STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting September 17th, 2024

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 17th day of September 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. BUDGET WORKSHOP

- A. Discuss and take action on amendments to proposed budget. No action taken.
- B. Discuss and take action on filing amended proposed budget.
- No action taken.

5. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from September 3, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from September 3, 2024 special meetings. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for August 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action to approve and place of record the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration of Records Plan, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approve bonds and oaths.
 - No action taken.

6. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK

A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for August 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

7. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on Notice of Election.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve posting the dates and times of the upcoming Election as presented pending the Judges signature, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Discuss and take action on election related matters.
- No action taken.

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MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

- A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for August 2024.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for August 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- 9. BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
 - A. Discussion and possible action on Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System and Genasys Alert. Discussion was held.
 - B. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters. Discussion was held.
 - C. 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 bus speed limit on County Roads. Discussion was held.
- 12. JAMES TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
 - A. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase a skid steer and implements. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the purchase of skid steer implements from WC Tractor in the amount of \$18,300.00 to be paid out of R & B Precinct 4's capital improvement line and for the check to be cut, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the purchase of a skid steer from WC Tractor through Source Well in the amount of \$76,650.97 in October to be paid out of R & B Precinct 4's FY 2024/25 capital improvement fund, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

13. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Judge to sign the docu sign agreement with Gen – Serv (previously Austin Generator, for general maintenance on generators at the Sheriffs office and jail) with the 5% increase in price, pending legal, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to cancel our contract with Hyper – Reach and to commit to a new 3-year contract with Genasys Alert for our all-call system and allow the Judge to sign, pending legal, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

TAC Surplus Distribution, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

- 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 approval to purchase a Kubota Tractor for Precinct 2 from WC Tractor (BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase) in the amount of \$71,823.19 using ARPA funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the purchase of a Kubota Tractor for Precinct 2 from WC Tractor (BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase) in the amount of \$71,823.19 using ARPA funds, pending legal, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action on approval to purchase three (3) 20' storage containers from Founded on Faith, LLC. In the amount of \$9,950.00 using ARPA funds. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the purchase of three (3) 20" storage containers from Founded on Faith, LLC in the amount of \$9,950.00 using ARPA funds and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action on approval of payment to City of Bremond in the amount of \$80,000.00 for their allocated subrecipient funds for waterline infrastructure using ARPA funds. Tabled.
- G. Discuss and take action to place of record the August 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the August 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

- H. Discuss and take action to place of record the monthly report for August for the Veterans Service Officer. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the monthly report for August from the Veterans Service Officer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss and take action to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster related to severe storms, flooding and wind that expires on October 11, 2024.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster related to severe storms, flooding and wind that expires on October 11, 2024 and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to place of record the Architectural Services Contract Amendment with Plan North funded by The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); original contract was approved in Commissioners Court on August 20, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the Architectural Services Contract Amendment with Plan North funded by The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); original contract was approved in Commissioners Court on August 20, 2024, pending legal and any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion and possible action on proposal from Avinext to add Security Cameras for the Courthouse. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the purchase of Security Cameras for the Courthouse from Avinext in the amount of \$49,837.72, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion caried unanimously. L. Discussion and possible action for court to consider Tax Abatement Agreement and Road Use and Crossing Agreement for second phase battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 – Jupiter Power ("Tidwell Prairie II").

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve a 0% Tax Abatement for the second phase battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 – Jupiter Power ('Tidwell Prairie II'), no second, motion dies. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve a 25% Tax Abatement Agreement and Road Use and Crossing Agreement for second phase battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 – Jupiter Power ('Tidwell Prairie II'), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried. Threadgill opposed.

- M. Discussion and possible action on Grant Administration Services agreement with GrantWorks, Inc. on the CDBG - MIT-MOD grant.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the Judge to sign the Grant Administration agreement with GrantWorks, Inc. on the CDBG – MIT- MOD grant, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion
- carried unanimously.
 N. Discuss and take action to approve the FY 2025-26 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contract for Senior Center Operations and the FY 2025-26 Certification of Debarment.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the FY 2025-26 Brazos Valley Council of Governments Contract for Senior Center Operations and the FY 2025-26 Certification of Debarment, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- O. Discuss and take action to nominate by Resolution a candidate to fill the Robertson Central Appraisal District's 2024-2025 Board of Directors vacancy. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to nominate Bubba Rosencrantz for the Robertson Central Appraisal District's 2024-2025 Board of Directors vacancy and allow the Judge to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- P. Discuss and take action to designate dates and times for regular Commissioners' Court meetings. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the dates and times for the regular Commissioners' Court meetings for the upcoming 2024/2025 year as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Discuss and take action to approve 2025 Holiday Schedule. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the 2024/2025 Holiday Schedule, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

14. 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 Rampy to approve the budget adjustments as presented (see attached adjustments), 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 approve payment to the Texas Historical Commission (historical marker for Suggs Cemetery) in the amount of \$1,450.00, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to the Texas Historical Commission (G W marketing brochures) in the amount of \$1,600.00, second by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$354,601.43 pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discuss and take action on filing monthly report. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve filing the monthly reports for March, April, & May as presented, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action on approving Payroll Order. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to amend the Payroll Order to change R & B Precinct 4's part time position to be plural (Part Time Road Hands), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve and adopt the Payroll Order for the FY 2024/25 with the pending change being made, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- E. Discuss and take action on Retiree Insurance. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve renewal of the Retiree Insurance with TAC and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action on approving renewal with Thomson Reuters. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the renewal with Thomson Reuters, pending legal and any necessary signatures seconded by Judge Scarpinato 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 Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #

Commissioner Precinct #3

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County Auditor

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