

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 15th day of October 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 - **Absent**

Chuck Hairston, Commissioner Precinct #3

James Taylor, Commissioner Precinct #4

Stephanie M. Sanders, County Clerk- **Lacy Fechner**

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. **STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from September 10, 2024 special meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from October 1, 2024 regular meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for September 2024.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the monthly report for September 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Approve bonds and oaths.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Continuation certificate for Cynthia Blackburn and the Deputation for William Snell, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
5. **BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK**
 - A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for September 2024.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the monthly report for September 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
6. **REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**
 - A. Discuss and take action on election related matters.
No action taken.
 - B. Discuss and take action on contract with FP Mailing Solutions & CTWP.
Tabled.
7. **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.
8. **CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE**
 - A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
No action taken.
9. **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 naming a private road in Precinct 3 off of Hoxie Chapel Cemetery Road, Wooden Nickle Ranch Road, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
 - a. Information from Travis County Medical Examiner regarding increase in fees beginning January 1, 2025.
Discussion was held.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve payment to David Anspach at the Sheriffs' Office for overlooked pay from February 18, 2024 to September 27, 2024 in the amount of \$1,368.97, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters.
Discussion was held.

- D. Discussion and possible action on generator installation for Precinct 4 – JP and Constable Office using ARPA funds.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to award the bid to Rekieta Electric in the amount of \$31,505.18 for the generator installation for Precinct 4 – JP and Constable Office using ARPA Funds, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action on approval to pay monthly invoice from PlanNorth Architectural Services to be paid out of ARPA funds.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve to pay the monthly invoice from PlanNorth Architectural Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 (to be paid out of ARPA funds), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action on approval for the Sheriffs Office to purchase two (2) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe's to be paid out of capital outlay.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve to send a letter with quote for two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe's from the BuyBoard using SB22 funds in the amount of \$99,150.00 for the Sheriffs Office, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discuss and take action on approval of the FY 2025 SAVNS Grant Contract.
Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve the FY 2025 SAVNS Grant Contract pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discuss and take action on approval of FY 2025 Texas VINE Service Renewal.
Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve the FY 2025 Texas VINE Service Renewal Contract, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discuss and take action to approve and adopt the FY2025 Formula Grant Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve and adopt the FY2025 Formula Grant Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to place of record the monthly report for September for the Veterans Service Officer.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the monthly report for September for the Veterans Service Officer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- K. Discuss and take action to place of record the September 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the September 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- L. 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 November 8, 2024.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster related to severe storms, flooding and wind that expires on November 8, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- M. Discuss and take action to place of record the Jupiter Power – 'Tidwell Prairie II' Tax Abatement Application/Agreement and Road Use & Crossing Agreement for second phase battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 that was approved in Commissioners Court on September 17, 2024.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Jupiter Power – 'Tidwell Prairie II' Tax Abatement Application/Agreement and Road Use & Crossing Agreement for the second phase battery storage project in Robertson County, Precinct 4 that was approved in Commissioners Court on September 17, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- N. Discuss and take action on appointing/re-appointing and/or replacing/removing members on BVCOG's Homeland Security Advisory Committee.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to accept Adam Gallagher's resignation and to appoint Cpt. Coleman French to take his place on the BVCOG's Homeland Security Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- O. Discussion and possible action on approval of Interlocal Agreement between Robertson County and the City of Franklin.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Robertson County and the City of Franklin and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- P. Discussion and possible action on approval of Interlocal Agreement between Robertson County and the Robertson County Emergency Services District (RCESD).
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Robertson County and the Robertson County Emergency Services District (RCESD), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Discussion and possible action on FY25 Post Oak RC&D Annual Sponsorship Dues of \$1800.00.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve payment for FY25 Annual Post Oak RC&D Annual Sponsorship dues in the amount of \$1,800.00(to be paid out of contingency), seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- R. Discussion and possible action on FY 2025 funding request from the Mental Health Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley.
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the FY 2025 funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00(to be paid out of contingency) from the Mental Health Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- S. Discussion and possible action on FY 2025 funding request from Books from Birth to be paid out of unclaimed property capital credits.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the FY 2025 funding request in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Books from Birth to be paid out of unclaimed property capital credits and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- T. Discussion and possible action on FY 2025 funding request from the Community Resource Center of Robertson County to be paid out of the community resource line.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the FY 2025 funding request from the Community Resource Center of Robertson County in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid out of the community resource line, pending legal and upon receiving of a W9, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- U. Discuss and take action to place of record the contract with Houston Heavy Machinery and Road & Bridge Precinct #2 for a used backhoe using ARPA funds.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the contract with Houston Heavy Machinery and Road & Bridge Precinct # 2 for a used backhoe in the amount of \$60,089.16 using ARPA funds, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- V. Discuss and take action to amend bid for Road & Bridge Precinct #3 for a 24' x 50' Bridge located at Hoxie Chapel Road to be financed with assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF/ARPA) program.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to amend the bid for Road & Bridge Precinct # 3 for a 24' x 50' Bridge located at Hoxie Chapel Road to be financed with assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF/ARPA) program in the amount of \$136,370.00 and authorize payment, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- W. Discuss and take action on approval of payment to City of Bremond in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the allocated subrecipient funds for waterline infrastructure using ARPA funds.
Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve payment to the City of Bremond in the amount of \$65,295.94 (amount owed after \$14,704.06 back owed election payment is taken out) for the allocated subrecipient funds for waterline infrastructure using ARPA funds and to authorize the Judge to destroy previous check from the City of Bremond, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

10. CANDY ANDERSON, COUNTY AUDITOR

- A. Discuss and take action on approving budget adjustments, budget amendments, credit applications, lease agreements, or cell phone allowances.
No action taken.
- 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 the two payment for the two invoices from Caldwell County Chevrolet in the amount of \$49,375.00 each for the purchase of two Tahoe's for the Sheriffs' Office to be paid out of Capital outlay, seconded by Judge Scarpinato, and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve payment to BVCOG in the amount of \$74.40 (JP #4 IT adobe pro subscription) to be paid out of the Court technology fund, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$976,552.75, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

11. 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.

12. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

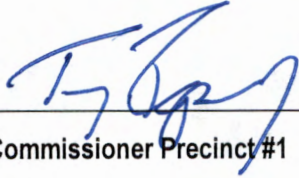
- A. The Robertson County Commissioners' Court will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.
No action taken.

13. ADJOURN

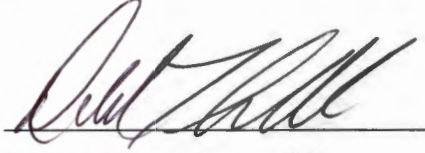
Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to adjourn, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.



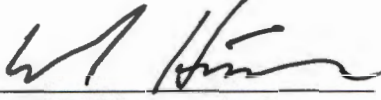
Robertson County Judge



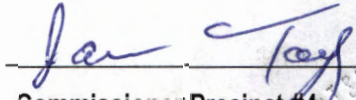
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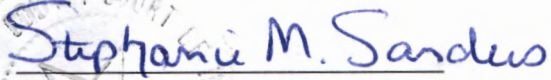
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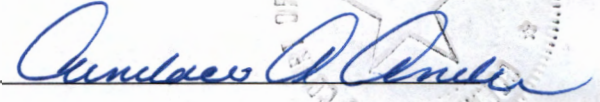
Commissioner Precinct #3



Commissioner Precinct #4



County Clerk



County Auditor

October 29, 2024