

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 8th day of January, 2024 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
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
MELISSA CARSON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMINISTER

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 Commissioner Hudson. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: none

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson seconded by Commissioner Marshall to receive the minutes of November 13, December 11, and December 13, 2023. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the **Juvenile Probation Departments, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Extension, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 and Nutrition Center.** **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Budget amendments/line-item transfers: none

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve the **Accounts Payable/County Bills**, as presented by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **County Treasurer's monthly report.** **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. Leann Monk pointed out that interest from investments made around \$800,000 during 2023. Members of the court thanked Mrs. Monk for her diligence. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to discuss and consider award for contracts for **Tyler County TDA Contract Number CDV21-0384 Tyler County SUD Water System Improvements.** The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes.** Commissioners all voted yes. Jed Morris presented the bids and recommendations. The construction bids came in at three times the amount in the budget. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to award Package #1 to Rural Pipe Supply in the amount of \$79,650; Package #2 to Pumps of Houston in the amount of \$28,240; reject all bids for construction. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher.** All commissioners voted yes and none no. A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to amend the previous motion to include authorizing re-advertisement for bids for the construction phrase. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners vote yes. **Commissioner Blacksher** motioned to award contracts for **Tyler County TDA Contract Number CDV21-0384 Tyler County SUD Water System Improvements:** Package #1 to Rural Pipe Supply in the amount of \$79,650; Package #2 to Pumps of Houston in the amount of \$28,240;

reject all construction bids; and, advertisement for bids for the construction phrase. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

No bids were received for a 2024 Chevrolet truck for Precinct #4. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to amend the agenda item to allow advertisement for **bids for 2024 Chevrolet truck for Precinct #4 Road & Bridge Department**; and, open bids at the next court meeting. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Award bids for 2024 Chevrolet truck for Precinct #4 Road & Bridge Department: No action was taken.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to accept the resignation of Jack Walston from **Emergency Services District #2 (ESD #2)**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve accepting **\$200 donation** from Riley Funeral Home for **senior citizen activities**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve paying the lease agreement, balloon payment [\$185,000] for 2020 CAT 140 motor grader from Precinct #1 Purchase of Equipment, and reserve to First National Bank Wichita Falls. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the contract extension between Deep East Texas Council of Governments and **Tyler County Aging**, October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Blacksher** added, this pays \$11.55 per person that attends the exercise program at the Nutrition Center. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to appoint, by resolution, Melissa Carson, Tax Assessor Collector to the **Tyler County Appraisal Board**, replacing Lynnette Cruse. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to appoint the members for 2024 **Tyler County Historical Commission**: Jan Borel, Chuck Davidson, John Gazzaway, John Hadnot, Billie Matthews, Lyn McMillan, Ola Morris, Mary Nell Rainey, Charles Smith, Roschelle Springfield, Fred Sullivan, Kay Timme, Debbie Walker and Barbara Worsham. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. The County All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to table consideration of Change Order #12 to **repair steps at the front of the courthouse** for further study of funding. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to ratify paying Servpro [\$42,145.85] for **water restoration** when flooding occurred. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

The County Auditor prefaced a software application for open records request received by several county departments; and, introduced a representative from JustFOIA. After viewing the presentation, **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to approve to try the **public records request software** from JustFOIA, for one year at \$10,314.29 to be paid out of “data processing”. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to take no action on items “P” and “Q”: Purchase of a vehicle, new or used, for the investigator position for the **District Attorney’s office** to be paid out of the “contingency fund”; Vehicle maintenance and fuel for the District Attorney Investigation position to be paid out of the “contingency fund”. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY

GOVERNMENT: **Commissioner Blacksher** announced a water/wastewater workshop on January 9th in Lufkin, Tx.

Jackie Skinner explained that due to GASB, the court would be seeing several budget amendments in the future. GASB requires an item to be purchased out of the line-item in the budget with a transfer from “contingency” to the line-item versus being paid directly from the contingency line-item.

Leann Monk expressed appreciation to the maintenance department for their assistance in getting her department moved due to the flooding. Happy to be back in her previous office space.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 am. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION: 11:34 a.m.

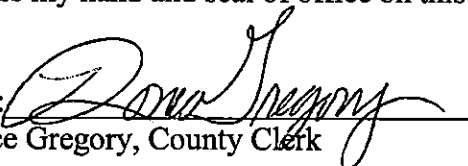
A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to return to regular session, out of executive session at 11:34am, with no action taken from executive session. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 11:35 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 January 8, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 9th day of January, 2024.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk