#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 22<sup>nd</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

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Candace Anderson, County Auditor

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 September 8th, 2020 regular meeting.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action on approval of one-year extension with Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC and authorize the Judge to sign

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to approve the one-year extension with Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC, as presented, and authorize the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take action to approve the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve and place of record the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve Bonds and Oaths

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to place of record the deputation for Donald Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

### (4) Barbara Axtell, District Clerk

A. Discuss and take action to approve the District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve and place of record the District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

### (5) Rebekah Callaway, Election Administrator

 Discuss and take action on election related matters. No action Taken.

### (6) Michael Brewer, Tax Assessor/Collector

- A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2020.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for August 2020 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve and place of record 2020 Annual H.O.T. Funds Report Motion was made Commissioner Taylor to approve and place of record the 2020 Annual H.O.T. Funds Report, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

### (7) Terri Reistino, County Auditor's Office

A. Discuss and take action on approval to renew the Public Officials Liability Insurance with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC)

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to renew the Public Officials Liability Insurance with TAC and authorize any signatures meeded, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

### (8) 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.

# (9) Keith Petitt, Commissioner Precinct 1

A. Discuss and take action on approval to purchase a shredder

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve for Commissioner Precinct 1 to purchase a shredder out of this year's budget, seconded by Commissioner Nickelson and motion carried unanimously.

## (10) Keith Nickelson, Precinct 3

A. Discuss and take action on approval to purchase a tractor and authorize the auditor to cut the check and hold till delivered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve for Commissioner Precinct 3 to purchase a tractor and authorize the Auditor to cut the check and hold it until the tractor is delivered, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

### (11) James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct 4

A. Discuss and take action on approval to purchase a tractor out of the current budget and approve trade in Motion was made by Commissioner Nickelson to approve for Commissioner Precinct 4 to purchase a tractor out of the current budget and approve the trade-in, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

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

- Discuss any budget related matters or county business. Discussion.
- B. Discussion and possible action on new Sheriff's Office & Jail, construction related matters and any other issues. Discussion.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Courthouse Security related matters and any other issues. No action taken.
- D. Discuss and take action on COVID-19 related matters and any other issues Discussion was taken.
- E. Discuss and take action to place of record the Project Manuel, Agreement between Robertson County and Dudley Construction and Performance Bonds for Precinct 4 Maintenance Building that was approved August 11, 2020 Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to place of record the Project Manuel, Agreement between Robertson County and Dudley Construction and Performance Bonds for Precinct 4 Maintenance Building that was approved August 11, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Todd Workman to further discuss Project Ignite, the tax revenue that it will generate and the rebate/abatement needed to enable the project to move forward Table.
- G. Discuss and take action to place of record the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District 2019 Annual Report

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District 2019 Annual Report, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- H. Discussion and possible action on upgrade to Office 365 enhanced email security through the Texas Association of Counties – County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) Table.
- Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban. No action taken.

# (13) 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 Threadgill to approve all the budget adjustments as presented (see attached adjustments), seconded by Commissioner Nickelson 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 Taylor to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$975,570.37, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Petitt to approve the invoice in the amount of \$13,871.00 for the Snorkel TM 16E Single Man lift for the new Jail to paid out of contingency, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Discuss and take action to approve Payroll Order for Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Payroll Order for Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and authorize all signatures required, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action to consider and approve any changes to the proposed budget Pass.
- E. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget for Robertson County and take record vote
  Motion was made by Judge Ellison to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget as proposed for Robertson County, seconded
  by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
  Commissioner Petitt Pct. #1 voting "aye"
  Commissioner Threadgill Pct. #2 voting "aye"

Judge Ellison, County Judge voting "aye" Commissioner Nickelson Pct. #3 voting "aye" Commissioner Taylor Pct. #4 voting "aye"

F. Discuss and take action on Order adopting the 2020 tax rate for Robertson County and take record vote Motion was made Judge Ellison to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.51375, which is effectively a 3.28 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried.

Commissioner Petitt Pct. #1 voting "aye"

Commissioner Threadgill Pct. #2 voting "aye"

Judge Ellison, County Judge, voting "aye"

Commissioner Nickelson Pct. #3 voting "aye"

Commissioner Taylor Pct. #4 voting "aye"

G. Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Order ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, seconded by Commissioner Petitt and motion carried unanimously.

## (14) 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 Pass.
- 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) Pass.

### (15) Reconvene into Regular Session

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

Pass.

# (16) Adjourn

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

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**Robertson County Judge** 

> Commissioner Precinct #1

Absent

Commissioner Precinct #3

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Commissioner Precinct #2

Commissioner Precinct #4

**County Auditor** 

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