## TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING

November 9, 2021 ---- 9:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 9th day of November, 2021 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at the Justices of Peace Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE

JOE BLACKSHER

STEVAN STURROCK

MIKE MARSHALL

BUCK HUDSON

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4

COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER

LEANN MONK

TRISHER FORD

KEN JOBE

COUNTY TREASURER

JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1

JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #2

ERIC MAGEE ATTORNEY AT LAW

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." Commissioner Hudson delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Minutes were not presented

Commissioner Sturrock made a motion to hire Goodwin Lasiter Strong (GLS), professional engineering services, to review and approve the **subdivision application** that has been submitted to Commissioner Pct. 1, Joe Blacksher. Commissioner Blacksher seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to receive and provide information, evaluate demographics and take action to establish criteria for redistricting county political boundaries. Commissioner Blacksher seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED ASSESSMENT and ORDER ESTABLISHING CRITERIA

Eric Magee gave a presentation of census facts and the need to redistrict the boundary lines. Commissioner Marshall inquired if there was a way to challenge the decrease in the 2020 census numbers, siting both school population and voter registration numbers had increased versus a decrease of approximately 2000 persons. Mr. Magee responded. "no" and continued to explain the census blocks. Since there wasn't enough population where precinct #1 and #3 joined, it appeared that precinct #2 would need to relinquish population to precinct #3 and then gain more population from precinct #1. Eric worked with the commissioners, using software with the data of the census blocks, precinct lines and boundaries. Commissioner Sturrock said his main concern was giving population areas from precinct #1 to precinct #3. He looked at giving the Chesswood Subdivision area to #3. Mr. Magee showed that using that area with addition to a census block across the highway including a portion of Beech Street would move census blocks containing 266 persons, being close to the 280 that was needed to even the deviations. Another option would cause voters to drive from Woodville to Warren to vote. It was a consensus of the court to have two options for consideration. Mr. Magee named one option Proposal 1 and one with a slight change- Proposal 1a.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to adopt the findings of facts regarding political boundaries following publication of 2020 census data and Order for redistricting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudson. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

## COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING to MATTERS of COUNTY GOVERNMENT- none

Judge Blanchette stated that Eric Magee was available to give legal counsel for comments raised concerning Local Government Code 153.012,153.013. He called for motion and a second. No motions were made. Executive Session was not held.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:53 a.m.

## Commissioners Court Minutes November 9, 2021

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 November 9, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 13th day of December, 2021.

Donece Gregory, County Clerk