

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 12th day of November, 2019, 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 November 7, 2019 at 1:36 o'clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

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 Epperson. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. Commissioner Matt Fry did not answer roll call but did join the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

2. **Open Forum.** Mark Norvell appeared and addressed the Court regarding the Barksdale Water Supply. They are contesting the TCEQ's request to install a new purification system to their water system, which is very expensive and includes reverse osmosis, as it would be a tremendous financial hardship to their community. TCEQ has imposed this condition as it believes the water being served is surface water. The current average water bill is around \$40 and with this system it could go up to over \$100 because the new system is more costly to run. In 50 years, there has not been any contamination issues with their water; no one has ever reported getting sick from drinking the water. They currently use a chlorination system.

[Matt Fry arrived 9:07 a.m.]

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 accept the prior minutes from October 8, 2019. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban should stay in place. Commissioner Reed interjected that he has received a couple of calls regarding burning outside trash. Commissioner Sweeten stated that the solution could be that they put a screen over their barrel and burn their trash and control their ashes. Sheriff Elliott stated that they should also call the Sheriff's office to report controlled burning.

c. **Discuss and act upon Preliminary Plat for Rancho Paula Verde West, Treatment and Disposal Planning Materials. - Matt Fry.** Commissioner Fry states that he had received a copy of the preliminary plat and that everything was in order. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for Rancho Paula Verde West, Treatment and Disposal Planning Materials; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon Edwards Plateau Criminal Interdiction Unit – Pam Elliott.** Commissioner Epperson voiced his concern that this unit would give Real County the right to stop any citizen in Edwards County. He believes that there are no checks and balances. Shanklin stated that the checks and balances lie with the Commissioners Court and its budgeting authority. Sheriff Elliott clarified that this unit will be used to address the issues of drugs, traffic, and human trafficking. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Edwards Plateau Criminal Interdiction Unit; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Discuss and act upon Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made

the motion to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. Discuss and act for the Board of Directors for the Appraisal District. – Judge Shanklin . Judge Shanklin addressed the Court. Edwards County's two nominees for the Appraisal District Board are Craig Wolcott and Maximilian Martin, who have both been on this board for a number of years. The County will have 118 extra votes and, after discussion, the County's votes will be distributed as follows: 1036 notes to Wolcott and Martin, respectively, and 118 votes to Peggy Taylor, the Barksdale School District nominee. Commissioner Fry made the motion to give 1036 votes to Wolcott and 1036 votes to Martin (as it has been done in the past) and 118 votes to Peggy Taylor, the Barksdale School District nominee. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Judge Shanklin called for a vote which turned out to be 3/1/1: Shanklin, Reed, and Fry voted in favor; Epperson voted in opposition; and Sweeten abstained from the vote. Epperson stated that he was opposed because he was not given an opportunity to get people nominated to represent Edwards County. He believes that Jodie Greene has a lot of experience in that office. Shanklin countered that he received the same email from the Appraisal Office as everyone else did and that he could have put that matter on the agenda.

g. Discuss and act on Commissioners Court Precinct Redistricting. – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin addressed the Court. The Law Firm of Allison Bass represented Edwards County in the last redistricting effort. We have retained them to do it over again with a cost of \$5,000, if the precincts stay the same. If the precincts have to change, the cost of their services will be \$15,000. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve retaining the Law Firm of Allison Bass to represent Edwards County with the issue of precinct redistricting at the rates stated above; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. New Business. No new business was discussed.

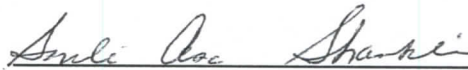
6. Set time and date for next meeting. There will be a Special meeting to canvass the votes from the November 5, 2019 General Election on Thursday, November 14, 2019. The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court

will be on the second Tuesday of December, 2019 (December 10, 2019) at 9:30 a.m. in the Edwards County Courtroom.

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

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk