TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2020 --- 11:00 am

THE STATE OF TEXAS

ON THIS THE 8th day of June, 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 BLANCHETTE COUNTY JUDGE PRESIDING
MARTIN NASH COMMISSIONER, PCT 1
STEVAN STURROCK COMMISSIONER, PCT 2, via

teleconference

MIKE MARSHALL COMMISSIONER, PCT 3
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 MAEGAN ODOM ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR LEANN MONK COUNTY TREASURER

KEN JOBE JP, PCT. #2/Emergency Mngt Coordinator

BRYAN WEATHERFORD SHERIFF, via teleconference

DAVID LUTHER CHIEF APPRAISER

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 mute their phone for 20-25 seconds (for those attending by teleconference) or step out into the hall and rejoin once the portion of the agenda begins with public comments." The invocation was delivered by David Luther, Deacon of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church. Commissioner Nash led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Due to the need for social distancing, the meeting was moved to the District Courtroom. Judge Blanchette read aloud a statement from Eric MaGee, attorney at law, concerning moving the meeting to a different room in the courthouse, rather than the commissioners' courtroom as posted. SEE ATTACHED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to receive the minutes from previous meeting, May 26th.

All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the monthly reports from the Adult & Juvenile Probation Departments, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Treasurer, County Auditor, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Nash made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-003 concerning the Application for 2020 CARES ACT/Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Commissioner Nash made the motion to approve the Budget amendments/line item transfers, as presented by Maegan Odom. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. All yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to award all bids for Road Transportation Materials, Culverts, Bridge Materials, Cracked Fuel Oil and Hauling for Tyler County Road and Bridge. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BIDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock to accept the resignation of Emergency Services District #3 (ESD) Commissioners: Clyde Caldwell and Royce Hill, effective immediately. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to accept the resignation of Commissioner Stevan Sturrock from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) Board, effective at the end of the term (June 2020). All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock to appoint Commissioner Charles (Buck) Hudson to the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) Board to serve Two-Year Term (July 1, 2020 through June 30,2022). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nash and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to authorize the submission of an application for 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) CARES Act Sub Grant; and, name the County Auditor as the single point of contact for submission of the required reporting of expenditures, as requested by the County Clerk. The amount of federal funds allocated is \$21683.24 with the county match of \$4336.65. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the Official Bond of Ronnie Ford, Constable, Precinct #1. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Commissioner Sturrock suggested the premium be paid from the contingency fund if funds are not available within the Constable, Pct. #1 budget. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BOND

The County Clerk reported that due to the expected extremely low voter turnout for the **2020 Runoff**, the Political Party Chairman were in agreement to **consolidate voting precincts**, except those that will have the local commissioner's race:

Commissioner Pct. #1- All polling places will be open

Commissioner Pct. #2- Polling places 2,8,18 will be consolidated with #7

Commissioner Pct. #3- Polling places 5,9,11,13 will be consolidated with #10

Commissioner Pct. #4- Polling places 15, 16 will be consolidated with #14

No Action was taken. This was for informational purposes only.

Due to plenty of rain recently, the court took no action on Item H: Order to Restrict Fireworks for the Fourth of July Fireworks Period (6/24 through midnight 7/4)

Commissioner Hudson motioned to purchase a Kubota Mini-Excavator for Precinct #4. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Polk County for Jail Services. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Sheriff Weatherford also reported that he had three CoVid-9 related bills (i.e. thermometers for the jail and courthouse). Judge Blanchette replied he had reviewed them with Stephanie and Maegan and determined they fall into categories where there is budgeted money. These were qualified bills and tagged for CoVid related in case of the county seeking reimbursement. He also had bills that fall under Fund 48-emergency disaster.

Judge Blanchette stated Item #L was for clarification and update to the court as to action that had been taken back in December 19, 2018. A motion was made by Marshall to approve seeking "Request for Qualification" for Grant Administration for the General Land Office CDBG Harvey 4332 Recovery Buy-Out Program (Previously Approved in 2018 Under Action for Both Infrastructure and Buy-Outs). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nash. Ken Jobe answered Commissioner Nash that three point four million dollars are allotted for the "buy-out" portion for the 75979-zip code area only. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

JUDGE'S REPORT - Courthouse Remediation Update: Judge Blanchette stated the steering committee would be meeting with the architect, having completed Phase I-the final plans and specifications. The committee will be reporting and making recommendations to the commissioners' court.

Executive Session was not held.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 11:41 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 8, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this 15th day of June, 2020.

Attest:

Donece Gregory, County Clerk, Tyler County, Texas

