

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2023 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 5th day of September, 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
KELLY JOBE	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

STEPHANIE VOTH	ASST. COUNTY AUDITOR
KEN JOBE	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. 2/EMC
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER CO. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

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 Blacksher delivered the invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: William Lawes- Statutory Easement 251.053, did not speak.
Cathy Bennett- invitation to the Chamber Banquet, September 23rd at the Black Creek Ranch venue.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher to receive the minutes from August 14th and 28th, 2023. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Monthly Reports: none

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS/RECOGNITIONS: Judge Powers read a 911 Proclamation while standing in honor and memory of the attacks on America. Judge Powers led a moment of silence and said a prayer.

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers- none

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

Judge Powers read Ken Jobe's resignation as Emergency Management Coordinator for the past seven years. The court presented him with a plaque and expressions of gratitude. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to accept Ken Jobe's resignation as the **Emergency Management Coordinator** for Tyler County. Judge Powers announced Trisher Ford as the interim coordinator. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to reappoint Sondra Williams to the Board of Trustees representing Tyler County to the **Burke Center** for another two-year term (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2025). All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to ratify the subscription renewal for **Carahsoft Technology Corp.**, a cell phone forensic software for the **sheriff's department**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to purchase AG supplies for the **fairgrounds** such as water tanks, hoses, etc. for EOC to enable the county to house evacuated animals at the fairgrounds using account 48-000-43200 **Emergency Disaster Relief Basic Operations**. These supplies would be kept at the EOC when not in use. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. Ken Jobe explained due to the recent fires, this service was almost opened. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to purchase **HAM radio equipment** for the EOC to enable the County to send and receive emails (resource request) via HAM radio, using account 48-000-43200 Emergency Disaster Relief Basic Operations, as presented by Ken Jobe. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the request for **variance** from the requirements of Appendix M of the Tyler County Subdivision Regulations, which states that single-family residences are presumed to generate 10 one-way trips per day. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. Commissioner Blacksher expounded on the review by Jed Morris, engineer in reference to the request for **Lakeland Ranch, Section Nine**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to grant **conditional approval of Lakeland Ranch section nine(9)**, upon recommendation by Jed Morris, engineer. Commissioner Blacksher read the letter of recommendation aloud. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Commissioner Blacksher- request to add Senior Nutrition Program to the monthly report section of the agenda. He reported over 1079 meals were served in one month. There is attendance from "all over the county". Received \$2221.00 in donations.

Judge Powers- expressed appreciation to first responders and forest services during the fires in the county. He stated there were over 300 people there ready to fight fire. He expressed appreciation to

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Congressman Babin and Representative Ashby for the constant communication. Sheriff's department coordinated evacuations smoothly.

Commissioner Hughes- stated watching the planes scooping and dropping water was very impressive.
Ken Jobe- announced 207.4 acres had burned during the recent fires. He reported a total of 11 air assets rotating fighting the fire in the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: not held

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:24 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 September 5, 2023.

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

Attest: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk