

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2023 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 12th day of June, 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
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:

STEPHANIE VOTH	ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
TINA SELF	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT, #1
KEN JOBE	JP, PCT. #2/Emergency Mngt Coordinator
TERRY ALLEN	JUVELILE PROBATION OFFICER
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMN.

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 Ken Jobe. Judge Powers led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Hall- discuss airport lot lease agreements. Previous meeting discussion was to raise the lease rate "from 9 cents to 25 cents per square foot", comparable to Jasper County airport. He stated the Jasper County airport has utilities and is more developed for the 25 cent rate. He asked how quickly the county anticipates providing electricity to the lots. Commissioner Marshall responded there was electricity already there; but the county does not pay for electricity to the hangars. There is electricity and water but no city sewer. Commissioner Marshall added the original leases were \$350 for a 30' x 40' hangar which came to 25 cents per square foot. Commissioner Marshall and Judge Powers both stated they were working diligently to get sewer extended to the airport for economic development.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Commissioner Hughes motioned to table consideration of the Interlocal Agreements with Chester ISD and the City of Chester. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to remove from tabled – purchase of a **plat file cabinet** for the county clerk's office. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes. **Commissioner Hudson** motioned to approve the purchase of a plat file cabinet for the county clerk's office up to \$5000. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to leave tabled – purchase of shelving for **express** Votes out of County Records Management. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive the minutes of May 22, 2023. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the **Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, Justice of Peace#1 and County Extension.** **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS:

Commissioner Marshall motioned to adopt the order authorizing the sale of **fireworks for the Fourth of July** beginning June 24, 2023 to midnight of July 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. Judge Powers read the Order into the record. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Budget amendments/line item transfers were not presented

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** 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

Commissioner Marshall motioned to open the **bank depository bids**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Judge Powers read aloud a letter from the Texas Historical Commission recognizing the **Tyler County Historical Commission** for earning the 2022 Distinguished Service Award. Members of the court joined in the recognition. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the transfer of **2005 Dodge Pickup** from the sheriff's department to **Precinct #2 Road & Bridge**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the transfer of 2014 Tahoe from the sheriff's office to the **Warren Volunteer Fire Department**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to open bids for maintenance of **fire extinguishers, fire detection and fire suppression systems**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Ken Jobe reported no bids were received.

No bids were received; therefore, no award will be made for maintenance of **fire extinguishers, fire detection and fire suppression systems**.

Since registrations and hotel fees have increased, the County Auditor requested increases for the departments. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the increases to **Officials Training and Education line item** in their respective budgets. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. **Commissioner Blacksher** stated he was in agreement for the "required" training. **Commissioner Hudson** agreed for increases for required training but expressed disagreement for frivolous trips. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Melonie Taylor, CEO of Burke Center, gave a presentation of historical data (created in 1974) as well as a projected building of an office within the City of Woodville. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the modified **Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Contract** for the **Burke Center**, as offered by Melonie Taylor during her presentation. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED There were concerns expressed by Terry Allen and Tina Self. Sondra Williams responded the new facility would not solve problems for law enforcement serving mental health warrants. It would increase efficiency for outpatient care.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to initiate "**Positive Pay**" through the current bank depository, as requested by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. The treasurer explained this would provide another layer of security. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to incorporate **CourtFunds**, a product of Tyler Technologies, to the current software. This will allow certain payroll categories such as Summer Youth Program, Poll Workers and new hire initial checks to be paid by debit card instead of a paper check. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED There will not be a fee deducted monthly from the card.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to adopt the **travel allowance payroll** policy, as requested by the County Treasurer. Leann Monk explained it has become difficult to figure how to pay travel, for those getting a travel allowance, when the employee/official has retired or left employment in the middle of the payroll. The allowance will be modified to be paid for the month and not ahead of time. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Treasurer reported the bids received for the **bank depository**:

- American State Bank, Chester
- Citizens State Bank, Woodville
- First National Bank of Jasper, Woodville

She commended the banks for their submission of competitive proposals. Leann added the American State Bank bid was very similar but would cost to the county for travel to the bank in Chester. Mrs. Monk recommended to stay with the present depository, First National Bank of Jasper. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to award the bank depository to First National Bank of Jasper, at the recommendation of the County Treasurer. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to renew the **post office box for the County Treasurer's office**. The annual rent is \$354. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to select a committee to assist in the planning of the use of **ARPA funds at the Tyler County Rodeo Arena/Fair Grounds**: Jackie Skinner, County Auditor, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Blacksher, Mandy Risinger (nominated by Judge Powers), Lance Seamans and Kristy Hughes (nominated by Commissioner Marshall), Brunson Grimes (nominated by Commissioner Hughes), Cory Maxwell (nominated by Commissioner Hudson), Billie Read (nominated by Commissioner Blacksher). All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Judge Powers stated the City of Woodville had requested him to support a project. He would like the court members to join him in agreement. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to support and stand in agreement with the City of Woodville for the proposed projects through **TxDOT Transportation Alternative Efforts** in the building of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities in our community. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to allow **bingo prize** donations from the Tyler County Hospital for the **Senior Program** at the **nutrition center**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the surety bond for Justice of the Peace, Pct, #1, **Tina Self**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Tyler County airport hangar lease agreements** with Kevin Lachausse for Lot #10, James Broussard for Lot #8 and Bertrand Jatou for Lot #2 and #9. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

Brandon Rose, representative of **Purple Wave Auction**, gave a presentation about their turn-key on-line service for auction items. They have a no reserve policy. Service fees are waived for the counties.

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COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Commissioner Blacksher- reported he had received “our appraisal”.

Judge Powers- economic development forum with SFA University at the Woodville elementary school highlighting things “our area has to offer”.

Executive Session: Not held

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 10:47 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 June 12, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 27th day of June, 2023.

Attest:

Donece Gregory, County Clerk

