

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 10th day of July, 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
KELLY JOBE	DEPUTY 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
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
MELISSA CARSON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
TERRY ALLEN	JUVELILE PROBATION OFFICER
AMANDA HOWARD	AGRILIFE

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. Commissioner Marshall led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was delivered by Jackie Skinner.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Norma Armstrong-** ditch conditions: She withdrew from comments.

**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 leave tabled - the purchase of shelving for Express Votes out of County Records Management. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes were not presented due to illness of the County Clerk.

**Commissioner Marshall** made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the **Juvenile Probation Departments, County Auditor, County Clerk and District Clerk, 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 Marshall** motioned to adopt the Resolution to appoint two county residents to serve as members of the board of directors for the **East Texas Housing Finance Corp.** to act on behalf of the county: Commissioner Hughes and Tonya Sheffield. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher.** Judge Powers read the Order into the record. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:**

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve **budget amendments/line-item transfers** to close out the year of 2022. 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 Hughes** to approve the **accounts payable/county bills,** as submitted by the County Auditor. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The new county council for **Tyler County 4-H program** were introduced:

Addilyn Johnson, President

Isabell Linquist, Reporter

Miley Dalton, Vice President

Molly Dalton, Secretary

Emma Tyler, Treasurer

Members of the court were invited to the 4H banquet. As a former 4H president in 1992, Judge Powers thanked the ladies and encouraged them to keep working for Tyler County.

Terry Allen presented students for the **summer youth work program**. They introduced themselves. She expressed gratitude for the support of Tyler County to have this program.

**Tyler County airport hangar lease agreement** with William T. Hall, Jr.: No action taken. Mr. Hall decided not to build the hangar at this time.

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to ratify the **IBM iSeries hardware and software maintenance agreement** for the AS400 main frame computer. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to accept the course completion for the Public Information Act for the **Tax Assessor/Collector, Melissa Carson**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Judge Powers expressed appreciation for her hard work to Tyler County. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to grant a variance from Section 3.2.a of the **Tyler County Subdivision Regulations** which prohibits roadway intersections that are not 90° where **Lakeland Drive** intersects "Rd-4", a tract reserved for a future road. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Commissioner Blacksher added that typically this would not be granted; however, there are several live oak trees that they do not want to cut down which would take away from the aesthetic view. He also reported the engineer was in agreement. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned the conditional approval of the application, with the variance taken in the previous action, of **Lakeland Ranch Section Seven(7)**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the prize donations from Molina Healthcare for the **senior citizen bingo**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to re-appoint Commissioner Joe Blacksher to the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (**DETCOG**) board. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve the renewal of **2024-25 FY Interlocal Agreement for NG 9-1-1 PSAP services**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Judge Powers reported a successful economic development forum. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to support **SFA University** as they work with Tyler County to ensure the county has every opportunity necessary for **economic development**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED SFA is supporting 12 counties in this endeavor.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve software from **iCrime Fighter** to collect, record and share digital evidence related to investigations and prosecution of cases. This will be a year contract for \$20,000 per year to be paid from data processing budget. This software helps to better disseminate information within entities- DA, Sheriff and police departments with unlimited storage capabilities. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve an **airport hangar Lease Agreement** with Jon Michler for hangar #7 at the Tyler County Airport. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve lowering the **speed limit on County Road 1205 (CR1205)** from 35mph to 25mph. This road comes out from the back of Ivanhoe subdivision. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Hudson** motioned to renew the hardware maintenance for **IBM hardware and software servers/tape drive** with NetData/GHS. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve reimbursement of \$2000 to the **Woodville Youth Football League** to be paid out of the Tyler County Youth Programs. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

**Commissioner Marshall** made a motion to approve the **contract for the 911 DETCOG position** through the DETCOG grant of \$31,500. The position will start September 2023 in the County Treasurer's office. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **TAC HEB Employee Health Insurance Renewal**, as recommended by the County Treasurer. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

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

**Commissioner Blacksher-** announced **broadband meetings:** Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Lufkin and July 26<sup>th</sup> in Jasper. He encouraged attendance at these meetings.

**Commissioner Hudson-** ever since the communications for the fire radio was moved off the tower, the southern portion of Warren, Fred and Spurger has very poor reception for communications. Commissioner Blacksher's opinion was the Fireman's Association has responsibility for the fire radio communications. If the completion could be made on the SHECO tower, it was previously approved but never put up. Jonathan Phillips had said the FCC licensing has to be changed to update the location. Commissioner Blacksher stated the licensing has not been approved yet.

**Judge Powers-** addressed the concerns of some citizens toward taxes that business pays. He researched and found there were several tax accounts for the business. He was working diligently with state representatives and senators to get the most for Tyler County. A big need is to upgrade the airport; working along side the Alabama-Coushatta officials.

**Jackie Skinner-** verified a budget workshop scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

**Executive Session at 10:48a.m.:** A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to enter into executive session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter back into regular session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioners Court  
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IN REGULAR SESSION: 11:11a.m.

**Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to hire a real estate attorney or broker to facilitate the purchase of certain real property. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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- 11:13 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 July 10, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023.

Attest:

Donece Gregory, County Clerk

