TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING April 11, 2022 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 11th day of April, 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

JOE BLACKSHER STEVAN STURROCK MIKE MARSHALL BUCK HUDSON DONECE GREGORY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1 COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2 COMMISSIONER. PCT. #3, presiding COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4 COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER LEANN MONK TERRY ALLEN TRISHER FORD RENEE CREWS BRYAN WEATHERFORD COUNTY AUDITOR COUNTY TREASURER JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1 DISTRICT CLERK SHERIFF

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

Due to an overflow of public attendance, a motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to move the meeting to the district courtroom. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

COURT RECESSED TO MOVE TO DISTRICT COURTROOM. COURT BACK IN SESSION: 10:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher and seconded by Commissioner Sturrock to come out of recess. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lonnie Grissom, Jr.- stand is support of Tyler County. He quoted Proverbs 18:21. Mr. Grissom stated he doesn't like the taste of the bitterness. "We as Tyler Countians use our tongue to build one another up and not tear one another down." He also used Proverb 11:11. Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted.... but torn down by the wicked. "Who stands with me for Tyler County." Let's build the county for our children's children. He requested public members to shake hands of the court members.

Milton Odom- expressed his opinion on character. Thankful that prayer and the pledge is "still here". Reiterated "we are here to build one another up" and not demean the court. He added his support of the court members and the County Auditor. Mr. Odom reminded the court of servants as Christ was a servant.

Sal Baldovinos, representing Concerned Citizens of Tyler County- "acknowledging the divisiveness my appearance might have in the courtroom". He offered apology that he has not meant to come-off as adversarial to members of the court. He expressed his opposition to ARPA distributions to elected officials. He stated he could not find in the materials relating ARPA funds: Local Government Code and Texas and US Constitution, that allows premium pay to elected officials. He stated he needed the court members and all other elected officials who took the \$3500 ARPA funds to return the money to the Treasurer, within the next 20 days or alternatively provide the legislative provisions within the US Constitution that gives the authority to use ARPA to pay premium funds to elected official.

Neil Alderman, representing Concerned Citizens of Tyler County- quoted "being a leader is being a servant, if serving others is beneath you then leadership is above you". Get behind school districts to support children are our future. No problem with commissioners spending money on the airport or the rodeo arena. Stated they called out some things "we didn't think was appropriate". Reiterated looking for something that will benefit "our kids". Mr. Alderman said he came back to Tyler County to build the county not tear it apart.

Collin Bishop- not to question character and motives to do what you think is best. He was in agreement that everyone working for the county is considered essential employees.

Acknowledged that Jackie Skinner was an honorable, ethical and honest person. Time to build bridges and not to tear down. He also expressed appreciation to Commissioner Sturrock and Judge Blanchette. Plead to end all personal conflicts.

Rusty Hatton- show support of the Commissioners never being dishonest who want the best for Tyler County.

Laurence Johnson, representing Dam B Community Watch- thanked the Sheriff and Officer Calhoun for a good job. He addressed the theft in their area. He requested the court to form a bond board. Mr. Johnson expressed his opinion that jail bonds set too low causing offenders to be released to soon.

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Sturrock and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to leave this item tabled. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive the minutes of February 28th and March 14, 2022. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to approve the **monthly reports**, as submitted: from the Juvenile Probation Department and Adult Probation Department, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. **Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to proclaim April as Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Blacksher <u>seconded the motion</u>. Tina Self present members of the Child Welfare Board and reported 199 children died during 2021 due to child abuse. Commissioner Marshall read the proclamation. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **2022 Fireworks Sales Order for Memorial Day,** May 25 – May 30th at Midnight. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to adopt **Resolution** adopting **Civil Rights Plans/Policies for GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-D419 CDBG-MIT Project. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to adopt the **Resolution** authorizing **Depository/Signatories for GLO Contract No. 22-119-009-D419 CDBG-MIT Project. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to adopt Resolution agreeing to comply with all applicable **Financial Management and Procurement Law, Regulations, Rules and Guidelines of said federal/state grant funds. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to proclaim April 2022 as **Fair Housing Month.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to adopt Resolution and Order adopting the **Ordinance Regulating Game Rooms** in Tyler County. The motion as seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock.** Sheriff Weatherford explained this regulates amusement redemption and gambling devices. The application fee as listed in the ordinance will be \$1000. It does not include arcade game rooms. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion to approve **Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers** was made by **Commissioner Marshall. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve ratification of the **ARTS** (Affordable Care **Reporting & Tracking Service**) renewal agreement on 3/31/2022. Commissioner Blacksher seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to present **Employee Service Awards.** Awards Given in Recognition of Service in Increments of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 Years. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to renew 2022 contract with **Work Force Solutions** for the **Work Based Learning Agreement**, as requested by Leann Monk. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** to extend the opening of **bids for petroleum products, road materials and hauling;** and, the awarding of the bids until April 25th. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to go out for bids for a used standard **wheel loader for Pct. 4. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Ordinance regulating game rooms in Tyler County.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to hire professional engineering services from **Goodwin Lasiter Strong (GLS)** in Lufkin, Texas, to review and approve the **Lakeland Ranch Section 2 Subdivision Application. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to renew the Tyler Tech subscription for electronic signature for **Veteran's Service.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to lease/purchase a <u>new maintainer</u> **John Deer Model 670G** Stock Number N066901, <u>with a trade-in</u>, on the Buy Board through Doggett for **Precinct #4. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the notion. Projected to receive in August. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to extend the lease Agreement through **First National Bank**, **Wichita Falls**, until June. This is for a truck tractor. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to purchase a new John Deere Model 670 maintainer through the Buy Board from Doggett for Precinct #3. Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the lease agreement through First National Bank, Wichita Falls for the purchase of a new John Deere maintainer for Precinct #3. Commissioner Sturrock seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to accept the resignation of Richard Coker from **ESD #1 Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to accept the resignation of Lana Cox from **ESD #1 Board of Commissioners.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to appoint Charles Touchton to fill a vacancy on the **ESD #1 Board of Managers.** All voted commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to renew the contractual **Agreement with GHS for the Justice of the Peace. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted commissioners 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 seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:27 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 April 11, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 9th day of May, 2022.

Attest:	
Donece Gregory, County Clerk	