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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 13th day of February, 2018, 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 February 8, 2018 at 11:27 o’clock a.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three [arrived late]

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, 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 by Judge Shanklin in the Lord’s Prayer. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present.

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

**January 9, 2018.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018, with an amendment to the motion to approve the First of the Year Motions to reflect the correct vote; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

[Clerk’s note: Commissioner Fry arrived at the meeting at 9:07 a.m.]

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to enact the burn ban and give the County Judge the authority to cancel the ban when necessary; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Discuss and act upon approving Preliminary Plat for Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 3. – Sam Poorman.** Mr. Poorman appeared to address the Court. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 3; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and accept Tax Assessor-Collector retirement date. – Mark Bean.** Judge Shanklin informed the Court that Bean will retire on the 17th of March, 2018. His deputy clerk, Lori Garcia, will begin her class to step into this position if the Commissioners see fit to appoint her. She has worked in this office for many years. No action taken.

e. **Recognize and act upon Proclamation to Gilmer Memorial Library. – Commissioner Barnebey.** The Resolution was read to the Court by Commissioner Barnebey. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Proclamation to Gilmer Memorial Library; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion.No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Discuss April Workshop sponsored by Edwards County, Nueces River Authority and Texas Parks & Wildlife. – Commissioner Sweeten.** This is an informational item only. Sweeten stated that Jason Arp has been working with the Nueces River Authority to look at issues with crossing and permit requirements. An agenda for a workshop to be held on April 4-6 was sent out and there might also be a possibility for 12 hours of continuing education credit for Commissioners of this County and surrounding counties attending this workshop. This has been submitted for consideration to TAC by Sweeten and the County will know on February 16th if the workshop is approved as an educational workshop and how many hours of credit (12 hours are being asked for) will be approved. Commissioner Sweeten asked Arp to address the court. Arp stressed that the goal of the workshop will be to attain sustainable roads and environmentally friendly roads. Sweeten thinks this would be an excellent opportunity to get local continuing education. No action taken.

g. **Discuss Real Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District’s recent move to Leakey. – Commissioner Sweeten.** Sweeten stated that he wasn’t aware of the Real Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District’s recent move to Leakey until a couple of days ago. As a County, we were not made aware that they were going to move. There may be some legal issues surrounding this move that, at this point, we don’t know the answers to. The District was offered a building in Leakey by the former County Judge in Real County. Shanklin reports that Chairperson Tooter Trees came by his office yesterday and offered, due to the move, to hold quarterly meetings in alternating counties, so that Edwards County could still host meetings. No action taken.

h. **Discuss and/or consider Body Camera Grant #3278601 for $6,242.90. – Sheriff Elliott.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the body camera grant #3278601 for $6,242.90; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Discuss and/or consider the purchase of a new vehicle for ECSO. – Sheriff Elliott.** Sheriff Elliott appeared to address the Court. She stated that as of now, they have 6 patrol units available; of these, the County has purchased only one. She currently has $18,000 for a lease payment in her budget. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the $18,000 that is set aside in the Sheriff’s budget for the purchase of a lease vehicle; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. **Discuss and/or approve the Office of the Attorney General’s County Connectivity Project with Edwards County, Texas. – Olga Lydia Reyes.** A representative from the Office of the Attorney General contacted Clerk Reyes to inquire about setting up internet access for the Attorney General’s office at the Edwards County Courthouse Annex building in the District Courtroom. The email received by Clerk Reyes was disseminated to the County Judge and Commissioners. This project will be completely undertaken by the State and the County will not incur any costs. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the Office of the Attorney General’s County Connectivity Project with Edwards County, Texas; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. **Discuss and act upon renewing Radio Tower Lease Contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. – Judge Shanklin.** This is a 48 month contract that the County enters into with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that allows them to put their transmitter on our tower out at the airport. The County has entered into this contract before. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the renewal of the Radio Tower Lease Contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Themotion was seconded by Commissioner Epperson. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

l. **Consider and act upon Resolution authorizing submission of Homeland Security Program Grant Application for program year 2019 to the Governor’s Office requesting HSGP funds for the Emergency Management Preparedness Equipment (Computer and Hand-Held Radio). – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to authorize submission of the Homeland Security Program Grant Application for program year 2019 to the Governor’s Office requesting HSGP funds for the Emergency Management Preparedness Equipment (Computer and Hand-Held Radio); CommissionerSweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

m. **Consider and act upon Resolution authorizing submission of Homeland Security Program Application for Operation Stonegarden to the Governor’s office conditionally approved in the amount of $98,174.29. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to authorize submission of Homeland Security Program Grant Application for program year 2019 to the Governor’s Office requesting HSGP funds for the Emergency Management Preparedness Equipment (Computer and Hand-Held Radio). Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

n. **Consider and act upon Resolution authorizing submission of Local Border Security Program Grant Application to the Governor’s Office. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing submission of Local Border Security Program Grant Application to the Governor’s Office; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** On February 27th, representatives from FEMA will be in Edwards County. They will be doing site visits on the FEMA project. They will be in Camp Wood around lunch and then will visit the sites in Edwards County after noon; they will want to see every site.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner Court will be on the second Tuesday of March, 2018 (March 13, 2018) at 9:00 a.m. in the Edwards County Courtroom.

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

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This regular, open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk