

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 19th day of September 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

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.
Public comment by Cathy Gaas.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. Discuss and take action to consider making changes to the proposed fiscal year 2023-24 budget that the Commissioners Court considers warranted by the law and required by the interest of the taxpayers.
Discussion.

B. Discuss and take action on filing amended proposed budget.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve filing the amended proposed budget with changes totaling the amount of \$228,533.79 as presented, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
Opened Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE

A. Public discussion on the Proposed Tax Rate for Robertson County for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023.
Comment made.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Opened Public Hearing.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public discussion on creation of a reinvestment zone to be known as Robertson County Reinvestment Zone – Tidwell Prairie for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the Jurisdiction of Robertson County, Texas.
Comment made.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

7. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from September 5, 2023 regular meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from September 5, 2023 special meetings.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 special meetings, seconded by Commissioner Hairston 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 Taylor to approve the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve bonds and oaths.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the continuation certificate for Lisa Lynn Hutto, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

8. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for August 2023, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss and take action on Revised Grand Juror and Petit Juror Compensation.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Revised Grand Juror and Petit Juror Compensation form, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take action on the Amended Electronic Jury Selection.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve and place of record the Amended Electronic Jury Selection Plan, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

9. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

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

10. MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

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

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

11. 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.
Discussion.
- C. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.
Discussion was held.

12. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE

- A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
Discussion was held.

13. RANDY SOWELL, JUPITER POWER

- A. Discussion and possible action on creation of Tidwell Prairie Reinvestment Zone #1 in Robertson County, Precinct 4.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the creation of the Tidwell Prairie Reinvestment Zone #1 in Robertson County, Precinct 4 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

14. TY RAMPY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

- A. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Olivia Campbell for approval/rejection on the Final Subdivision Plat – Oak Grove Place in Precinct 1, Robertson County, Texas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Final Subdivision Plat – Oak Grove Place in Precinct 1, Robertson County, Texas pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

15. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Preliminary Plat for a Subdivision in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas, (possible name Harris Addition) pending a few corrections needing to be done, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

16. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

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

Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve the purchase of a new printer for the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$717.00 to be paid out of the County & District Clerk's Technology Fund account, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Rampy was absent for vote.

- B. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters.

No action taken.

- C. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters.

No action taken.

- D. Discussion and possible action on CDBG – MIT-MOD grant related matters and any other issues.

No action taken.

- E. Discuss and take action to place of record the Regulatory Consulting Agreement between Robertson County and Joe M. England.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Regulatory Consulting Agreement between Robertson County and Joe M. England, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- F. Discuss and take action to place of record Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration - COVID-19 through October 6, 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Robertson County Extended Disaster Declaration – COVID_ 19 Through October 6, 2023 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- G. Discuss and take action on the Healthy County Wellness Program through the Texas Association of Counties.
Tabled.

- H. Discuss and take action to complete and sign the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors Special Election Ballot.

Discussion.

17. 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 budget adjustments for the County Clerk, Elections, District Court, County & District Attorney, Treasurer, Tax A/C, Information Technology, Constable Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 1, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, County Library, R & B Pct. 1, Jail, Sheriff's Office, & 911, (See attached adjustments) as presented & pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy 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 Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$606,973.86 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action to approve Payroll Order for Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve Payroll Order for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, pending any necessary signatures seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action to consider and approve any changes to the proposed budget.
No action taken.
- E. Discuss and take action to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget for Robertson County and take record vote.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget for Robertson County as presented & pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Rampy - Precinct 1 - Aye
Commissioner Threadgill - Precinct 2- Aye
Commissioner Hairston – Precinct 3 - Aye
Commissioner Taylor – Precinct 4 – Aye
County Judge- Judge Scarpinato - Aye
- F. Discuss and take action on Order adopting the 2023 tax rate for Robertson County and take record vote.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.44200, which is effectively a 4.05 percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Rampy - Precinct 1 - Aye
Commissioner Threadgill - Precinct 2- Aye
Commissioner Hairston – Precinct 3 - Aye
Commissioner Taylor – Precinct 4 – Aye
County Judge- Judge Scarpinato - Aye
- G. Discuss and take action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

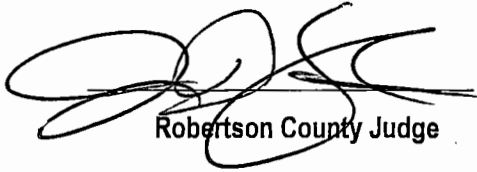
- A. Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney - Discussion with attorney regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State 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.

19. 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.

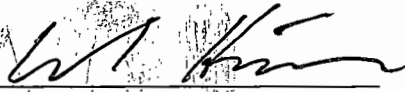
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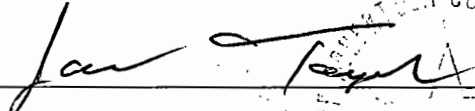
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

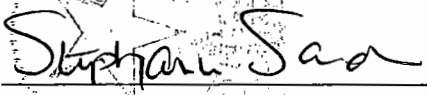

Robertson County Judge


Commissioner Precinct #1

Absent
Commissioner Precinct #2


Commissioner Precinct #3


Commissioner Precinct #4


County Clerk

Absent
County Auditor

October 3, 2023