## STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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### IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September at 2:00 P.M. in the Robertson County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Franklin, Texas. The following members were present:

Charles Ellison, County Judge

Keith Petitt, Commissioner Precinct #1

Donald Threadgill, Commissioner Precinct #2

Keith Nickelson, Commissioner Precinct #3

Candace Anderson, County Auditor

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk

Notices of the meeting were duly posted.

Judge Ellison opened Court at 2:00 P.M. and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

#### (1) Prayer

# (2) Verification of Quorum by Judge Ellison and Pledge of Allegiance

### (3) Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting.
  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 special meeting.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action to approve monthly reports for August 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for August 2020 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve bonds and oaths.

No action taken.

# (4) Rebekah Callaway, Election Administrator

A. Discuss and take action on election related matters. Discussion was taken.

#### (5) Barbara Axtell, District Clerk

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for August 2020 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

#### (6) Mindy Turner, County Treasurer

A. Discuss and take action on Tax Relief due to Covid-19.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to take no action on the Tax Relief due to Covid-19, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

## (7) Billy Huggins, Emergency Management Coordinator

A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters.

- No action taken.
- B. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
  - No action taken.
- C. Discussion and possible action on applying for balance of Cares Act Funds.
- Discussion was taken.
- D. Discussion and possible action on Aggie Bonfire.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the cut and stack for the bonfire with the CDC guidelines for Covid-19, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried and Judge Ellison abstained.

#### (8) Melanie Green, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3

A. Discuss increase in autopsy fees for Travis County Medical Examiner. Discussion was taken.

(9) James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct 4

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- A. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase a lawn mower and shredder.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Nickelson to approve the purchase of a lawn mower and shredder as presented, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

## (10) Charles L. Ellison, County Judge

- A. Discuss any budget related matters or county business.
  Discussion was taken.
- B. Discussion and possible action on new Sheriff's Office & Jail, construction related matters and any other issues. No action taken.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Courthouse Security related matters and any other issues. No action taken.
- D. Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 related matters and any other issues. No action taken.
- E. Discuss and take action to place of record Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration & Facial Coverings Order through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to place of record the Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration & Facial Coverings Order through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- F. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Todd Workman to further discuss Project Ignite, the tax revenue that will generate and the rebate/abatement needed to enable the project to move forward. Table.
- G. Discussion and possible action on HOT Funds request from Jason Krug with Premier Baseball. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the HOT Funds request from Jason Krug with Premier Baseball not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.
  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to lift the County Burn Ban, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

### (11) Candy Anderson, County Auditor

- A. Discuss and take action on approving budget adjustments and/or amendments, credit applications and/or lease Purchase agreements, and/or cell phone allowance agreements.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the budget adjustment for Courthouse (see
  - attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustments as presented (see

attached adjustments), seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

B. Settlement of Accounts: Discussion, consideration and possible action to settle and pay all accounts against the county as per Texas Local Government Code Section 115.021

Motion was made Commissioner Petitt to approve the invoice to Sadelco in the amount of \$695,258.98 for New Sheriff's Office and Jail, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Phone System for the new jail in the amount of \$11,605.46, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Taylor to approve the invoice to Dana Safety Supply Inc in the amount of \$2,630.48 for Van upfitting, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the invoice to Dana Safety Supply Inc in the amount of \$5,261.58 for Van, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to approve the desktop computer for the County Agent in the amount of \$552.00, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the accounts payable invoice in the amount of \$339,362.70, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take action on annual report from County Library.

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to approve the annual report from the County Library as presented, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

## (12) Budget Workshop

A. Discussion on budget related matters.

No action taken.

- B. Discussion and possible action on proposed budget.
  - No action taken.
- C. Discuss and take action on scheduling public hearings on proposed budget and tax rate. No action taken.

# (13) Executive Session

A. Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney

Discussion with attorney regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Session 551 - Open Meetings Act; or discussion with attorney regarding a matter of contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or both; to wit: \_\_\_\_None.\_\_

- B. Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter and reconvene in open session
- C. The Robertson County Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Properties),

551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)

### (14) Reconvene into Regular Session

A. The Robertson County Commissioners' Court will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.

## (15) Adjourn

Motion was made by Judge Ellison to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

**Robertson County Judge** 

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