STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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#### IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting April 15th, 2025

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 15th day of April at 2 PM in the Robertson County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Larry Sanders, Terry Smitherman, & Bob Johnson spoke.

#### 4. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from April 1, 2025 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for March 2025. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for March 2025, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approve bonds and oaths. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Continuation Certificate for Denice Lydia Zan, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. BARBARA AXTELL, DISTRICT CLERK

 Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for March 2025.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for March 2025, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

## 6. REBEKAH CALLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on approval of lease agreement with Pitney Bowes and have County Judge sign. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the lease agreement between the Elections Office and Pitney Bowes and allow the Judges signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action on election related matters. No action taken.

#### 7. DEE DEE FERRELL, 911 ADDRESSING COORDINATOR

A. Discuss and take action on addressing for March 2025. Discussion was held.

## 8. BILLY HUGGINS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

- A. Discuss and take action on EMC related matters.
  - Discussion was held.
- B. 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 Threadgill to re-appoint Billy Huggins, Bill Ruland, Coleman French, Robert Fowler, Karen Box, Diana Ferrell, Chuck Harriston, Joe David Scarpinato, Stacey Cude, and Nester Leamon to the BVCOG's Homeland Security Advisory Committee and appoint Adrea de La Garza as a new member, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- C. Discuss and take action on County Burn Ban.
- No action taken.

## 9. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE

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

## 10. DONALD THREADGILL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

A. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Alex Castillo for approval/rejection on Preliminary Re-Plat of 9 acres in Oak Ridge Estates in Precinct 2, Robertson County, Texas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Preliminary Re-Plat of 9 acres in Oak Ridge Estates in Precinct 2, Robertson County, Texas, as presented, pending the water system upgrades and any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.



## 11. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

- A. Discussion and possible action on presentation by Ross Bush for approval/rejection on Final Subdivision Plat Next Eight in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Final Subdivision Plat – Next Eight in Precinct 3,
  - Robertson County, Texas, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion and possible action on temporary employee for Precinct 3 dump.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the possible hire of a temporary employee for R & B Precinct 3 depending the outcome of an existing employee's health and for it to be paid out of the existing line, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

## 12. BILL RULAND, SHERIFF

- A. Discussion and possible action on any Sheriffs' Office & Jail related matters. No action taken.
- B. Discussion and possible action on any Courthouse Security related matters.
- No action taken.

## 13. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve to accept the amendment to the vehicle donation agreement between Robertson County and Operation Safe Shield with the corrected year model and VIN numbers and ratify the Judge's signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Discuss and take action on approval to add a line item(s) for SB224. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve to add to the Sheriff's budget a line item for SB224 10-380-120-Revenue \$33,125.00, 10-560-120- Expense \$33,125.00 and approve any signatures that might be needed, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action on approval to add a line item(s) for MitMod Grant. Tabled.
- D. Discussion and possible action on approval to pay two invoices from MitMod Grant line item:
  - a. GrantWorks invoice in the amount of \$10,875.00
    - Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to Grantworks for invoice listing in the amount of \$10,875.00 and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
    - b. Bleyl Engineering invoice in the amount of \$18,075.00 Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to Bleyl Engineering for invoice listing in the amount of \$18,075.00 and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action on approval to open an account with Cisco. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Auditors office to open an account with Cysco, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action to extend depository agreement with South Star Bank. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve extending the depository agreement with South Star Bank through April 30, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on approval to use TAC Employee Rewards fund for TACO Wellness expenses.
  - Tabled.
- H. Discuss and take action on approval of final BVCOG invoice that was originally approved in Commissioners Court on April 1, 2025 in the amount of \$3039.02 to purchase a vehicle laptop for Constable, Precinct 1 to be paid from the Justice Court Technology Fund; received final invoice in the total amount of \$3737.71 (additional \$698.69).

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the final BVCOG invoice that was originally approved in Commissioners Court on April 1, 2025 in the amount of \$3039.02 to purchase a vehicle laptop for Constable, Precinct 1 to be paid from the Justice Court Technology Fund; received final invoice in the total amount of \$3737.71 (additional \$698.69), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- I. Discuss and take action to place of record the monthly report for March 2025 for the Veterans Service Officer. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the monthly report for March 2025 for the Veterans Service Officer, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to place of record the March 2025 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the March 2025 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

K. Discuss and take action to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster based on the existence of wildfires that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property that expires on May 9, 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Extended Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster based on the existence of wildfires that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property that expires on May 9, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

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L. Discuss and take action to place of record the letter to justify the Sole Source Purchase of the Motorola In-Car Video System for the four Robertson County Constable vehicles with ARPA funds and approval email from William Bass.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the letter to justify the Sole Source Purchase of the Motorola In-Car Video System for the four Robertson County Constable vehicles with ARPA funds and approval email from William Bass, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

- M. Discuss and take action to place of record the signed Proclamation to proclaim April 27, 2025 to May 4, 2025 as Texas Soil & Water Stewardship Week. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the signed Proclamation to proclaim April 27, 2025 to May 4, 2025 as Texas Soil & Water Stewardship Week, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- N. Discuss and take action to approve and sign a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as National County Government month.
  Notion was made by Commissioner Remay to approve and sign a Proclamation recognizing April 2025.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve and sign a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as National County Government month, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

- Discuss and take action to approve and sign a Proclamation designating April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness month.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve and sign a Proclamation designating April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness month, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- P. Discussion and possible action on Interlocal Funding Agreement with City of Calvert for the Calvert Senior Citizen Center/County Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$2800.00 and approve payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve an Interlocal Funding Agreement with City of Calvert for the Calvert Senior Citizen Center/County Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$2800.00 and approve payment (to be paid out of Contingency), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Discussion and possible action on the Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Crossing Approaches (Off-System).
   Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the Advance Funding Agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Crossing Approaches (Off-System), (North Astin Road), pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy 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 Hairston to approve the budget adjustment for the R & B Precinct 4 (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the budget adjustment for Constable Precinct 1 (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 Threadgill to allow the Auditor's Office to apply for a credit application with Houston Heavy Machinery for all four R & B Precincts, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve reimbursement payment in the amount of 26.99 to

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve reimbursement payment in the amount of 26.99 to Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$298,878.76, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take action on filing monthly report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve filing the monthly report for January 2025, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill 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.

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## 17. ADJOURN

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

Robertson County Judge

april 29, 2025

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