

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2024 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 12th day of August, 2024 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:

MILTON POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: Commissioner Hughes thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
MELISSA CARSON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
TERRY ALLEN	CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER-JUVENILE
TINA SELF	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1
JOHN SETTLOCKER	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Powers stated "it is the practice of the court to exercise an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Anyone who may not be comfortable with the practice may wish to step out into the hall or mute their devices and rejoin once the portion of the agenda begins with public comments." Commissioner Blacksher delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to move to an action item: acceptance of signed **road verification certificates** and possible **Lakeland Ranch** landowner comments to the replat of Section 9- Lots 324, 338, 338A, 339, 347, 360 and 361 Block 14, Plat 246. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

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A motion was made by **Judge Powers** to table approval of a three-person committee for the purpose of advising the commissioners of all **infrastructure projects** affecting Tyler County: Steve Pittman and two others. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to move to an action item: approval of verbiage changes to the **Sick Leave Pool** to allow employees to join the pool upon their 12-month continuous employment anniversary. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to receive the minutes of June 28, 2024. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Hudson motioned to accept the **monthly reports** from Adult and Juvenile Probation departments, County Clerk, and County Extension. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS/RECOGNITIONS: none

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **Line-Item Transfers**, as presented by the County Auditor. **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 Marshall** to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the **County Treasurer's monthly report**, as presented by Leann Monk, County Treasurer. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motioned. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the monthly donation from **Riley Funeral Home** for senior activities at the Tyler County Nutrition Center. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **I-Ticket contract** between the Justices of the Peace precincts 1,2,3 and 4 and i3 Verticals originally approved by the court on April 10, 2023. Justice Tina Self stated this was for a debit card machine. The 2023 contract had not been signed. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to replace the front **air conditioner unit at the Justice Center** with installation by Vance's A/C and Heating; to be paid out of the interest and sinking fund. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to ratify the **license/use agreement between FEMA** and Tyler County. FEMA will be out of the nutrition center on August 31st. Judge Powers added that FEMA had help Tyler County residents with over two million dollars in assistance due to flooding. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to purchase a **2025 Mack model AN64T** (VIN: 1M1AN4GY9SM049783) and the purchase of a **2025 CTS BDT40 Belly Dump** (VIN: 5TU114023SS000262) from Buckners Truck and Equipment to be financed through First National Bank, Wichita Falls. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Clerk reported the required number of valid signatures had been met through circulated petitions. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to order a **local option election in Justice of Peace/Commissioner Precinct #1: For or Against the legal sale of malt beverages and wine for off premise consumption only**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Commissioner Blacksher stated the people would decide at the election. SEE ATTACHED PETITION

The County Clerk reported the petition for an election, in **Justice of Peace/Commissioner Precinct #1** to prohibit certain animals from running at large did not meet the number of valid signatures required. Therefore, no action was taken to accept the petition and order the election for same.

The County Clerk reported the required number of valid signatures had been met through circulated petitions. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to order a **local option election in Justice of Peace/Commissioner Precinct #2: For or Against letting horses, mules, jacks, jennets, donkeys, hogs, sheep or goats run at large**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED PETITION

The County Clerk reported the required number of valid signatures had been met through circulated petitions. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to order a **stock law (cattle) election in Justice of Peace/Commissioner Precinct #2**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED PETITION

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the presentation of the **proposed 2025 County Budget**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. Commissioner Blacksher interjected there may be some changes before the adoption of the 2025 budget. Judge Powers stated he, Melissa Carson and Jackie Skinner would be getting with David Luther. Citizens had received appraisal notices. Ms. Carson explained the value of mobile homes had “sky-rocketed”. Commercial property values had also increased. The State dictates the formula. Judge Powers encouraged taxpayers to file protest online if they had substantial increases in appraised values. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the resignation of Raymond H. Wooten, Henry E. Sawyer, Jr. Shay Dozier and Robert Perkins from the **Emergency Services District #2 (ESD#2-Spurger)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to appoint new board members: Jeff Burnthorn, Wayne Rawl, Brandon Guillory and Melody Hall as Commissioners to the **Emergency Services District #2 (ESD#2-Spurger)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **2025 Employee Wellness Incentive Program** for the 2nd year. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Mrs. Monk stated the appointments need to be made by October 7th. Judge Powers asked, “are we giving the same eight hours sick time?” The County Treasurer stated she calls it “employee incentive that comes with the sick pool part of that”. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to purchase a **2025 Kobelco SK75SR-7** through Bane Equipment to be financed with First National Bank Wichita Falls for **Road & Bridge Precinct 3**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the extension of **ICrime Fighter** software for the 2025 fiscal year, as requested by the District Attorney. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **TAC Dental** proposal for county employees to be effective November 1, 2024. This would be to replace the Aflac planned used in the past. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the bid from Jack Alexander Inc. for seal coat work on the existing tarmac, at the **Tyler County Airport**, through the RAMPS Program in the amount of \$16,520.00. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to recess until 11:00 a.m.. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Court recessed at 10:41 a.m.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to come out of recess. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

COMMISSIONERS COURT BACK IN SESSION: 11:12 a.m.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Judge Powers- recent appraisal notices indicated some properties had increased by over \$100,000. He asked David Luther to explain the increases.

David Luther, Chief Appraiser- the increases are mostly on mobile homes-property with mobile homes. The “schedule” was changed. He encouraged property owners to file protests by the deadline. He asked members of the court to tell the owners to contact the appraisal district with questions. Mr. Luther added, that is it illegal for members of the court to contact him directly and try to influence. Deadline to file a protest is 30 days -September 6th

EXECUTIVE SESSION: not held

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded Commissioner Hudson that the meeting be adjourned. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

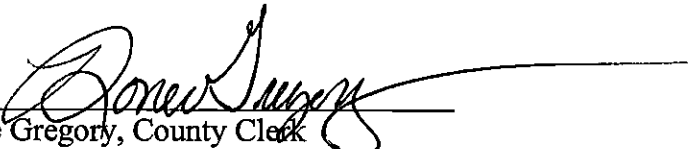
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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:50 a.m.

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 August 12, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 13th day of August, 2024.

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk

