

Judge Pro-Tem Marshall recognized employees for 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- or 25-year milestone in their tenure with Tyler County in the last half of 2023: Gerald Adaway (5) Stephen Holloway (5) Michelle Brunelle (5) Lucas Babin (5 years) Carol Powers (15 years) Renee Crews (20) and Kathy Harris (25 years). Pictures were taken.

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Budget amendments/line-item transfers- no action

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**, as presented by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Tyler County Treasurer's January 2024 report**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to open bids for a **2024 Chevrolet for Precinct #4 Road & Bridge** department. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

No bids were received; therefore no action was taken to award bids for **2024 Chevrolet for Precinct #4 Road & Bridge** department.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the appointment of Vice-President, Olen Bean, as the new presiding officer/board president to the **Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District**, replacing former board president, Roger Fussell. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **deputation of Katelyn Bowen** in the District Clerk's department. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **deputation of Patricia Brown** in the District Clerk's department. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to reappoint Yvonne Goss and Tamberly McCullough to the board of commissioners **ESD #3**; Jill Dinger, Rowland Priddy and Charles Touchton as commissioners to **ESD #1**; David Norton and Randy Gibson, commissioners to **ESD #4**; and Mike McDonald as commissioner to **ESD #8**; all for two-year terms, January 1, 2024 to December 3, 2025. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. **Commissioner Blacksher** expressed appreciation to those that volunteer their service because it isn't a paid position. He also expressed condolences toward Mr. Fisher that was dedicated to ESD#8, who had passed away. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve **office space for the Courthouse Security** on the first floor. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Emergency Management Coordinator** receiving a monthly stipend of \$250, with exempt employment status. Employment status does not allow for overtime or time accrual. A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to renew the **CIRA email services** for Tyler County. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to table the request for an **IT support position** in the Treasurer's office. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to appoint **Commissioner Blacksher** as representative to the Tyler County **Deep East Texas Rural Transportation Planning Organization Board (DETRTPO)**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the \$200 **donation from Riley Funeral Home** for senior activities at the Nutrition Center. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to discuss recommendation and take action on bids received for **GLO CDBG MIT drainage projects- GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-D419**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Four bids were received. The recommendation was to award bid package #1 to the low bidder, Tunica- Biloxi Services, LLC in the amount of \$963, 676.70; bid package #2 and added alternate bid to Apeck Construction in the amount of \$1,792,410.; bid package #3 with added alternates to Aaron Davis Construction in the amount of \$719,517. ; bid package #4 with added alternates to Aaron Davis Construction in the amount of \$1,235,941. The total award would be \$ 4,711,544.70. The total grant funding was 5,278,280. This difference can be used in change orders. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to substitute the original motion to state: award bids as recommended by engineering grant administrator and as stated by the grant administrator. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to table consideration of implementing a **Mobile Cascade System** for all Tyler County First Responders with partial payments coming from the permit funds. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to advertise for bids for a **Mobile Cascade System**. Mrs. Skinner added a budget amendment would be required. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract (ICC) for Failure to Appear (FTA) program. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve **modifications** to the current Sheriff's office **Holiday Pay Policy**. Leann Monk stated the holiday pay policy had been difficult to implement. All commissioners voted yes and none no. The County Auditor asked the County Treasurer about overtime for a holiday worked. Her reply was no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to renew the **TAC ARTS contract** for the IRS Health Benefits reporting. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to appoint Shay Dozier and Henry Earl Sawyer, Jr. to fill two vacancies for **Emergency Services District #2 (ESD #2)**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the bid to repair lighting circuit at the **Tyler County Airport**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to transfer a 2002 Ford Expedition from the **Sheriff's office** to the **Tyler County Airport**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the \$200 **donation of road material from Navidad Operating Company** to Precinct #1. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to remove indefinitely from the agenda, being it was a cafeteria plan: Allow employees to opt-out of **dental insurance**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve filing cabinets for the County Auditor's office to be paid out of **county records management**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to reimburse **Tyler County Firefighters Association** for **radio tower rental**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to amend the motion to add that this be paid out of contingency. All commissioners voted yes and none no. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** that the main motion now reads to reimburse **Tyler County Firefighters Association** for **radio tower rental**; and, to be paid out of contingency. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to discuss relocating the **Criminal District Attorney's office** to the Tyler County Complex. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Mr. Babin will be adding two positions with SB22 grant monies and will need work space. Commissioner Hughes requested a workshop. No action was taken.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **airport hangar Lease Agreement** with Harvey Conner for a hangar at Tyler County Airport. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes with exception of Commissioner Hughes abstaining due to relation (brother-in-law) to the client. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
County Auditor- thanked the court for the cabinets that will help organize the "disaster" records. The records have to be kept three years after closure by the state.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter into Executive Session. All commissioners voted yes and none no

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 11:10 a.m. No action was taken in executive session.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION:

11:48 a.m.- A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to come out of Executive Session and enter back in Regular Session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

The Judge Pro-Tem announced that no action was needed as to Executive Session.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 11:48 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 February 12, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 8th day of April, 2024.

Attest:
Donece Gregory, County Clerk

