STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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#### IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting December 30th, 2024

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 - ABSENT

### 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 December 10, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approve bonds and oaths.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the Statement of Office for Craig Boyett, Danny Williamson, Eric Correa, & David Ray, the Bond of Tax Assessor and Collector, Official Bonds and Oaths, & Continuation Certificates for Michael Brewer, & the Bonds and Oaths for William Daly Ruland, Joseph D. Scarpinato, Melinda Ann Turner, David Ray, Eric Correa, & Danny L. Willianson, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

### 5. REBEKAH CĂLLAWAY, ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

A. Discuss and take action on election related matters. No action taken.

# 6. MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

- Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for November 2024.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the monthly report for November 2024, seconded by Commissioner Hairston 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. 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. Discussion was held.

# 9. TY RAMPY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

A. Discuss and take action to place of record the Special Road Use Permit for Cole Branch Road. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the Special Road Use Permit for Cole Branch Road, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

# 10. CHUCK HAIRSTON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

- A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Ross Bush for approval/rejection on Preliminary Subdivision Plat – EW25T in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas. Tabled.
- B. Discussion and possible action on proposed replat of lots 1 & 11 Morgan-Woods Estates Subdivision in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the preliminary replat of lots 1 & 11 – Morgan – Woods Estates Subdivision in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

### 11. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business. No action taken.

- 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 on approval to sign the Petition by Robertson County to become a Party of the Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications System (BVWACS).
   Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve allowing the Judge to sign the Petition by Robertson County to become a Party of the Brazos Valley Wide Area Communications System (BVWACS), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discuss and take action to place of record the "Notice of Name Change" from Jupiter Power LLC regarding changing the tax abatement agreement and road use agreement dated January 9, 2024 from Tidwell Prairie LLC to Tidwell Prairie IA LLC.
   Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the "Notice of Name Change" from Jupiter Power LLC regarding changing the tax abatement agreement and road use agreement dated January 9, 2024 from Tidwell Prairie IA LLC.
  - unanimously.
    F. Discuss and take action to place of record the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors Election Ballot.
    Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors Election Ballot, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
  - G. Discuss and take action to place of record the November 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to place of record the November 2024 Commissioners Court Report from the Extension Office, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
H. Discuss and take action to place of record signed agreements for ARPA Funds.

- Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the signed agreements for ARPA Funds, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss and take action to allow retired Constable Precinct 4 to purchase county issued firearm pursuant to Section 614.051 of Texas Government Code. Tabled.
- J. Discuss and take action to allow retired Deputy Constable Precinct 4 to purchase county issued firearm pursuant to Section 614.051 of Texas Government Code. Tabled.
- K. Discuss and take action on appointment(s)/replacement(s) to BVCOG's Board of Directors. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to appoint William 'Bill' Ruland to replace Gerald Yezek starting in January 2025 on the BVCOG's Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- L. Discuss and take action to award bid on the Sheriff's Office Security Fence to be paid with ARPA Funds. Tabled.
- M. 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 January 17, 2025.

Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato 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 January 17, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

N. Discuss and take action on swearing in appointed/re-appointed members to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District Board (BVGCD).

Swearing in of Mrs. Lisa Rolke to the Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation Board (BVGCD).

# 12. 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 payment to Avinext in the amount of \$49,837.72, to be paid out of the Courthouse Security Fund, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment to JRB Contracting in the amount of \$26,000.00(Tax Office), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the Jail (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
   B. Settlement of Accounts: Discussion consideration and possible action to settle and pay all accounts against
  - 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 \$679,826.15, pending any necessary signatures and the needed corrections to page 4, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and take action on approval of mileage rate for 2025. Tabled.
- D. Discuss and take action on awarding bids for:
  - a. Crushed Limestone/Rock
  - b. Contract Hauling for Precincts #1, #2, #3, #4

- c. Cracked Road Oil
- d. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
- e. Pea Gravel
- f. RC250
- g. Oil Sand
- h. Chip Seal
- i. CRS 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to reject and rebid Item A. Crushed Limestone/Rock and to table the rest of the Items B through I, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.

#### 13. 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.

#### 14. 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.

#### 15. ADJOURN

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

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Preginct #1

**Commissioner Precinct #3** 

**County Clerk** 

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Commissioner Precinct #2

Commissioner Precinct #4

**County Auditor** 

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