

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2020 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 26th day of May, 2020 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
MARTIN NASH	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2, via phone
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3, via phone
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

STEPHANIE VOTH	Asst. COUNTY AUDITOR, via phone
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF, via phone
TERRY ALLEN	ADULT PROBATION OFFICER
TINA CLEBURG	VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Blanchette reported the public is invited to view this meeting live at the following YouTube location which has been posted at www.co.tyler.tx.us and a recording will be posted at this home page. He stated, "it is the practice of the court to exercise an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag." The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Hudson. It was the consensus of the court to suspend the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag due to logistics of the court. Judge Blanchette then followed this with the customary disclaimer in hopes that no one was offended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ken Leonard, representing the Dallas Regional Census Center, updated the court as to the 2020 Census Project concerning Tyler County. He reported that everyone in the city limits had been mailed notices. The response from Tyler County has been less than should have been due to the suspension of persons going from door to door. The importance of getting everyone counted is used for federal grant money, equal portions in Congress House of Representatives; that every State gets their fair share of representatives. He requested the court's help to encourage persons to respond to the Census Project.

Judge Blanchette reported that it had come to the court's attention this morning regarding a Notice to Bidders (road & bridge materials) that was in the previous newspaper. He read the information in the Notice stating that all sealed bids should be received and opened at 11:00a.m on May 26, 2020. Stephanie and Maegan (Auditor's office) acknowledged that bids had been received and opened at 11:00a.m per the Notice. The Judge reported that it had been the practice of the court to have items on the agenda for opening the bids and awarding a bid. Therefore, he had reached out to Eric Magee for advisement. Mr. Magee had advised that it met all the criteria of Local Government Code, Section 262.025(b)(2); and, that the Auditor's office acknowledge that bids had been received and permitted to open without court action. Next, that a request for formal action be placed on a future agenda. Commissioner Nash stated that he preferred the practice of opening the bids in public at a court meeting.

Judge Blanchette called attention to minutes of the meeting on May 11th, instead of reference of "Thursday at 2:00p.m."; that a clarification read "Thursday, May 14th at 2:00p.m." A motion was made by Commissioner Nash and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to receive the minutes of May 11th and 14th, 2020, with the addition. All voted yes and none no.

Budget amendments/line item transfers were not presented by the County Auditor.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Nash** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **allowances and accounts payable**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the installation of a **radio tower equipment** to the Doucette Tower by Performance Communications. The amount of \$2175 is to be paid out of the Contingency line item. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All voted yes and none no. Donald Calhoun reported that additional work will need to be done at the time. Commissioner Nash inquired as to this being paid out of the data processing budget instead of contingency. Judge stated that a line-item transfer can be done at a later date if found that it be more appropriate than contingency, such as where the lease payments are being paid. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to purchase a **pick-up truck** from Martin Chevrolet Fleet for **Road & Bridge, Pct. #3**. This will be purchased through the BuyBoard or pre-existing authorized purchasing means the court typically uses. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve, affirm and ratify the Application submitted for the purpose of securing grant funding under the **County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Program**, including acceptance and approval of the following:

- The acts of the designated TxDot county contracts for the purposes of preparing and submitting the Application
- The Road Reports, as of the 2019 road condition reports required by Texas Transportation Code Sect. 215.005 and 215.018
- The County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Project list (prioritized)
- Designation of a county contact person and authorize the county contact person to prepare and/or execute documents on behalf of the county in matters relating and regarding the TxDot CTIF Grant and Grant Program

The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Nash**. The grant will be used for resurfacing and stabilizing of the "industrial park road". All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Judge Blanchette** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to purchase **four new patrol units**, for the Sheriff's department, through First National Bank, Wichita Falls, Tx. All voted yes and none no.

Having vetted the legal requirements, a motion was made by **Judge Blanchette** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the **resignation of Dale Freeman, Constable, Pct. #1**, effective midnight May 31, 2020. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to appoint **candidate-elect for Constable Pct. #1**, Ronnie Ford to fill the unexpired term of Constable Dale Freeman from June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Beginning January 1st, he will begin the term to which he was elected and will require another bond and oath. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Judge Blanchette** and seconded by **Commissioner Nash** to authorize bid construction projects included in the General Land Office (GLO) Harvey Infrastructure Contract 20-065-087-C248. All voted yes and none no.

Informational: Tina Cleburg presented her May 2020 report of services provided to the veterans of the county. Due to the lack of appointments on Tuesday and Thursdays, the office had been temporarily closed and will continue to do so as long as the workload permits. SEE ATTACHED REPORT

TERRY ALLEN entered the meeting.

JUDGE'S REPORT- Courthouse Remediation Update: Have received the electronic construction documents, including the data drops, and will be forwarded to the county commissioners. Announced the need of a joint workshop with the court and the steering committee to determine the next step after receiving these documents. Kay Timme emailed an analysis and a cost estimator with a breakdown by room. No update regarding the leak in the courthouse, reported on May 5th

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash and seconded by Commissioner Hudson that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:40 a.m.

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on May 26, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 26th day of May, 2020.

Attest: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk