

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on December 3, 2020.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One, was absent

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

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 9:00 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 Epperson, were present.

2. **Open Forum.** Councilman Andrew Barnebey appeared to address the Court. He offered a reminder to Judge Shanklin about two upcoming public hearings that were being held by the City of Rocksprings regarding their grant applications. Judge Shanklin briefly addressed the matter and stated that, before matters could go forward on new applications, the City had to regain a status of compliance on previous grants.

Commissioner Sweeten then took the floor to express his thanks and gratitude to Commissioner Epperson for his service to the Court during his previous terms in office serving the citizens of Edwards County.

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.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** No action taken.

c. **Discuss and Act upon Authoring the defeasance of a certain outstanding bonds of Edwards County; Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Deposit Agreement; and Resolving other matters relating thereto – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that the County was about to pay off the Annex building which was refinanced in 2017. At that time, the County asked to be allowed to pay this note off before it was due and we were permitted to do this. Now, because the County was blessed with the pipelines coming through our area, we are able to pay off the note in its entirety and save our taxpayers about \$700,000. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve authorizing the defeasance of a certain outstanding bonds of Edwards County, approving and authorizing the execution of an escrow deposit agreement, and resolving other matters related thereto. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Open Review and Act upon bids for Hauling Base Material and Water for FEMA 4416 Project – Jason Arp.** One bid from the Allen Keller Company was received by the Court. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the bid from Allen Keller for hauling base material and water for the FEMA 4416 Project with a start date of January 4, 2021. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and Act upon Approval of Edwards County Holidays / Observances for 2021.** Commissioner Sweeten noted his opposition to certain holidays/observances on the schedule in the interest of saving taxpayer money. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Edwards County Holidays / Observances for 2021 as printed; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No

Commissioners noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0, with Commissioner Sweeten abstaining.

**f. Discuss and act upon Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County and the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, providing legal defense teams to represent indigent capital murder defendants. Judge Shanklin.**

Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County and the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

**g. Discuss and Act upon bids for replacement of a new roof for the Custodian House. – Judge Shanklin.**

Three bids for the replacement of a new roof for the Custodian House were received and unsealed in Open Court. The three bids were as follows: Gordon's Construction - \$ 4,992.00; Plateau Metal Buildings LLC - \$6,318.00; and Douglass Steel Structures LLC - \$ 8,789.00. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the bid from Gordon's Construction. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

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

**6. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of January, 2021.

**7. Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

**8. Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:24 o'clock 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

