

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2020 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 23rd day of March, 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
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2, via phone
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3, via phone
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4, via phone
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
KEN JOBE	EMERGENCY MNGT. COORDINATOR/JP #2
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, via phone

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Blanchette 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 and rejoin once the portion of the
agenda begins with public comments." Judge Blanchette delivered the invocation and then led
the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

In complying with the implementation of social distancing due to the CoVid19 (Coronavirus)
pandemic, members of the court participated in the meeting by way of conference call. The
meeting was also videotaped to make available on the Tyler County website.

Persons had not signed up to make comments; therefore, there were no public comments.

Receiving the minutes was not on the agenda

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **budget amendments/line item transfer(s)**, as presented. The County Auditor reported these were the final 2019 budget amendments within each department. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve paying the **county bills**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve payment (\$5000) to David J. Waxman, Inc. for professional services in 2019 regarding the application for **DR-4332 Hurricane Harvey TDEM** funds to be paid from **emergency disaster fund**. The county did not receive these funds but is still responsible to pay for the services performed. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **Tyler County Sick Leave Pool Policy** to be added to the **County Employee Policy**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Judge Blanchette motioned to renew the **Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking (ARTS)** through the **Texas Association of Counties**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to proclaim April as "Fair Housing Month". All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED
PROCLAMATION

Judge Blanchette motioned to approve the contract with David J. Waxman, Inc. for administrative services for Tyler County 20-065-087-C248 Grant for the **Hurricane Harvey Project**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to adopt the resolution designating authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents requesting funds pertaining to the Tyler County 20-065-087-C248 Grant for the **Hurricane Harvey Project**; and, correcting the names on the resolution designating signatories. The authorized signatories are the County Judge, County Treasurer, County Auditor and Commissioner Nash. **Judge Blanchette** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to adopt the resolution approving the Civil Rights Plans and Procedures for the Tyler County 20-065-087-C248 Grant for the **Hurricane Harvey Project**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to appoint Dr. Paula Denson as the **Tyler County Public Health Official** during the **COVID-19 Crisis**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED OATH

Commissioner Marshall motioned to ratify the **Amended Emergency Order** issued by the County Judge. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to ratify the **Emergency Declaration of Disaster** issued by the County Judge. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED *Clerk's Notation: Refer to clarification on April 13th meeting*

Leann Monk presented two items for consideration: one for informational purposes only and one actual Emergency Leave Policy for county employees that was determined by committee: Donece Gregory, Ken Jobe, Stevan Sturrock and Leann Monk. The recommendation is to add the amendment to also include any future disaster declarations. A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the addition of **emergency leave** to the **employee handbook**. All voted yes and none no. Leann Monk called attention to the Emergency Leave Update put into place by President Trump that supersedes the county's policy. It gives two scenarios. She stated both policies are available to employees.

Judges's Report- Courthouse remediation update was not given at this time. Judge Blanchette differed to Ken Jobe for a report on the Coronavirus. Mr. Jobe reported two citizens of Tyler County had been tested for the COVID-19 virus: no results as of this date. He recommended that any business that was non-essential should be closed as recommended by the Governor. Judge Blanchette added he was on several groups including the county judges in Southeast Texas. "There are so many nuances to this, you may be seeing amended orders in days ahead." Judge Blanchette stressed the "focus is containment and the goal is saving lives".

Executive Session was not held.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:32 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 March 23, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 8th day of April, 2020.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk