STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting August 6th, 2024

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 6th day of August at 2:00PM 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 PLEDGES
- 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. JUPITER POWER
 - A. Discussion and possible action on Presentation regarding the potential second phase tax abatement application for a battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 Jupiter Power ("Tidwell Prairie II"). Presentation was given.

5. BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. Discussion on budget related matters:
 - No action taken.
- B. Discussion and possible action on budget related matters.
- No action taken.

6. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 19, 2024 special meeting.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 22, 2024 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 23, 2024 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy, Commissioner Taylor abstained.
 - D. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 23, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
 - E. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from July 26, 2024 special meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
 - F. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for July 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for July 2024, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
 - G. Discuss and take action to approve Amendment No. 3 Agreement with Avenu Enterprise Solutions LLC & authorize Judge to sign.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Amendment No. 3 Agreement with Avenu Enterprise Solutions LLC & Authorize the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of two (2) document scanners in the amount of \$569.32 to be paid out of the County & District Clerks Technology Fund. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the purchase of two (2) documents scanners in the amount of \$569.32 to be paid out of the County & District Clerks Technology Fund, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
 - Approve bonds and oaths. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Official Bond & Oath for Candy Anderson and the Continuation Certificate for Donald Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- 7. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for July 2024.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for July 2024, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

8. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on election related matters. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to set the dates for early voting for the November General Election: as presented and attached, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to Order the November General Election. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to order the November General Election and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

9. DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on addressing for July 2024.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve naming a private road in Precinct 3 Sawdust Lane, seconded by Commissioner Hairston 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. CRAIG BOYETT, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

A. Discuss and take action on approval of an order with Smarsh, Inc. to continue archiving of Robertson County Constables cell phone text messages and allow the Judge to sign. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the order form and payment to Smarsh (constables cell phone

text messages archive) for a one – time fee of \$472.50 and an annual service fee of \$1,197.00 to be paid out of contingency, pending legal, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

13. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Melinda Scott for approval/rejection on Final Subdivision Plat -Hudson Farm in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas. Tabled.

14. 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. No action taken.
- D. Discuss and take action to ratify Proclamation to recognize the Franklin Lion Baseball team to claim the Class 3A State Championship at the UIL State Baseball Tournament. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to ratify and place of record the Proclamation to recognize the Franklin Lion Baseball team to claim the Class 3A State Championship at the UIL State Baseball Tournament, seconded by Commissioner Hariston and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action to ratify the appointment/re-appointment of members to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD). Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to re-appointment Chris Zeig to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD) and authorize the Judges signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action on swearing in appointed/re-appointed members to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD).
- Tabled.
 G. Discuss and take action to appoint/reappoint members to BVCOG's Board of Directors. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to re- appoint Sheriff Yezek & Judge Scarpinato to the BVCOG's Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discuss and take action on HOT Funds request from ROLL CALL Friends of Camp Hearne. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the HOT Funds request from ROLL CALL – Friends of Camp Hearne, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discuss and take action to place of record the monthly report for July for the Veterans Service Officer. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the monthly report for July for the Veterans Service Officer, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to place of record the sub-recipient agreement between Robertson County and the General Land Office (GLO) for the Regional Mitigation Application for the CDBG – MIT-MOD grant that was approved in Commissioners Court on June 25, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the sub-recipient agreement between Robertson County and the General Land Office (GLO) for the Regional Mitigation Application for the CDBG – MIT-MOD grant that was approved in the Commissioners Court on June 25, 2024, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- K. Discuss and take action to place of record the Engineering/Architectural Services contract with Bleyl Engineering on the CDBG – MIT-MOD grant that was approved in Commissioners Court on June 25, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Engineering/Architectural Services contract with Bleyl Engineering on the CDBG – MIT-MOD grant that was approved in Commissioners Court on June 25, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- L. Discussion and possible action on Administration Services contract with GrantWorks, Inc. on the CDBG MIT-MOD grant. Tabled.
- M. Discuss and take action to place of record the Imposition of TxDMV's Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2025. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Imposition of TxDMV's Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2025 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- N. Discuss and take action to place of record the final subdivision plat Harris Addition in Precinct 3 that was approved in Commissioners Court on April 30, 2024.

Tabled.

O. Discussion and possible action on approval of FY 2024 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contract for Senior Center Operations – Amendment 2.0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the FY 2024 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contract for the Senior Center Operations- Amendment 2.0 and allow the Judge to sign the DocuSign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- P. Discussion and possible action to apply for the County Feral Hog Grant through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wildlife Services. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve allowing the Judge to pursue the County Feral Hog Grant through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Wildlife Services, and allow the Judge to sign the application, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Discuss and take action on approval for Candy Anderson and Shelley Smith to register in SAM.gov. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve Candy Anderson and Shelley Smith to register in SAM.gov, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- R. Discuss and take action to approve updates for County Road Inventory (CRI) to Texas Department of Transportation for 2024.
 - Tabled.
- S. Discussion and possible action on Application and Order Regulating the use of County Road Right-of-Way for Special Events.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve and adopt the Application and Order Regulating the use of County Road Right-of-Way for Special Events, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

15. CANDY ANDERSON, COUNTY AUDITOR

A. Discuss and take action on approving budget adjustments, budget amendments, credit applications, lease agreements, or cell phone allowances.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for R & B Precinct 1(see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the District Attorney (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for the Jail (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the Sheriff's Office see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for 911 Dispatch (see attached adjustment), 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 \$448,556.72 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve payment in the amount of \$18,000.00 to the Scott Burgess Memorial Foundation for the Scott Burgess Festival and authorize any signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action on approval to set open enrollment for our health insurance on September 4th, 5th and 6th in the EOC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve setting up open enrollment for our health insurance on September 4th, 5th, and 6th in the EOC, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss and take action on TAC Employee Safety Equipment Program. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Auditors Office & the Sheriff's Office opening an Amazon account in regards to the TAC Employee Safety Equipment Program, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. ADJOURN

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

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #1

Commissioner Precinct #3

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Commissioner Precinct #2

/ Commissioner Precinct #4

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County Auditor

august 20, 2024