## TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING January 10, 2022 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 10th day of January, 2022 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Justice of Peace Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUE L. BLANCHETTE COUNTY JUDGE, absent JOE BLACKSHER COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1 COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2

MIKE MARSHALL COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3, presiding

BUCK HUDSON COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER COUNTY AUDITOR LEANN MONK COUNTY TREASURER

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Pro-Tem Marshall invited anyone offended by the court's practice of an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to step out in the hall and return after the conclusion of the pledge. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Sturrock. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Public Comments: Tracy Johnston- expressed concerns for safety of children if the proposed halfway house is placed in the DamB area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to receive the minutes of November 23rd and December 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Budget amendments/line item transfers, were not presented by the County Auditor.

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**, as presented by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to allow **KZXL Woodville** to broadcast and the use of electrical outlets from the courthouse square on the Northeast step area during the Dogwood and Western Weekend Parades. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to reappoint Richard Coker, Lana Cox and Jill Dinger to ESD #1 Board of Managers and David Norton and Randy Gibson to ESD #4 Board of Managers and Bob Fisher and Mike McDonald to ESD #8 Board of Managers. Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Sturrock** motioned to re-appoint Yvonne Goss and Tamberly McCullough to **ESD #3 Board of Managers. Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to re-appoint Jack Walston, Karl Hammond and Raymond Wooten to **ESD #2 Board of** Managers and James Alfaro, Kenneth Lewis and Raymond Holland to **ESD #6 Board of Managers. Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to re-appoint Ronald Willmon to ESD #5 Board of Managers and Lance Seamans and Wade Skinner to ESD #7 Board of Managers.

Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Jacob Spivey and the district administrator, Sheila Harris, introduced Shannon Benton.

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve Shannon Benton for the vacant Tyler County Family and Community Health position with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, effective March 1, 2022. The first month Ms. Benton will be in training and will start April 1<sup>st</sup> in Tyler County. Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to hire the professional services of a law firm to advise/guide and provide Commissioners Court with documentation that will allow the County of Tyler to regulate any sexually oriented business within the county. Commissioner Blacksher seconded the motion. This will allow the sheriff and district attorney to enforce state laws pertaining to sexually oriented business regulations. Commissioner Sturrock recommended and included in the motion to hire Charles Kimbrough, attorney with the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado & Acosta LLP to guide the court in this process. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to hire the professional services of Bob Bass from Allison, Bass and Magee Law Firm to advise/guide and provide the commissioners court with documentation that will allow the County of Tyler to create a **tax abatement plan and guidelines. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to table consideration of appointing an elected official to serve in the open position on the **Tri-County Community Action Board.\_Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

## COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Commissioner Sturrock gave a report from the **DETRTPO Committee Meeting.** TxDot spoke to their 10-year plan for the districts. He brought maps. The Hwy 69 project was also discussed. It will be a parkway type road where trees will be part of the roadway. Executive Session was not held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Hudson 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 January 10, 2022.

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Attest:			
Donece Gregory, County Clerk			

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 21st day of January, 2022.