

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 27, 2023 ---- 10:30 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 27th day of March, 2023 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:

MILTON POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
DOUG HUGHES	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
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:** Kay Timme- representing Tyler County Historical Commission, in support of agenda item "C" & "G". Funds are held by the Tyler County Courthouse Restoration Corporation. She stated that if the blinds cost more than \$48,000, notify them to see if more funds are available. Also, the commission had done extensive research on the portraits to be hung. Also, she stated that the office space offered in the basement wasn't equipped for an office, but respectfully request office space on the first floor if available. Ms. Timme added that in the past it was proposed to have a historical display in the area of the commissioners courtroom. There is a display case available if the court wants to pursue this project. Lastly, she reminded the "clock works" will be returned and wants the court members to think about where they want them to be housed.

**TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Leslie Waxman gave a presentation on Section 3 with a power point handout in reference to the CV21-0384 **water improvements project**. This is required by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant was for \$350,000. The contract with the engineering firm has been signed. SEE ATTACHED PRESENTATION

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes: none  
Monthly Reports: none

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS:**

**Commissioner Marshall** made a motion to adopt the Resolution for **TxDot Maintenance Use Agreement** regarding CR 3020 extension. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to ratify the Otis elevator maintenance agreement for 04/01/2023 through March 31, 2024. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **Official Bond**, as amended, for Renee Crew, District Clerk. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Change Order** for installation of blinds in the courthouse to be paid out of courthouse restoration fund and accept reimbursement/donation by the **Tyler County Historical Commission** for the cost of the blinds in the amount of \$48,000. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. The total cost will be \$57,156.93 for the windows except for the jail windows. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to allow the removal of the lamps and conduit from the stairs of the **courthouse** at the recommendation of Dohn Labiche. Mr. Labiche had reported the lamps were not part of the original portion of the courthouse. They will not be replaced because the lamps are not historically correct. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Agreement** to share the cost of appraisal fees with the **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2033** for the **Nutrition Center**. The VFW post will pay 50% of the cost. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to designate the **Healthy County Reward** payment of \$700 to be used to promote and support the **Tyler County Healthy County Program**, thereby eliminating the need to use county tax dollars. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. Mrs. Monk stated funds can be received when the county does health fairs and other healthy county events. She requests the money go back into that program. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to approve the recommendation to hang **historical photos** on the courthouse walls. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. The request had been vetted and approved by the Tyler County Historical Commission as well as the oversight commissioner. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the service contracts for the **additional employee benefit through VOYA/Ameriprise**. The contract will finalize the outside 457B investment opportunities for our employees at no cost to the county. The County Treasurer stated there wasn't enough participation for the Nationwide benefit. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

#### **COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY**

**GOVERNMENT:** Judge Powers stated he and Leann Monk are making plans for recognition of Local County Government Day. He plans to have a special commissioners court on April 24<sup>th</sup> for juniors and seniors including home school students to attend and tour the offices. He recommended the officials take a couple students to shadow him/her for the day.

**Executive Session:** none

A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher seconded by Commissioner Hughes 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 March 27, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 10th day of April, 2023.

Attest:  
Donece Gregory, County Clerk

