

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2021 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 13th day of December, 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:

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| JOE BLACKSHER | COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1 |
| STEVAN STURROCK | COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2 |
| MIKE MARSHALL | COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3, presiding |
| BUCK HUDSON | COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4 |
| DEAN RIVERS | Chief Deputy COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio |

The following were absent: Judge Blanchette thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the
above were:

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| JACKIE SKINNER | COUNTY AUDITOR |
| LEANN MONK | COUNTY TREASURER |
| RENEE CREWS | DISTRICT CLERK |

Commissioner Marshall, Judge Pro-Tem opened the meeting and presided in the absence of
Judge Blanchette. Commissioner Blacksher delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of
Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Bertrand inquired if the county had a strategic airport growth plan. He had
also submitted a request to lease property at the airport to build a hanger. Commissioner Marshall
responded that the process includes the submission of plans of the building and an application for the
court to approve. Reno Jeton, skydiving instructor, also stated that he was interested in investing in
hanger(s) at the airport. Commissioner Marshall stated there was a regional committee and he would try
to locate the plans.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

II.(A) Deem which Part-time County Employees are Essential Workers Pertaining to the American
Rescue Plan Act.

II.(B) Premium Pay Amounts from the American Rescue Plan Act to Part-time Employees Deemed
Essential Workers Pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act; and, How and When It Will Be
Distributed *The County Auditor made Commissioner Marshall aware that Mr. Babin is "tied up" at this
time. Commissioner Marshall stated he wanted to skip over these items until Lucas Babin was able to
meet with the court.*

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve the **Budget Amendment/Line-Item
Transfer** for the County Tax Office. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All
commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**.
Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE
ATTACHED.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to pay the invoice for three (3) handmade oak **bookshelves for
District Clerks Office** out of the county records management fund. These were purchased out of Robert
Mann's law office. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none
no. SEE ATTACHED.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the renewal of **Net Data Corp. Software** for various
county offices. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes
and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to **set dates of Regular Terms of Commissioners
Court Meetings for the 2022 Calendar Year:** second Mondays of each month with additional dates in
August and September for the budget; if, holiday falls on the second Monday it will roll over to Tuesday;
one regular meeting per month to start at 10:00a.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner
Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to re-appoint Michael Marshall, Commissioner Precinct
3, to the **Tyler County Hospital Board of Managers**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All
commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to appoint Betty Ann Whitworth, of Chester, Texas, to the **Tyler County Hospital Board of Managers** for the term beginning January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to re-appoint Ethel Rogers to the **Tyler County Hospital Board of Managers**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to hire Ogden Surveying for **TxDOT Bridge Project for Williams Creek Bridge on CR 2810** for surveying the required Right-of-Way for the project and to also be paid for Out of Right-of-Way fund. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to purchase **supply bags for election precincts** to be paid out of the elections line-item. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve the annual maintenance and Advantage Membership for **ScanPro Image Scanner** in the County Clerk's office, The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to purchase two spartan cams for **Tyler County Game Wardens** at the cost of \$895.23. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. This will be paid out of the contingency line-item. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve the **VotaCall Phone System** for county facilities. This will be cheaper per month than ATT Office-at-Hand. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock**. Mrs. Skinner added the 24/7 service calls is included in the price. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned and a second by **Commissioner Sturrock** to request Proposals for a grant administrator for the **American Rescue Act Funds**. The County Auditor recalled the county had gone out for proposals for an administrator when first learned the county was eligible for the funds. None were received. Now with more information, she requested the advertisement again for an administrator to "make sure we are in compliance with everything that they require". All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to advertise for bids to sell **County Surplus Property (online auction)**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to fill the open position on **Deep East Texas Rural Transportation Planning Organization**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Sturrock** volunteered to serve. All commissioners voted yes for **Commissioner Sturrock** to serve and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to suspend the **County Policy on Sick Leave and Vacation Accrual** through 2022. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Mrs. Monk explained that county employees had not been able to use vacation and sick leave and that it would be unfair for them to lose the time they had earned. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Auditor stated that Lucas Babin had not responded at this point. Judge Pro-Tem Marshall stated items II.(A) and (B) would remain tabled. Clerk's note: see below action

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY

GOVERNMENT: **Commissioner Blacksher** stated the court would need to call a special meeting to discuss the conditions of the subdivision application.

Commissioner Marshall stated he was ready to discuss "doing something on the **American Rescue Act for part-time employees**". He motioned to deem which Part-time County Employees are Essential Workers Pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. The County Treasurer reported the committee had looked at a variation of possibilities. She had checked with some other counties that had paid their part-time people. The committee recommend \$1500 "flat fee" for part-time employees and those hired after the March 30th date that are still employed by the county. It was mentioned full-time employees that were hired after March 30th, worked through December 31 and still employed with the county receive funds. **Commissioner Blacksher** asked "how much is this going to cost"? She responded she didn't have those figures but there were about 20 persons affected. Mrs. Monk stated she would like to see those that worked during that period of March 30th through December 31st and retired to receive the funds. She wants those included: "Any full-time employee that retired after that

date, worked through the 31st, currently employed, full-time/part-time and a retiree, for 2020. Seasonal employees would not qualify". **Commissioner Sturrock** motioned to amend the main motion by inserting the words: deem part-time employees as essential workers who actually worked during the period, not just "on the list"; and, include full-time employees hired after March 30th but before December 31st of that year (2020); and, any employee that worked that worked through till December 31st (2020) and retired (actually drawing a retirement). Full-time and part-time employees must still be employed today. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. The amendment passed. The vote was taken on the main motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to grant "premium pay" amounts from the American Rescue Plan Act to part-time employees deemed "essential workers" pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act; and, How and When It Will Be Distributed: Part-time \$1500 to be paid "tomorrow" with payroll, but not a part of payroll, as recommended by the County Treasurer; and, retirees to get \$3500; and, full-time employees hired after March 30th but before December 31st will receive \$1500. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Executive Session was not held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that 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 December 13, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 28th day of December, 2021.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk