STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ROBERTSON

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IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT Regular Meeting October 29th, 2024

A **Regular** Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Robertson County, Texas was held on the 29th 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

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. STEPHANIE SANDERS, COUNTY CLERK

- A. Discuss and take action to approve minutes from October 15, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approve bonds and oaths.
- No action taken.

5. STEPHANIE SANDERS, CPS BOARD MEMBER

- A. Discuss and take action to approve new CPS Board members. Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve two new CPS Board Members (Brittany Louise Redden & Lorena Torres), 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. MICHAEL BREWER, TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

- A. Discuss and take action to approve monthly report for September 2024.
 - Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the monthly report for September 2024, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.
- 8. BILLY HUGGINS, ÉMERGENCY 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.

9. CHARLES PALCER, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE/MAINTENANCE

- A. Discuss and take action on maintenance related matters.
 - Discussion was held.
- 10. BRYAN DUBOIS, TXDOT
 - A. Discussion and possible action on presentation from Bryan Dubois with TxDOT regarding bridge replacement details and updates.
 - Discussion was held.
- 11. BILL RULAND, SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - A. Discussion and possible action on approval to apply for a grant.
 - Discussion was held.
- 12. STEVE GRACE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
 - A. Discussion and possible action to use ARPA funds for the purchase of server and EDOC software.
 - Discussion was held.
- 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hairston to approve the Final Subdivision Plat – Hudson Farm in Precinct 3, Robertson County, Texas with the understanding it will stay a private road, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

14. JOE DAVID SCARPINATO, COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Discussion and possible action on any budget related matters or county business. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve the purchase of two 20ft storage containers in the amount of \$6,450.00 from Founded on Faith LLC using ARPA funds, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion
- carried unanimously.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. Discussion was held.
- D. Discuss and take action to approve enrolling all county employees in the State-Mandated Annual Cybersecurity Compliance Training Course (HB 3834) through the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC). Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve enrolling all county employees in the State-Mandated Annual Cybersecurity Compliance Training Course (HB 3834) through the Texas Association of Counties' (TAC) and allow the Judge's signature, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase a trailer through Buyboard for Precinct 4 using ARPA funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of a 55-ton trailer from Brazos Trailer Corporation through the Buyboard for Precinct 4 using ARPA funds in the amount of \$75,940.00, pending any necessary signatures, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.

- F. Discuss and take action on approval to appoint Robert (Bob) Batson to the Robertson County Historical Commission.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to appoint Robert (Bob) Batson to the Robertson
- County Historical Commission, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.G. Discuss and take action on amending Sheriff Office Investigators salary as to what was discussed in budget workshops.

Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve amending the Sheriff Office Investigators salary as to what was discussed in budget workshops with an effective date of October 28,2024 & Deputy Ruland to provide a list of where he will be supplementing the funds from the Sheriff's Office budget, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.

- H. Discussion and possible action on FY 2025 funding request from Scotty's House. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve the FY 2025 funding request from Scotty's House in the amount of \$5,000.00(to be paid out of unpaid capital credits), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss and take action on County's allocation of surplus material available through TxDOT's Local Government Assistance Program for FY2025.
 Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve allocating the County's surplus material available through TxDOT's Local Government Assistance Program for FY2025 and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- J. Discuss and take action to place of record the (7) seven-day Proclamation Disaster Declaration 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 October 24, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the (7) seven – day Proclamation – Disaster Declaration 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 October 24, 2024, seconded by Judge Scarpinato and motion carried unanimously.

K. Discuss and take action to place of record the (30) thirty-day Proclamation – Disaster Declaration 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 November 22, 2024. Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to place of record the (30) thirty-day Proclamation – Disaster Declaration 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 November 22, 2024, 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 Judge Scarpinato to approve the budge amendment for R & B Precinct 4 (see attached amendment), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. 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. Threadgill opposed. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the Jail (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve the budget adjustment for the Jail (see attached adjustment), seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve the budget adjustment for the Sheriff's Office (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 approve payment in the amount of \$75.98 to Verizon (Constable Precinct 4 Verizon card), seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve payment in the amount of \$83.12 to First Net (Constable Precinct 4), seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Judge Scarpinato to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$450,976.46 as presented with the Jail being \$18,135.43, Sheriff's Office being \$14,241.27, and 911 Dispatch being \$425.99, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill 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 June & July, seconded by Commissioner Hairston and motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss and take action on Liability Coverage Proposal. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to approve payment in the amount of \$24,345.00 for the Public Officials Liability Coverage Insurance and allow the Judge to sign, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion and approval to begin bid process for annual contracts. Motion was made by Commissioner Threadgill to allow the Auditors office to begin the bid process for annual contracts, seconded by Commissioner Rampy and motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discuss and take action on deposit for grapple truck inspection and repairs. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to approve paying a \$1,200.00 deposit to Truck and Parts for the cleaning, inspection & repairs for the grapple truck for R & B Precinct 1(to be paid out of contingency), pending any necessary signatures required, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discuss and take action on filing annual financial statements for fye 9-30-23. Motion was made by Commissioner Rampy to place of record the annual financial statement for fye 9-30-23, 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 Rampy to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Threadgill and motion carried unanimously.

Robertson County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #1

Commissioner Precinct #3

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County Auditor

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