

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 31st day of October 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.
No action taken.
4. **STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from October 17, 2023 regular meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried. Commissioner Threadgill abstained.
 - B. Approve bonds and oaths.
No action taken.
5. **STEPHANIE SANDERS, CPS BOARD MEMBER**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve new CPS Board member.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Kimberley Booker as the new CPS Board member, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
6. **MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for September 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for September 2023, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Discuss and take action to approve and place of record Annual H.O.T. Funds Report.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve and place of record the Annual H.O.T. Funds Report, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
7. **REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action on election related matters.
No action taken.
8. **DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on naming a private road off N FM 46 (Oak Grove Subdivision) in Precinct 1 – Fairway Lane.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the naming of the private road off N FM 46 (Oak Grove Subdivision) in Precinct 1 – Fairway Lane, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
9. **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.
10. **CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE**
 - A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
Discussion was held.
11. **TY RAMPY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on request from Wes Patillo for county approval to take Sawmill Road in Oak Forest Subdivision, Precinct 1 into county inventory (approval to start 2 years maintenance was approved in Commissioners Court on October 5, 2021).
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve Sawmill Road in Oak Forest Subdivision, in Precinct 1 to be taken into county inventory (approval to start 2 years maintenance was approved in Commissioners Court on October 5, 2021) and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

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.
Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato for \$567.00 to be added to the auto allowance for the District Judge, no second.
Motion failed for lack of second.
- 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. Discuss and take action on setting Workshop regarding use of credit cards and purchases with sales tax.
Workshop to be held November 6th, 2023 at 1PM.
- E. Discussion and possible action on allowing commissioners to sign equipment rental agreements.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow commissioners and the Judge to sign equipment rental agreements, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action on approval of FY 2023 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contract for Senior Center Operations – Amendment 1.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record and approve the FY 2023 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contracts for Senior Center Operations – Amendment 1 and allow payment of \$5,000.00 to be issued to the Senior Center of Calvert Texas pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on CDBG – MIT-MOD grant related matters and any other issues.
Discussion was held.
- H. Discuss and take action to approve Judge Scarpinato as Signatory Agent for the USDA Grants that were previously approved through the District Attorney's Office.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Judge Scarpinato as the Signatory Agent for the USDA Grant that were previously approved through the District Attorney's Office pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discuss and take action to appoint one member to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (BVGCD) Board.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to appoint Lisa Rolke as the Director of the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District (BVGCD) Board, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action on swearing in newly appointed member to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD).
Swearing in of Lisa Rolke to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD) by Judge Scarpinato.
- K. Discuss and take action on County's allocation of RAP and any additional RAP and/or other material available through TxDOT's Local Government Assistance Program for FY2024.
Tabled.
- L. Discuss and take action to award bid on the TxDOT 2020 CTIF Grant Program for Vaughn Lane in Precinct 4.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to award the bid on the TxDOT 2020 CTIF Grant Program for Vaughn Lane in Precinct 4 in the amount of \$90,359.50 to Waters Construction Company, Inc. pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- M. Discuss and take action on presentation from Ashley Cureton-Whitfield on the Healthy County Wellness Program through the Texas Association of Counties.
Presentation was given.
- N. Discuss and take action to place of record the approval with terms and conditions to the purchase of fiber for the Tax Office to be paid with ARPA funds in the amount of \$8308 that was approved in Commissioners Court on July 25, 2022 in the amount of \$8208.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the approval with terms and conditions to the purchase of fiber for the Tax Office to be paid with ARPA funds in the amount of \$8308 that was approved in Commissioners Court on July 25, 2022 in the amount then of \$8208 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- O. Discuss and take action to place of record the approval with terms and conditions to the purchase of the fiber project for the Tax Office to be paid with ARPA funds in the amount of \$9168.84 that was approved in Commissioners Court on June 13, 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the approval with terms and conditions to the purchase of the fiber project for the Tax Office to be paid with ARPA funds in the amount of \$9168.84 that was approved in Commissioners Court on June 13, 2023 pending Judge's signature, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

- P. Discuss and take action to place of record Robertson County Disaster Declaration related to threat of wild fires due to drought conditions through November 17, 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Robertson County Disaster Declaration related to threat of wild fires due to drought conditions through November 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Discuss and take action to place of record Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through November 17, 2023.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for severe winter weather conditions through November 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hairston 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 Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for R & B Precinct 3 (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 pay invoice from Amber Alert in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid out of the child safety fund and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the reimbursement of \$651.36 to Gerald Yezek and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$309,256.88 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action on MASA Helicopter Plan for retirees.
Tabled.
- D. Discuss and take action on authorizing signatures on titles, title registrations and/or applications.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow anyone employed under the Auditors office to be able to sign on titles, title registrations, and/or applications, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action on retiree insurance coverage.
Discussion was held.
- F. Discuss and take action on filing monthly report.
Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly reports for June and July, seconded by Commissioner Rampy 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.

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Robertson County Judge

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Commissioner Precinct #1

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Commissioner Precinct #2

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Commissioner Precinct #3

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Commissioner Precinct #4

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County Clerk

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County Auditor

November 14, 2023