

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2022 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 14th day of March, 2022 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:    JOE BLACKSHER                      COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1  
         STEVAN STURROCK                    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
LYNETTE CRUSE	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
DAVID LUTHER	CHIEF TAX APPRAISER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF

After calling the meeting to order, Commissioner Marshall, Judge Pro-Tem 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 step out of the room, or mute  
the video, 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:**

Lisa Meysembourg, Woodville ISD Superintendent, reported the plans for a new PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
facility is the proposed bond passes on the May 7<sup>th</sup> special election.

Larry Sonier, Sr., Mrs. Gonzalez and Sara Reinmeyer- condition of CR 3240. Commissioner  
Marshall responded he was waiting on dry weather and plans to work on the road this summer.

**TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)-** Appoint Elected Official to Serve in  
the Open Position on the Tri-County Community Action Board Per Request from Yolanda Neal.  
Commissioner Blacksher stated he had not been able to get confirmation from a person he had  
contacted and requested this item remain tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to  
receive the minutes from previous meetings. All commissioners voted yes.

**Commissioner Blacksher** made a motion to approve the **monthly reports** from the Adult &  
Juvenile Probation Departments, County Treasurer, County Extension, District Clerk, County  
Auditor and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. The County Clerk's monthly report be presented at the  
next meeting. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE  
ATTACHED

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS –**

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to adopt the Order authorizing the **Sale of Fireworks** during  
San Jacinto Day, April 16- Midnight, April 21, 2022. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the  
motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to  
proclaim March as **Red Cross Awareness Month**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.  
John Stagg announced Tyler County was in need of volunteers. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to  
adopt the **2022 Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution**. All commissioners voted yes and  
none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to adopt the **Woodville Housing Authority 2022 Resolution** approving waiver of payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for public housing developments. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers:** none

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve paying the **accounts payable/county bills**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to amend the **Subdivision Regulations** to include the retainer for engineer review and filing fees, to be paid by the developer. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. This will be similar to Polk County's regulations. **Commissioner Hudson** stated this may need to be re-visited in the future for small tracts of land. All commissioners voted yes and none no. See Appendix R ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to create a budget line item for **Subdivision Application Filing Fees**. This would make it easier to keep track of the funds incoming, disbursing and refunding overages. The application and fees are to be filed with the County Clerk. All commissioners voted yes and none no. See Appendix R ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to grant a variance for **subdivision of Caney Pines located on Morrell Road in Chester, Texas**. **Commissioner Sturrock** explained the subdivision is mainly located in Polk County, where the developer filed the application, and will affect less than half of Lot Number 5 located in Tyler County. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Joint Election Agreements and Ratify Contracts** with Woodville ISD and Emergency Services District #5 (ESD5) to be held May 7, 2022. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Sturrock** motioned to appoint Matt O'Neal and Stephanie Smith to serve on the **Tyler County Child Welfare Board**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. **Commissioner Sturrock** read a letter of acceptance from Stephanie Smith.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to transfer of used/retired **patrol unit to Emergency Services District #5 (ESD #5), Dam-B Fire Department**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the bond renewal for Karl Hammond, Treasurer of Emergency Services District (ESD #2), **Spurger**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve portable toilet rentals for **Western Weekend and Dogwood Weekend** to be paid from contingency each year. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to seek bids for all **Road and Bridge Material** for Tyler County. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to seek bids for **petroleum products**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to seek bids for **hauling for Road and Bridge**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the purchase of 29 ElectionWare data USD drives at \$150.00 each as requested by the County Clerk. Mrs. Gregory stated she had not received the cost to replace two **Express Pollbooks**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **deputization of Amanda Stephens** in the County Clerk's Office. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Sturrock** made a motion to appoint the **2022 Tyler County Historical Commission Members and Officers**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Sturrock** thanked the local commission for the donation to restore doors for the courtroom. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED LIST

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the **Contract with GOVDEALS Online Auction** to allow the County to sell surplus property. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to seek a **TDEM/HMPG Grant** through DR-4485 to establish base flood elevations throughout the County. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. Ken Jobe explained the bench mark would be used to make sure houses and structures, across the county, are built above the flood plane. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to table for further study, as requested by Mr. Jobe. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to reinstate membership with **TEX-21**. The cost is \$2500 per year. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to designate a court member to be the voting member within the **TEX-21 Organization**. It was a consensus of the court to designate **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to order the **Constitutional Amendment Election** for May 7, 2022 and give **Notice of Election**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:** **Commissioner Hudson** stated he had requested the County Auditor to make a presentation. Mrs. Skinner presented a power point (SEE ATTACHED):

- Cost of paving and rocking county roads and allocation of taxes to road and bridge budgets
- Tax dollars allocated to services and county departments
- American Rescue Plan Act

**Commissioner Marshall** explained why he was for paying ARPA funds- The employees along with officials worked on the "front line" and came to work during the Covid19 period.

**Commissioner Hudson** stated the commissioners were not allowed to meet to defend themselves to the public statements and rumors being made, other than in a posted commissioners court meeting. There were no clear points at the time; facts pointed to it being OK to pay the funds.

**Commissioner Blacksher** and **Sheriff Weatherford** commented on the need for the Tyler County Hospital and taxes collected for indigent care. **Commissioner Blacksher** expressed there was no malicious intent in disbursing ARPA funds. Commissioners tried to give "our people" money without putting a burden on the taxpayers.

Executive Session was not held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hughes seconded by Commissioner Sturrock that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:11 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 March 14, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 11th day of April, 2022.

Attest:   
Donece Gregory, County Clerk