

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2021 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 15th day of November, 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
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
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
KEN JOBE	JP, PCT#1/Emerg. Mngt. Coordinator
TRISHER FORD	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1
TERRY ALLEN	CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER
RENEE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lawrence Rainey requested the court to reallocate funds for maintenance purposes of eight tenths of a mile on CR 2080. He said this portion had been maintained for decades by past commissioners when this error was discovered. Rusty Hughes, previous Commissioner of Pct.#2, expressed that he had maintained the road as well as his predecessors. He stated the road went from FM 287 back to the Smith's property; and it appears the road had changed when measured by DETCOG. Commissioner Sturrock explained the roads had been measured in 2007 and that's what he had been using. He further explained the next steps such as eight people would need to sign a petition and submit it to commissioners court. Also, easements would need to be filed giving the county an easement through the properties.

The County Treasurer stated she had received additional information that needed to be looked at and requested these items be tabled. A. Deem Which Part-Time County Employees are Essential Workers Pertaining to the **American Rescue Plan Act**.

B. **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. These will be left as tabled. No action was taken.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to move from "tabled" to "action" on the renewal of IRIS service. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Sturrock** motioned approve the renewal of the IRIS service, as recommended by Ken Jobe. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive minutes of November 12th Public Hearing and Special Meeting, 2021. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson 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 Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS - **Resolution** supporting the allocation method for **Opioid Settlement Proceeds** as set forth in the State of Texas and Texas Political Subdivisions' Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet. This item was skipped to be considered after V. (K).

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve **Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to ratify the renewal of the **Financial Software** for the **County Auditor and County Treasurer**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Judge Blanchette questioned, "since it was a ratification, was a poll taken to authorize it?" Jackie Skinner answered, "It was time to pay it and it is the software presently used by the Auditor and Treasurer." October 25th was the deadline. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to adjust and/or amend the **Proposed Guidelines for Maintaining the Appearance of the Tyler County Courthouse**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. Judge Blanchette stated it would be more appropriate to have someone designated by the court rather than the county judge. Commissioner Sturrock agreed that it state the commissioners court or their designee; focal point of the restored courthouse – remove "restored", artwork: focal point of the restored courthouse – remove "restored", artwork complimentary to the courthouse. Commissioner Blacksher disagreed as to the limitations of personal pictures, knick-knacks and space heaters. Commissioner Sturrock clarified that maintenance would need to check the ampage of space heaters and determine how to attach pictures so as to not damage the historical walls. Commissioners Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and Commissioner Blacksher voted no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to appoint the members to the **Tyler County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)** in Accordance to SB 476: Terry Allen, Bryan Weatherford, Donald Calhoun, Morgan Williams (Asst. DA), Mike McCully (City of Woodville), Steven Hoke (Woodville ISD), Terry Riley (Ivanhoe), Paula Gibbs, Trisher Ford, Brenda Garrison (Garth House), Angela Delahante (Garth House), Matt O'Neal, Debra Tomac, Cindy Fertita and Kathy Harris. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. Commissioner Sturrock and Commissioner Marshall expressed appreciation to those who have volunteered and willing to serve on the committee. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to schedule the first meeting of the **Tyler County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)** for November 15, 2021 in accordance with SB 476. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Hudson and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the resignation of John Richardson as Commissioner on the **Emergency Services District #5 Board**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Hudson and Marshall voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to appoint Glen Kenney as Commissioner to the **Emergency Services District #5 Board**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Hudson and Marshall voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve **Christmas in Tyler County agreement between Tyler County and the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce** regarding decorating the Courthouse and use of the electricity during the annual event. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Commissioner Sturrock expressed concern about having decorations on the courthouse structure itself, not being in accordance with guidelines just passed and those enforced by the State. He stated he did not have any problems with decorations/lights in the yard and on the trees. Leann stated she had contacted both the State and the local historical commission. The State said that it was OK to use the hooks that were already in place as well as the "methods to secure things to the building". The local commission had said this was not their issue. Commissioner Blacksher expressed his concern over the courthouse structure as well, reminding the recent cost of 2.3 million dollars for rehabilitation. A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to amend the motion to not put anything on the structure of the courthouse; but, leave everything else included: the use of electrical items, trees, lights on the trees and the courthouse used for Christmas in Tyler County. Commissioners Sturrock and Blacksher voted yes and Commissioners Marshall and Hudson voted no to the amendment. Judge Blanchette stated his vote goes to the failure of the amendment. A vote was taken on the original motion. Commissioners Marshall and Hudson voted yes to the original motion and Commissioners Blacksher and Sturrock voted no. Judge Blanchette voted in support of the Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas in Tyler County, as it's written. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to adopt the Resolution and enjoin with other counties supporting the **Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to purchase a **2008 Caterpillar Maintainer from Rusk County, for \$125,000**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to renew the membership to **National Association of Counties (NACO)**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to **Canvas General Election Results**. Members of the court compared the printed reports with the DS200 scanner reports from election night. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept the canvass. No changes were made. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:
none

Executive Session was not held.

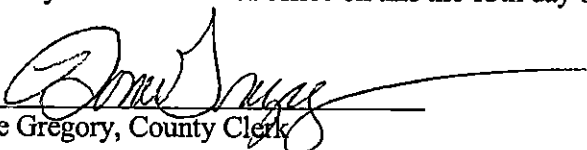
A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Marshall for the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED:

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 15, 2021.

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

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk