

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 11th day of July at 2:00 P.M. in the Robertson County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 3rd 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 -Absent

1. **VERIFICATION OF QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (maximum of 3 minutes and must have the completed Public Participation Form turned into the County Judges or County Clerks 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 June 27, 2023 regular meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the June 27th regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for June 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for June 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 Donald Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
5. **BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for June 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for June 2023, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
6. **REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action on election related matters.
Discussion was held.
7. **DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action on addressing for June 2023.
Discussion was held.
 - B. Discuss and take action on purchase of new sign machine.
Motion was made Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of a new sign machine (from SignWarehouse) pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
8. **BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters.
Discussion was held.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on COVID-19 related matters and any other issues.
No action taken.
 - C. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to reinstate the County Burn Ban, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
9. **CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE**
 - A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
Discussion was held.
10. **MELANIE GREEN, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3**
 - A. Discuss and take action on approval of request for pauper cremation.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the request for pauper cremation pending any necessary signatures, only moving forward if the law enforcement investigation does not pan out, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
11. **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 on CDBG – MIT-MOD grant related matters and any other issues:
 - a. Discuss and adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for Robertson County.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for Robertson County with CDBG MIT MOD Grant Works pending legal and Judges' signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Discuss and adopt Financial Policies & Procedures for Robertson County.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to adopt Financial Policies & Procedures for Robertson County with CDBG MIT MOD Grant Works pending legal and Judges' signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - E. Discussion on the Coati Solar and Holly Branch Solar Reinvestment Zones.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to move forward with setting Public Hearings/Publication for Reinvestment Zones for Coati Solar and Holly Branch Solar pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried. Threadgill opposed.
 - F. Discuss and take action on Solar Project Committee.
Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to appoint Solar, Wind, & Battery Storage Project Committee, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- Initial Committee Members:**
- Ty Rampy
 - Michael Brewer
 - Jeff Kennedy
 - Billy Huggins
 - Robert Yezek
 - Judge Scarpinato
- G. Discuss and take action on the Funding Agreement between Robertson County and MHMR (the request for \$5000 in funds was approved in Commissioners Court on June 13, 2023).
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Funding Agreement between Robertson County and MHMR (approved in Commissioners Court on June 13, 2023) pending legal and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Discuss and take action on renewal of VMWare Software for Sheriff's Office servers.
Tabled
 - I. Discuss and take action to repurpose generator from old jail to a transportable unit.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to move forward with the purchase of a trailer (to be paid out of Contingency) for the repurposing of the generator from the old jail to a transportable unit, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - J. Discussion and possible action on quote from The Lube Exchange.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve payment of \$1,821.14 to The Lube Exchange, to be paid out of the designated representative's budget and any remaining balance to be paid out of contingency pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
 - K. Discuss and take action on approval of the updated agreement between Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Robertson County regarding DR-4705 (Severe Winter Storm).
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the updated agreement between Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Robertson County regarding DR-4705 (Severe Winter Storm), seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
 - L. Discuss and take action to place of record Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through July 28, 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve and place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through July 28, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
 - M. Consideration of authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Walgreens, CVS and Walmart in the matter of Texas Opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of *County of Robertson v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al.*
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Judge or other authorized officials to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Walgreens, CVS and Walmart in the matter of Texas Opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of *County of Robertson v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al* pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
 - N. Discussion and possible action on Post Oak RC&D Letter of Commitment.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Post Oak RC&D Letter of Commitment pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - O. Discuss and take action on annual mold test.
Tabled.

- P. Discuss and take action to award bid on the TxDOT 2020 CTIF Grant Program for Vaughn Lane in Precinct 4.

No action taken.

12. CANDY ANDERSON, COUNTY AUDITOR – Raynie Hancock

- 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 Rampy to approve the budget adjustment (see attached adjustment) for R & B Precinct 4, seconded by Commissioner Hairston 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 pay the invoice from JTB for Jail Demolition (additional dirt work) in the amount of \$11,467.50 (to be paid out of Contingency), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to pay invoice from Robertson County Vet Services in the amount of \$800.00 (to be paid out of Sheriff's Investigation line), seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$212,549.07 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action on TAC Employee Safety Equipment Program.

No action taken.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to convene into Executive Session to consult with Attorney pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code at 3:27 PM, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Convened into Executive Session @ 3:27 PM

- 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: **Consultation with Attorney.**
- B. Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvene in open session.
July 11, 2023 @ 3:38 PM
- 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).

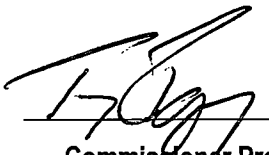
14. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- A. The Robertson County Commissioners' Court will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.
No action taken.

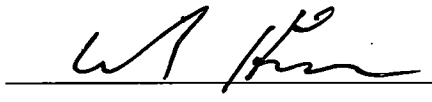
15. ADJOURN

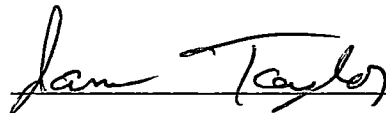
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.



Robertson County Judge

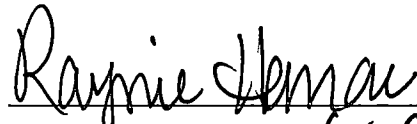

Commissioner Precinct #1


Commissioner Precinct #2


Commissioner Precinct #3


Commissioner Precinct #4


Stephanie M. Sanders
County Clerk


County Auditor for Candy Anderson

July 25, 2023