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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 12th day of March, 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 March 8, 2019 at 9:30 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, was absent

Honorable Kenneth Reed, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Sabrina Montoya, Chief Deputy 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 Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Chief Deputy Clerk Montoya. All Commissioners, with the exception of Matt 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.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Sweeten suggested that the County keep on as we currently are if we get substantial rain in the coming days; however, if we do not, then the County Judge should be given the authorization to enact the burn ban if he thinks it’s necessary sometime during the next month. After some discussion, Sweeten made the motion to enact the burn ban and to give the County Judge the permission to suspend or enact the burn ban if needed; Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/1, with Commissioner Reed voting against the motion.

c. **Discuss and Act upon Final Plat for Dusty Rose Ranch East Subdivision. – Sam Poorman, Commissioner Matt Fry.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Final Plat for the Dusty Rose Ranch East Subdivision; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeten. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Preliminary Plat for Axis Draw Ranch East Subdivision. – Gene Lehman, Commissioner Matt Fry.** Upon inquiry from Commissioner Epperson, Mr. Lehman stated that this property was the site of the old Erwin ranch. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Axis Draw Ranch East Subdivision; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Take action to transfer $17,000 from Detention Center/Emergency Tower maintenance (10-480-489) to Law Enforcement (10-500-493) for vehicle purchase. – Sheriff Pamela Elliott.** Judge Shanklin stated that this is for a vehicle purchase for the Sheriff’s Office; it is for purchase of the blue vehicle that the Sheriff is driving. Commissioner Reed made the motion to transfer $17,000 from Detention Center/Emergency Tower maintenance (10-480-489) to Law Enforcement (10-500-493) for vehicle purchase; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Resolution Relating to State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Resolution Relating to State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. **Discuss and Act upon Resolution on Red Flag Laws. – Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten addressed the Court. He stated that Red Flag Laws take away the right to due process for a qualified citizen who owns guns. Sweeten then read the “Resolution Against Any and All Proposed Legislation Limiting Lawful Persons’ Rights to Keep and Bear Arms.” Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the “Resolution Against Any and All Proposed Legislation Limiting Lawful Persons’ Rights to Keep and Bear Arms;” Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

h. **Discuss and Act upon purchase of Constable vehicles. – Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Judge Shanklin announced that this purchase had already been approved in a prior meeting. The funds for this purchase are from a criminal justice grant that was applied for through the Concho Valley COG. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the purchase of a Constable vehicle from the criminal justice grant funds that the County received; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

i. **Take action to transfer $1,810.00 from Constable/Vehicle Maintenance (10-440-385) to Grant Expense (90-900-900) for vehicle purchase. – Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to transfer $1,810.00 from Constable/Vehicle Maintenance (10-440-385) to Grant Expense (90-900-900) for vehicle purchase; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. This amount will cover the difference between the criminal justice grant funds received for purchase of the vehicle and the purchase price of the vehicle. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

5. **New Business.** Judge Shanklin stated that a Special Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court would probably need to be scheduled for later in this month to go into executive session with the County Attorney and another attorney to discuss legal issues that have come up. This meeting will probably be set for March 21, 2019 but the exact time and date has yet to be determined.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on the second Tuesday of April, 2019 (August 9, 2019) at 9:00 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 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners’ Court adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

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Edwards County and District Clerk