

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 2023 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 7th day of August, 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:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
RENEE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
MELISSA CARSON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
KEN JOBE	JP, PCT. #2/Emergency Mngt. Coordinator
TINA SELF	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #1
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Powers stated "it is the practice of the court to exercise an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Anyone who may not be comfortable with the practice may wish to step out into the hall or mute their devices and rejoin once the portion of the agenda begins with public comments." Commissioner Hudson delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to leave consideration of an Interlocal Agreement between Tyler County Precinct #2 and the City of Chester as tabled. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motioned. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Due to the County Clerk being ill and out of the office, minutes were not presented.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to approve the Monthly Reports: Adult Probation, County Auditor, County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace - Pct. 1. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS/RECOGNITIONS:

Judge Powers stated, "Tyler County Commissioners Court would like to recognize the accomplishments of our County Clerk, Donece Gregory. We want to thank her for all her years of service and dedication to our county. But most especially we want to congratulate her on being named the 2023 State of Texas County Clerk of the Year."

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers for Road & Bridge Pct. 1 and Pct. 3**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no. SEE ATTACHED

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

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to enter into a **Contract** to purchase real estate located at 201 Veterans Way in Woodville, which currently houses the Senior Nutrition Center and other state and county offices in the amount of \$555,000. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. Commissioner Marshall added the property has been under a lease with the VFW for a 50 year lease. Commissioner Blacksher added there were restrictions with the present lease All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Treasurer explained the changes in jury service payments as enacted by the most recent legislative session. The jury compensation changed from \$6 to \$20 for those called and appeared for jury service. For those chosen to serve additional days, on the jury, the amount changed from \$40 to \$58. She requested that amount be \$60 instead of \$58.

Rene Crews, District Clerk entered the meeting.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve **jury payment** amount, effective September 1, 2023: from \$6 to \$20 and the additional days from \$40 to \$60. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of an additional dedicated **phone line for the 911 addressing position**. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to purchase a **new desk for the 922 addressing position** at a cost of \$1300 to be paid from Capital Outlay, department 453. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to accept the donation of **road base materials** from Billie Read to Tyler County. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Rene Crews- made the court aware that she can be under the County Clerk's contract with Certified Payments for the use of accepting credit cards for her department.

Commissioner Blacksher- gave an update on the repairs for the courthouse. The project is at 60% completion with expected final completion to be at the end of August. There had been a problem with the construction of bell tower. He explained the options that were being considered for the sound of the bell ringing.

Judge Powers- reported a meeting he had with some ladies that were excited about the bell working as in the past; and were willing to help with the funding. Commissioner Blacksher reminded it would have to be approved through the Texas Historical Commission. Judge Powers invited the public to budget workshop at 1:30pm. for the 2024 proposed budget.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: not held

A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher and seconded Commissioner Marshall that the meeting be adjourned. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:20 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 August 7, 2023.

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

Attest: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk