

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 10th day of October, 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
KELLY JOBE	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
RENE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
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." Judge Powers delivered the
invocation. Commissioner Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Cathy Bennett – expansion of US Highway 69 and how it affects
Tyler County. Public meetings scheduled October 24th at Kirby Gym and October 26 at Warren
ISD Boardroom. Judge Powers stated he had attended one of the meetings in Hardin County.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to remove from the table agenda: Interlocal
Agreement between Tyler County Precinct #2 and the City of Chester as tabled. **Commissioner
Marshall** seconded the motioned. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to move from tabled to an action item: the recommendation
of the committee to select an **administration/planning company for the preparation and
submission of a grant application to the US Forest Service** for the Community Wildfire
Defense Grant Program through the US Department of Agriculture for a Community Wildfire
Protection Plan. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted
yes and none no. After consideration, a motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and
seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to award to Langford based on experience with the type
of work, as recommended by the committee. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to move from tabled to an action item: the recommendation
from the selection/rating committee to award a **grant administration company for the
preparation and submission of a grant application to the US Forest Service** for the
Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program through the US Department of Agriculture for a
Community Wildfire Implementation Project. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion.
All commissioners voted yes and none no. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher**
and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to award Langford Group as the grant administrator.
All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to leave tabled to the next meeting: a variance filed by
Timberland Branch Subdivision being developed by Joslin Development Group. The
developer is requesting a variance to be relieved from the requirements of the following: Section
2.2(d), Section 2,3(f), Section 3.2, Section 6.3(a), Section 3.6, Section 6.3(d), Section 6.3 (e),
certificate in Appendix G, and certain financial guaranties in Chapter 9. **Commissioner Hughes**
seconded the motion. There will be a meeting in November to "fix" regulations for Tyler
County. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to receive the minutes from September 25th and October 5, 2023. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **monthly reports**, with the addition of a report of financials on the nutrition center. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS/RECOGNITIONS:

Commissioner Marshall motioned to proclaim October 2023 as **Domestic Violence Awareness month** in Tyler County. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the final Budget Amendment/Line-Item Transfers for 2022. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

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

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to ratify the **Nationwide Authorized User Signature** form. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to maintain the original broker/agent as the **broker of record for the MASA account**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to allow installation of **underground powerline** along the back slope of CR4415, 0.4 miles to 1892 CR 4415. Property owner is Matt Adams. Entergy provided the documentation on how the project will be installed. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to renew the annual maintenance for **Spindlemedia Tax Collection Software**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to make repairs to the flood damaged courthouse basement; and order the exemption of the competitive bid process pursuant to LGC 262.024(a)(3). **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. The original cost will be over the \$50,000 bid requirement. The County Auditor stated insurance will be submitting \$48,509.83. The County cost will be \$29,148.25, below the \$50,000. Also, being a historical building, the county is required to get a vendor approved by the Texas Historical Commission. All commissioners vote yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to transfer management of the courthouse from Commissioner Blacksher to Judge Milton Powers. Judge Powers will be moving his office back to the courthouse. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to apply for the **Indigent Defense Grant** for FY2024 and approve the Resolution as required by the grant. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to appoint **election judges** for voting precinct #11- Ceara Talmage and voting precinct #18 Wendy Britton, as requested by the county clerk on recommendations received. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Judge Powers- rainfall expectations but amounts will be looked at determining the burn ban. "Pray for rain"; reminder about meetings concerning Highway 69 corridor; county fair success- raised \$337,000 for the kids.

Jackie Skinner- applied for the historical grant to reimburse for the work that has been done on the courthouse.

Commissioner Blacksher- plumbing problem in the County Treasurer's office in the basement has been fixed from the concrete walkway to the road, but now have problem from the manhole to where it ties in at the courthouse. The city owns ground up past the trees but does not pour concrete. Will try to push pipe out and replace with PVC pipe. The county may need to do concrete work if that does not work. Reminder of employee luncheon: he has grills and would like to cook ribeye steaks for the employees instead of chicken fried steak.

Commissioner Marshall- announced Dam B fire department fundraiser from 10:00am until done and open house for their new building.

Commissioner Hughes- a young lady lost her father due to a car wreck on Wednesday and showed her pig on Thursday. The pig didn't place so some guys "pitched in and bought it". Then after "the sale" on Saturday brought that pig back raised \$23,000 "at the drop of a hat" in less than five minutes, for the young lady. Thank you Tyler County! The fairgrounds were cleaned by Local Sanitation- "Thank you, James".

EXECUTIVE SESSION: not held

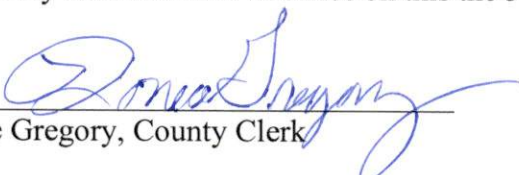
A motion was made by Commissioner Blacksher and seconded Commissioner Marshall that the meeting be adjourned. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:30 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 October 10, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 31st day of October, 2023.

Attest:


Donece Gregory, County Clerk

