

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2021 --- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 18th day of October, 2021 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
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
RENEE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK

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." Jackie Skinner delivered the invocation. Commissioner Marshall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive the minutes of August 30th, September 13th and 20th, 2021. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to receive the **monthly reports** from the Juvenile Probation Department and Adult Probation Department, District Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS - none

Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers were not presented.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills** as presented by the County Auditor. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to award the bid for **demolition services** for the GLO CDBG-DR Grant #20-066-016-C112- Tyler County Buyout Program to The Lark Group, Inc.; and, authorize the County Judge to execute the contract and/or agreement. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to appoint **Election Judges and Alternate Judges to Fill Vacancies**: Evie Jo Evans, Voting Precinct #4 and Donna Lee, Colmesneil ISD, Jasper County. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. (*Donna Lee did not serve due to son being a candidate*)

After some discussion, a motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration to deem which part-time county employees are essential workers pertaining to the **American Rescue Plan Act**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of premium pay amounts from the **American Rescue Plan Act** to part-time county employees deemed essential workers pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act; and, how and when it will be distributed. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to allow **recreational vehicles (RVs)** to utilize space at the **fairgrounds**; and, set rental fees. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioner Marshall suggested charging rental fee of \$18 to \$20 per night for the space. Commissioner Sturrock expressed concern that charging rental fee may trigger the "RV regulations". Commissioner Marshall motioned to withdraw his motion. Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to replace the **air conditioner units** at the **Tyler County Jail** for \$48,960.00 to be paid out of the **Jail Interest and Sinking Fund**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the **Agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department** for **boat storage** at the **Tyler County Nutrition Center**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the County Auditor's certification of the **American Rescue Act Funds and Budget** (pursuant to LGC 111.0106). The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to accept the **County Auditor's salary** (pursuant to LGC 152.031), being no change. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to come up with a **Longevity Pay-Out Formula** for Tyler County Employees who have separated from county employment; being option two as presented by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Maintenance for **Spindlemedia Tax Collection Software**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to renew the **West Law Online Legal Software** for a three year period. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve **Online Investigative Services** from 8/1/21 – 7/31/22 for the **Sheriff's department**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the **policy & procedures** for submitting **Budget Amendments and Line-Item Transfers** to commissioners court. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioner Sturrock explained the policy is so that everyone will know how the procedure works and flows. Judge Blanchette requested his office be removed from the language of the policy. The County Auditor stated this has been a long-time practice; and, that her office needs to prepare the request for commissioners court and does not want to be "blind sighted" by other departments presenting the request to the court. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to table renewal of IRIS Service. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the proposal for architectural services by The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc. for Phase 2 of the **restoration and rehabilitation to the Courthouse**: address the windows, plaster and painting, water damage and bell tower. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the **deputization of two employees of the District Clerk's Office**: Kaitlyn Holt and Ricki Gulley. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to add the **County Veteran Service Office** to the donation list of juror reimbursements per SB456. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock and Marshall voted yes and none no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
Commissioner Blacksher announced the building should be installed this week at nutrition center for use by the maintenance department center. He then inquired about GLO/Harvey money disbursements. Judge Blanchette reported steps that had been taken and stated the GLO had not issued contracts. Rene Crews stated the district clerk would be having two jury trials in the courtroom in November; report of COVID cases down to 13.

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: 11:45 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 October 18, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 10th day of December, 2021.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk