

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
December 29, 2020 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 29th day of December, 2020 the
Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the
Justices of Peace Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present,
to wit:

JACQUE L. BLANCHETTE	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2, teleconference
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4, teleconference
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

STEPHANIE VOTH	Asst. COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER-ELECT, PCT. #1

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 this practice may wish to mute their phone (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 Jack Walston. Judge Blanchette led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Sturrock to receive the minutes of November 23rd and December 7th. All vote yes and none no.

Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers were not presented.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the **District Clerk's November monthly report**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the **Official Bonds** of the re-elected Officials and the newly elected Officials. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BONDS

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve the **change orders from LaBiche for the courthouse remediation**: Alternate #3- \$31,006.90 remodels the grand jury room creating a storage area and sink for janitor's closet; Alternative #6- \$34,000 doors along the hallway of Room 101,102 and 105 to which the Tyler County Historical Commission made a donation. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Judge Blanchette requested a point of clarification: on the plumbing for the bathroom originally presented to be a handicap assessable restroom off the courtroom in the mechanical area. Is it now only going to be a maintenance closet? Commissioner Sturrock responded the handicap assessable restroom was already approved; that, originally there was going to also be a handicap restroom in the grand jury room at approximately \$68,000, but now revised to reduce to a janitor's closet \$31,000.00. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve payment to **Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP** for expenses for legal guidance to the commissioners' court for the fiscal year 2020. Judge Blanchette stated he had reviewed the expenses also and was in agreement with payment. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock made a motion to purchase an **equipment haul trailer for Precinct #2** from George P. Bain, Inc. for \$27,565.30 through the BuyBoard. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioner Sturrock stated this purchase would be paid "out-right". All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED INVOICE

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to set the 2021 regular terms for Commissioners' Court. A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to amend setting the 2021 regular terms to be one meeting per month with additional dates as listed on the schedule for adopting the budget preventing a time crunch. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **AT&T Office at Hand Agreement**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve **video magistration for the district court judges**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. The cost is \$350 per month per judge; to be paid from Data Processing. All voted yes and none no.

The County Treasurer reviewed the **Sick Leave Policy, FMLA and COVID Sick Leave Policy**. Leann stated, "Back when COVID started, we had no idea of how long or how we would be affected, County said, based on some laws- the government said, we would continue to pay employees if it's COVID related. We've kinda lost sight of what the county policy says." If employee is absent three days, the supervisor has right to request documentation such as a doctor's excuse, federal-side says if three days are missed it automatically engages FMLA (family medical leave act). FMLA requires documentation from a doctor. Employees do not get paid while on FMLA, unless it is COVID related which expires December 31, 2020. No action was taken since this item was for informational purposes only.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to purchase a **2020 CAT 140 motor grader** through the BuyBoard from Mustang Caterpillar to be financed with First National Bank, Wichita Falls for **Precinct #1**. All votes yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **Interlocal Agreement with Hall County**, at no cost, for CopSync and TLETS, as requested by the Sheriff. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of paying overtime hours worked during the beginning of COVID pandemic for Ken Jobe, Emergency Management Coordinator, until the next meeting for further study of questions such as affecting the exempt status of being an official. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Executive Session was not held.

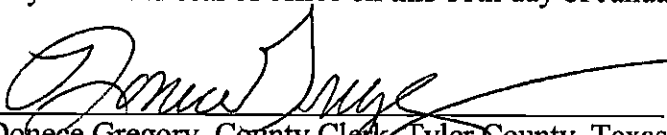
Motion made by Commissioner Marshall that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Sturrock seconded. All voted yes none no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED- 11:25 a.m.

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 December 29, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this 11th day of January, 2021

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk, Tyler County, Texas