TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2018 --- 8:30 am

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 20th day of June, 2017 the

Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the District

Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUES BLANCHETTE

MARTIN NASH

COMMISSIONER PCT 1

RUSTY HUGHES

MIKE MARSHALL

JACK WALSTON

COMMISSIONER PCT 3

COMMISSIONER PCT 4

DONECE GREGORY COUNTY CLERK

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER COUNTY AUDITOR SUE SAUNDERS COUNTY TREASURER

BRYAN WEATHERFORD SHERIFF

KEN JOBE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRISHER FORD JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT#1 TERRY ALLEN JUVENILE PROBATION

OFFICER

The meeting was moved to the District Courtroom due to number of the public in attendance.

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Blanchette invited anyone offended by the customary prayer to step out in the hall and return after the conclusion of the prayer. The invocation was delivered by Ken Jobe. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Commissioner Hughes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walston and seconded by Commissioner Nash to receive the minutes of June 6th and June 11, 2018. All voted yes and none no.

Budget Amendments/line item transfers were not present by the County Auditor.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve to pay the **county bills.** It was seconded by **Commissioner Walston**. All yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Nash made the motion to approve the **county payroll** for the period June 6^{th} – June 19^{th} . The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All yes and none no.

Judge Blanchette motioned to adopt the Resolution for FEMA Mitigation Grant Funds (DR-4272). Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Walston made a motion to adopt the Resolution for FEMA Mitigation Grant Funds (DR-4332) for Hurricane Harvey funds. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Judge Blanchette motioned to appoint Stevan Sturrock as the Tyler County representative to the **Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) board** for a two-year term commencing July 2018. Commissioner Walston seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hughes made the motion to open bids for emergency standby services. Commissioner Walston seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. The County Auditor opened bids from NAPCO, Garner Environmental and DRC Emergency Services. SEE ATTACHED BIDS

A motion was made by **Commissioner Walston** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of **emergency standby services** until the next meeting. All voted yes and none no.

Ms. Arnold was not present to discuss road conditions on **CR4099 in Precinct #3**, therefore no action was taken.

A motion was made **Commissioner Walston** to adopt the resolution concerning the proposed **meatpacking facility** in Tyler County. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** Judge Blanchette read the resolution in its entirety. In discussion:

- Commissioner Nash reported that the unemployment rate in Tyler County was 6.7% being twice the national average, citizens below poverty level is 16%, few to no jobs in Tyler County available for 250 students that recently graduated. He stated one of the reasons he ran for office was to improve the economic process to prosper in the county. Refer to Commissioner Nash's statement for additional opinions. Commissioner Nash concluded that he disagreed with the resolution as it was written and "wanted no part of this document". He noted for the minutes that he would not be present to vote and then left the meeting at 8:48 a.m.
- Judge Blanchette stated that in the natural disasters the county had gone through pulled citizens together. His opinion was this was a man-made disaster that had pulled citizens apart. His agreed with Commissioner Nash that economic development has been supported by the court in times past. If the dynamics of previous attempts to establish the facility had changed, then let the people know instead of the "cloche" it has been hidden behind." The judge stated the way the proposed plant had been presented has caused consternation among the citizens; that enemies has been created among friends and caused division. He was of the opinion that a public statement on a document that has no power to stop anything is what the people deserve out of their elected officials. The purpose of the resolution is to say "we heard you and stand with you"
- Commissioner Walston's opinion is that he had been lied to, also. He had always tried to do the will of the people and not the "will of Jack".

Commissioners Walston and Marshall along with Judge Blanchette voted yes. Commissioner Hughes abstained. Commissioner Nash was not present to vote. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Executive Session was not held

Motion made by Commissioner Walston that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes none no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 am

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners' Court, do hereby certify the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners' Court session held on June 20, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this 2nd day of July, 2018.

Attest:_		
	Donece Gregory, County Clerk, Tyler County, Tex	kas