HEALTH BOARD REPORT

John L. Henderson was present to inform the Court that the Health Board hired a Care Center Administrator at \$95,000.00. The Board will be flexible with him since his residence is in Corpus Christi and will allow him to live at the Care Center. Mr. Henderson also mentioned that the Health Board met with Shannon to discuss the Virtual Doctor visits. He did mention that PA would be willing to take virtual visits during the weekends and be on call Monday through Thursday, due to her requesting more hours. Buddy did mention that on the call part there really isn't that many at night and it would not be a full-time job for Sonya to be running to the clinic at night. Wesley Bean asked if Sonya was going to work Monday through Thursday every week and Mr. Henderson stated Marcus would take some call as well but would quit working weekends. Mr. Henderson did announce the ambulances are getting a lot of miles on them.

ELECTRIC GARAGE DOOR OPENERS FOR NEW FIRE STATION "EXHIBIT B"

Wesley Bean made a motion to install and prep for Electric Garage Openers at the new Fire Station to be paid out of contingency fund in the amounts of \$29,000.00. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AT THE NEW FIRE STATION "EXHIBIT B"

G L Bunger made a motion to approve electrical upgrades at the new Fire Station at a cost of \$13,000.00. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CIVIC CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT C"

Allen Williams was present to give the Civic Center Report on activities taken at the Center and announced the jobs the summer help has been taking care of this summer.

CARE CENTER HEALTH & EMERGENCY

Megan Nowell gave the Care Center Report and announced the Care Center did have an administrator. She did mention she was down a full-time day CAN and she is still looking for a full-time night shift charge nurse, in which she is continuing to use Agency as needed.

LIBRARY REPORT

Jennifer Holmsley was present to give the Library Report on all summer activities.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT "EXHIBIT D"

Antonio Alejandro was present to give the Sheriff's Office Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION AND PAY RAISES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT "EXHIBIT D"

Sheriff Alejandro submitted a job description for the Administrative Assistant/Clerk Job. As far as pay raises the Sheriff has compared deputy, sergeant, detention officer salaries for Howard County and other surrounding Counties and Crockett are at a lower rate. The Court did review the job description and pay scales. No action was taken at this time.

OPEN AND AWARD BID SEAL COATING OF TOWN STREETS "EXHIBIT E"

The Court opened bids for the paving projects in town. Dolores Ramirez, County Auditor announced she received only one bid from CK Newberry, LLC. The amount for precinct 1 is \$426,879.50; precinct 2-\$545,243.00; precinct 3-\$449,429.00 and precinct 4-\$436,489.50 for a total of \$1,861,041.00. Mike Medina made a motion to award bid to CK Newberry, LLC in the amount of \$1,861,041.00. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

AIRPORT REPORT

Charles McCleary was present to give the Airport Report.

COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN

G L Bunger makes a motion to keep the burn ban in place. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

ALLEY ALONG DRAW BETWEEN 1ST STREET AND 3RD STREET

No action was taken at this time on this agenda line item.

LITTER ABATEMENT ACT TO REMOVE DEAD TREE TO FALL ON METHODIST CHURCH "EXHIBIT F"

Will M. Black visited with Judge Deaton about this matter. Some members of the Methodist Church have offered to cut the tree down and would be willing to pay any expenses. The owner was uncooperative and did not allow any removal of the tree, therefore the Church would like to proceed with the Health and Safety Code Abatement to have this dead tree removed. Judge Deaton will visit with Jody about this process and complete more research.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Our Emergency Management Coordinator passed away and Judge Deaton has visited with Eddie Martin about this matter. Eddie Martin stated he would be willing to take this position at no extra cost. Wesley Bean made a motion to appoint Eddie Martin as Emergency Management Coordinator. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSE ALLEY BETWEEN AVE A AND AVE AA

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item until further discussion with the land owners around.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES ATTENDING EDUCATION CONVENTION

The Sheriff's office paid for the spouse and kids to attend conference. Dolores Ramirez, County Auditor will call the Attorney General's Office for an opinion. This agenda line item was discussed and will be tabled for further review.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT "EXHIBIT G"

Laura Conner was present to give this report. G L Bunger made a motion to accept the Quarterly Investment Report. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

JUNE DONATIONS "EXHIBIT H"

There were three donations to fire department in the amount of \$1081.85. Wesley Bean made a motion to accept June Donations. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO RODEO ARENA AND PARK

There was no action taken at this time on this agenda line item until the lease is secure.

STREET LIGHTS TO ALLEY BEHIND BUENA VISTA

This agenda line item was tabled until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT "EXHIBIT I"

Laura Conner, County Treasurer was present to give the Treasurer's report and Dolores Ramirez, County Auditor was present to give the Auditor's report. Frank Tambunga makes a motion to accept the Treasurer and Auditor Reports. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND DIRECT PAYMENT OF THOSE APPROVED "EXHIBIT I"

The Court reviewed all accounts submitted for approval and direct payment of those approved on Treasurer's Claims Register. G L Bunger made a motion to approve and pay bills as presented. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Fred Deaton, County Judge recused himself from voting on any SKG Engineering bills and Mike Medina, Pct. 4 recuses himself from voting on any Mike's Car Care bills.

ROAD AND PARKS REPORT "EXHIBIT J"

Jeffrey Stuart was present to give the Road and Parks reports on work completed and anticipated.

MINUTES

Wesley Bean made a motion to approve minutes from previous meetings. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BLUE SKY SOLAR AND SHAMROCK WIND FARM TAX ABATEMENT

These two agenda line items were discussed by phone call with Jake (last name not announced on recording). Court reconvened from Executive Session at 1:27 p.m.

DAVID INGHAM FOR ACCESS TO TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE RADIO TOWER

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE RADIO TOWER

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT "EXHIBIT K"

Joe Jurado submitted the Animal Control report.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT "EXHIBIT L"

Dawson Owens and Rebecca Law submitted the Extension Office Reports.

BUDGET WORKSHOP "EXHIBIT M"

The Court reviewed and discussed the 2023 Budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Fred Deaton

Fred Deaton, County Judge

Ninfa Preddy

Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk

Attest:

