

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2023 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 13th day of March, 2023 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:

MILTON POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
DOUG HUGHES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: Commissioner Marshall thereby constituting a quorum. In addition
to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
MELISSA CARSON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Powers 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 Hudson. He then led in the Pledge
of Allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Glenn Kenney- representing Emergency Services District #5(ESD5)
requested funding, using ARPA funds, to assist with erecting a metal building to house a pumper
truck for the Dam-B Volunteer Fire Department.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: none

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to
receive the minutes of February 13, 2023. All commissioners 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 Auditor, County Treasurer, Justice
of Peace#1 and County Extension. Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All
commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS

Commissioner Hudson motioned to adopt the proclamation honoring the **Woodville Lions
Club 75th Anniversary** for service to the community. The motion was seconded by
Commissioner Blacksher. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED
PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to proclaim April 2023 as **Fair Housing
Month** in Tyler County. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted
yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to proclaim April 2023 as **It's Dogwood
Time in Tyler County**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted
yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Hudson motioned to adopt the resolution declaring April 2023 as **National
County Government Month** in Tyler County. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes**. Judge Powers and Treasurer Monk are making plans to get students involved in
learning about the local government. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE
ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Commissioner Hudson motioned to authorize the sale of fireworks for San Jacinto Day starting April 16th to midnight April 21, 2023, according to Occupation Code section 2154.202(h). The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to adopt the resolution for the **Civil Rights Plans and Policies** for Tyler County CV21-0384 **Water Improvements Grant**, as presented by Leslie Waxman. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to adopt the resolution authorizing signatories for the Tyler County CV21-0384 **Water Improvements Grant**, as presented by Leslie Waxman. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to accept the donation of \$915.00 from Hochheim Prairie Insurance/Pilgrim Insurance to the **Tyler County Senior Citizens Program**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. The check was presented by Russ and Nancy Pilgrim. Hochheim had given \$4500, through Pilgrim Insurance, to entities in Tyler County. Mr. Pilgrim thanked members of the court, officials and the sheriff for "all you do" for Tyler County. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **budget amendments/line item transfers**, for Justices of the Peace, training and education line item from \$1000 to \$3500. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. The County Auditor stated hotel cost has increased. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **budget amendment** for the County Airport & General/025 & General Fund. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to revise the **guidelines** for maintain the appearance of the **Tyler County Courthouse**. The County Auditor stated the courthouse was not under restoration but rehabilitation; and, that officials should be able to hang a pictures in their offices with getting permission. Commissioner Blacksher stated the previously guidelines would remain the same for all hallways and public areas. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve advertising for bids for **Petroleum Products, Road & Bridge Materials, Hauling of Road Materials, Monitoring of Debris Management, Emergency Standby Services and Debris Management**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve county representation/legislative, etc. being paid out of **Legislative Services** line item. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the contract between Tyler County and **David J. Waxman, Inc.** for administrative services for the **Texas Department of Agriculture CDV21-0384 Grand, Water System Improvements with Tyler County Special Utility District**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **Deputation of Morgan Martin** in the **District Clerk's office**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED DEPUTATION

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **Official Bond and the Bond to the State Comptroller** for Melissa Carson, County Tax Assessor/Collector. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BONDS

Commissioner Hughes motioned to table consideration of an **Interlocal Agreement between Tyler County Precinct #2 and Chester ISD**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to table consideration of an **Interlocal Agreement between Tyler County Precinct #2 and City of Chester**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to ratify adding Shannon Benton, **FCH Extension Agent, as the Healthy County Wellness Sponsor** for Tyler County. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve Tyler County's participation in the **TAC 2023 DIR Certified Cybersecurity Course** for county employees, fulfilling the requirement of Texas Gov't Code 2054.5191. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to add the county judge's signature to the **TAC HEBP member contact**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to change the part-time status of the **Senior Nutrition Program** employees to full-time status beginning May 1, 2023. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** stated the County was going to have to take the program responsibilities. He thanked Sondra Williams for helping the county get the program started. They served over 500 meals in February. Ninety-four persons are "signed-up" for the meal service. The county is receiving \$80,000 in reimbursements. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to authorize **Commissioner Blacksher** to give thirty-day notice to terminate the **meal preparation agreement with Tyler County Hospital** on April 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to ratify the donation of rock from Rayonier Forest Resources LP on **County Road 4451 (CR4451)**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Hudson motioned to ratify the Lease Agreement with First National Bank, Wichita Falls for a **2023 John Deere 670G Motor Grader for Precinct #4 Road & Bridge**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. The purchase was approved last year but the equipment is not received. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the Maintenance Use Agreement with TXTDOT for **County Road 3020 (CR3020)**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. This is to extend CR3020 aka Industrial Park Road. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to reimburse **Tyler County Softball Association** for the 2023 year, not to exceed \$6000. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Leslie Waxman requested the court to table Item #U. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to table the presentation for **CV21-0384 Water Improvement Project**. All commissioners voted yes and none no

Sheriff Weatherford presented a process for **new deputy academy tuition support**. He proposed that interested applicants, upon being hired, would be paid at a lower rate in addition to their tuition being paid. The sheriff reported the contract had been vetted by Texas Association of Counties (TAC). It includes a three-year obligation to Tyler County and its citizens. The County Treasurer (HR) added this would be an investment in people to hopefully retain them in Tyler County. Deputy Chase Nalley added, "new applications are down, and retirements are up". A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **new deputy academy tuition support process**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to authorize **Tyler County Child Welfare Board** to place crosses on the courthouse square on April 3, 2023 in honor of **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. Tina Self added a proclamation will be presented at the April 10th meeting. All commissioners voted yes and none no

Jackie Skinner presented the recommendation as was scored by the selection committee, of an engineering firm for the **CDBG TDA FY2021-2022 project #CDV21-0384 Water System Improvement for Tyler County SUD**. Seven proposals had been received. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve award the engineering firm of Goodwin, Lassiter and Strong, as recommended by the committee. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROPOSALS

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to lease a Sharp BP-50C26 color copier with Texas Document Solutions for **Tyler County Emergency Management** building. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT: none

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter into Executive Session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Executive Session: County entered into executive session at 10:57 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:25 a.m. No action was taken in executive session.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION: 11: 27 a.m.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter back into Regular Session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve a contract with STOUT for appraisal of commercial property located at 203 Willow Street, Woodville. The fee will be \$6000 plus expenses and will be split between Tyler County and the local VFW. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 11:28 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 13, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 14th day of March, 2023.

Attest:

Donece Gregory, County Clerk

