

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
March 25, 2022 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 25th day of March, 2022 the
Commissioners Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Special 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

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 step out of the room, or mute the video, and rejoin once the portion of the agenda begins with public comments." Commissioner Blacksher delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Standley, representing the Tyler County Fair Board, and represent the Dogwood Festival- two big events in the county: Tyler County Fair and the Dogwood Festival. In support of ARPA funds being used for renovations at the fairgrounds. The facility is over 50 years old and trying to keep it usable.

Elizabeth Grammar, small business owner- on behalf of other business that were deemed non-essential and shut down during COVID. Being a small business was once an honor but being call non-essential began a fight to prove they were just as worthy. She stated the county chose not to do anything, with ARPA funds, for small businesses on September 14th, yet other counties were helping their small businesses. Mrs. Grammar further stated the PPP loan received was just enough to keep from taking a second mortgage. Requested court to reconsider small businesses with the American Rescue Act Funds.

Kay Timme, citizen and taxpayer, director of Allan Shivers Library- shared her thoughts concerning the oversight of distribution of ARPA funds by the commissioners court: citizens were counting on the court to them consider as they attempt to recover from COVID pandemic; quoted from last meeting that ARPA funds could the moved to the general fund or commissioner's budgets, etc.; specific priorities were identified by commissioners such as infrastructure, replacing rodeo arena roof, improvements to the airport, Allan Shivers Library (to which she thanked Commissioner Marshall), helping the ESDs; "all noble projects" but expected to hear that individual citizens and businesses would benefit also from ARPA funds. Encouraged the court to publicly address the process; use funds to benefit individuals and their livelihoods and not solely benefit county government; challenged the court to place citizens top priority over county government at this time. She reported the services at the library used by citizens.

Neil Alderman- growth of county; need of youth programs such as swim teams, water sports and aquatics program that can provide scholarships. Community pool that can be used by families; Growth means attracting families and people that pay taxes and investing in youth.

Minutes were not presented

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the County Clerk's January report. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to adopt the Resolution to move the remaining **ARPA Funds to the General Fund**. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to move the remaining **ARPA Funds to the General Fund**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. Leslie Waxman recommend action to be taken again in July for the second tranche of funds. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the resignation of Keith Barnes from the **Southeast Texas Ground Water Conservation Board**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint **Ken Jobe** as a member of the **Southeast Texas Ground Water Conservation Board** for the 2022-23 term, filling the vacancy. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING to MATTERS of COUNTY GOVERNMENT: none

Leslie Waxman announced the HMGP project funding of 6.4 million dollars, with no matching funds, drainage projects in commissioner precinct #3. General Land Office wants to start a “kick-off meeting” with a representative from the court and the county auditor. She reiterated that using ARPA funds would still have to follow all laws, both federal and state. Commissioner Marshall expressed his excitement in receiving the grant but disappointed the other commissioners did not receive the grant. He made it clear this was a CDBG grant and had nothing to do with ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded Commissioner Blacksher to call a meeting for Wednesday, March 30th at 10:00 am. Commissioners Blacksher, Sturrock, Marshall and Hudson voted yes and none voted no.

Executive Session was not held.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:38 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 25, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 25th day of April, 2022.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk