

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Amended Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on July 2, 2020.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Honorable Kenneth Reed, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:01 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Reed. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present at roll call.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in Open Forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** There were no questions on the staff reports.

4. **DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

a. **Prior Minutes.**

**July 7, 2020.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to cancel the burn ban and give the County Judge the authority to reinstate it, if needed. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Consider and Act upon the foreman position for Edwards County Road and Bridge Commissioners.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to offer the foreman position to applicant Larry Beech. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discussion pertaining to the 2020 Budget - Judge Shanklin and Commissioners.** Nurse practitioner Ashley Alexander indicated that she is willing to open a practice if she is guaranteed at least \$120,000/year. If she makes \$10,000 a month, then the county won't have to make up the difference per month. All utilities to the County's building and insurance on the building will be paid by the County. We are receiving COVID funds that could be used to upgrade the facility.

The Road and Bridge crushing and blasting were also discussed. The landing strip at the airport will have to be retopped. TxDOT will be responsible for about 90% of this cost and the County will be responsible for about 10% of this. A FEMA grant will eventually reimburse the County for these expenses.

5. **New Business.** No new business was discussed.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next Regular Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on the first Tuesday of August, 2020 (August 11, 2020) at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion

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carried 5/0. This session of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin

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Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Olga Lydia Reyes

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Edwards County and District Clerk

