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## IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting December 12th, 2023

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 12th day of December 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:

Joe David Scarpinato, County Judge

Ty Rampy, Commissioner Precinct #1

Donald Threadgill, Commissioner Precinct #2

Chuck Hairston, Commissioner Precinct #3

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk

Candace Anderson, County Auditor

- 1. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - A. Maximum of 3 minutes and must have the completed Public Participation Form turned into the County Judges or County Clerk's Office by 2pm the day before the meeting of the Court. No action taken.

### 4. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from November 28, 2023 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for November 2023. Motion was made Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for November 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approve bonds and oaths.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Continuation Certificate for Tifani Witherspoon, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

### 5. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for November 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for November 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for November 2023, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

## 6. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

A. Discuss and take action on election related matters.

Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to allow the Elections office to use vendor Scott Merriman for the voter's registration cards pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

## 7. MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

A. Discuss and take action on approval of Tax Roll - Jurisdiction Summary for 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Tax Roll – Jurisdiction Summary for 2023 pending all necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

## 8. JEFF WAGNER, HOUSTON HEAVY MACHINERY

A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Jeff Wagner with Houston Heavy Machinery regarding equipment purchases, rentals and service.

Presentation given.

## 9. DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR

A. Discuss and take action on addressing for November 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record Fairway Lane road, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

### 10. BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters.

Discussion was held.

B. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.

No action taken.

# 11. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE

A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.

Discussion was held.

# 12. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from George Harris for approval/rejection on Final Subdivision Plat – Harris Addition in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas.

Tabled.

### 13. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business.

Discussion was held.

- B. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters. Discussion was held.
- C. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters. Discussion was held.
- D. Discussion and possible action on CDBG MIT-MOD grant related matters and any other issues. Discussion was held.
- E. Discuss and take action to place of record Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration COVID-19 through December 29, 2023.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration COVID 19 through December 29, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action on purchase of truck for Precinct #3. Discussion was held.
- G. Discussion and possible action on archival of county emails.

  Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to utilize BVCOG-TAC for the upgrade to archive county emails, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action on county's allocation of guardrail through TxDOT's Local Government Assistance Program for FY 2024.
   Discussion was held.
- Discuss and take action to approve enrolling all county employees in the State-Mandated Annual
  Cybersecurity Compliance Training Course (HB 3834) through the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC).
  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the enrolling of all county employees in the
  State- Mandated Annual Cybersecurity Compliance Training Course (HB 3834) through the Texas Association
  of Counties' (TAC) pending any necessary signatures and allow Shelley Smith to move forward with taking
  care of anything necessary for that to be done, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried
  unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action on approving a Resolution and Official Ballot for Robertson Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors 2024-2025 term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Resolution and Official Ballot for Robertson Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors 2024-2025 term with votes being as listed below, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to add allowing the Judge to sign the Resolution & Official Ballot, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

# OFFICIAL BALLOT REVISED

Elliott, John – 124

Lightsey, Billy - 700

Muzyka, Kie - 450

Sanders, Greg – 124

Simmons, Ross - 124

- K. Motion to authorize Shelley Smith to file the S.B. 1812: 2024 Annual Report of Eminent Domain. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve Shelley Smith to file the S.B. 1812: 2024 Annual Report of Eminent Domain and allow the Judge's office to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- L. Court to consider and/or act upon authorizing purchase of Department of Transportation Clearinghouse Query Plan Bundle per requirement of Department of Transportation for County Employees required to have a CDL to perform their duties; providing funds for said purchase, and designating County Judges Office as responsible for maintaining records of CDL queries and results.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the Judge's Office to purchase the Department of Transportation Clearinghouse query Plan Bundle per requirements of Department of Transportation for County Employees required to have a CDL to perform their duties; providing funds for said purchase, and designating the Judge's Office as responsible for maintaining records of CDL queries and results and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

## 14. 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 Hairston to approve the budget adjustment for R & B Precinct 1 (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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 by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to Holt/Cat from R & B Precinct 4 in the amount of \$134,682.24 to be paid out of the Capital Improvement line, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and

motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to Texas Commercial Waste in the amount of \$3,479.64 from R & B Precinct 2 pending auditors' clanfication, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to Houston Heavy Machinery in the amount of \$877.43 from R & B Precinct 2 pending auditors' clarification, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$650,815.94 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discuss and take action on approval of submittal of CB5 Form for County Agent.

  Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Auditors office to electronically sign online the CB5 Form for the County Agent, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss and take action on filing monthly report.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve filing the monthly report for December 2023, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

#### 15. 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 Section 551 - Open Meetings Act; or discussion with attorney regarding a matter of contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or both; to wit: No action taken.
- B. Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvene in open session.

  No action taken.
- 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 (Consultations 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).
  No action taken.

### 16. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

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

No action taken.

### 17. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #1

**Commissioner Precinct #3** 

**County Clerk** 

Commissioner Precinct #4

Commissioner Precinct

**County Auditor**