

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
August 30, 2021 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 30th day of August, 2021 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:

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
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:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
RENEE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
TRISHER FORD	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	TYLER COUNTY SHERIFF
TERRY ALLEN	CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

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/computer (for those attending by teleconference) or step out into the hall and rejoin once the portion of the agenda begins with public comments."

Judge Blacksher delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

Minutes were not presented.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to approve the July **monthly report** from the District Clerk. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **Line-Item Transfer for Road and Bridge, Pct. #4**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve payment of **expenses of participants for the Post Legislative Update Conference** to be paid out of **contingency for miscellaneous (general fund)**. Commissioner Sturrock recommended limiting payment of expenses to one person per department: being the official or appointee of the official. Judge Blanchette added a more prudent way would be to limit approval to only those who wanted to attend but didn't have sufficient travel allowance, rather than paying for all attendees out of the contingency fund. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to amend the original motion by inserting approval for payment of expenses for the upcoming **Post Legislative Update Conference** to be paid out of **Contingency for Miscellaneous (general fund)** for one participant from the **County Treasurer** and one participant from the **District Clerk**. All voted yes and none no. The main motion now reads those expenses will be paid for one participant from the County Treasurer's office and one participant from the District Clerk's office to attend the **Post Legislative Update Conference** to be paid out of **contingency for miscellaneous**, as motioned by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. All voted yes and none no.

Tyler County CSCD FY2022-2023 initial budgets, presented by Matt O'Neal, was for informational purposes only to the court. Judge Blanchette reported the board of judges had previously reviewed the **probation department budgets**. Not action was taken SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** that the proposed of elected officials and precinct officers for the 2022 budget remain the same as last year except for the County Clerk receiving a \$5000 stipend as an election administrator and the Sheriff receiving an increase per his first request in budget workshop to be \$60,000, as presented and published by the County Auditor. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to designate the upcoming DETCOG meeting be an in-person meeting instead of a virtual meeting, which is sponsored by Tyler County for September. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Judge Blanchette stated Emergency Management has received information that it would be toward the end of September before there would be any subsiding of Covid cases. Sondra Williams reported that based on information she has received, Tyler County has not “peaked” yet in Covid19 cases. There is an extraordinary number of infections and don’t expect to start seeing less cases until the second week of October. A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to table this item until the September 7th meeting. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to begin discussion to deem which employees and officials are essential workers pertaining to the **American Rescue Plan Act**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. **Commissioner Sturrock** motioned that full-time employees, as defined as receiving benefits, and all Officials be deemed as “essential” pertaining to the **American Rescue Plan Act**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to open for discussion consideration of the premium pay amount from the **American Rescue Plan Act** for county employees and Officials deemed essential pertaining to the ARPA; and when and how it will be distributed. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Commissioner Sturrock stated different ways the amounts could be distributed such as a flat rate or a step program. **Judge Blanchette** motioned to table consideration of the premium pay amount until September 7th for further study. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion to table. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **Second Contract Renewal with Appriss, Inc.** to provide the **Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS)**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
Commissioner Sturrock reported furniture would be moving back into the commissioners courtroom on September 8th and 9th; Jack Walston is coordinating other offices moving back into the courthouse; and working on the plan for the money that is provided by the state. Judge Blanchette asked about the two offices that are renting space. Commissioner Sturrock replied those leases expire October 31st.

Executive Session was not held.


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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:33 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 30, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 27th day of September, 2021.

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk