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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 12th day of September, 2017, 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 Proposed Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on September 7, 2017 at 11:20 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

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 roll was called by Clerk Reyes. The Court was led in an opening prayer by Kenneth Reed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Commissioners were present.

2. **Open Forum.** Mary Louise Baird appeared to address the Court during Open Forum. She was present to discuss the condition of County Roads 350 and 380 and Pulliam Creek.

3. **Staff Reports.** Commissioner Barnebey stated that he noticed in the staff reports that the County had employee drug test screens conducted at the Sonora Medical Clinic. Commissioner Sweeten agrees that after what they did to us, we should go somewhere else. Road Superintendent Jason Arp, who was present, was asked if he could get someone local to perform these services in the future. Sweeten asked Arp to visit with Dr. Todd to see if he was willing to do it.

4. **Public Hearing for Proposed Budget 2017-2018.** There were no interested citizen participants in the public hearing.

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

a. **Prior minutes.**

**August 8, 2017 @ 9:00 o’clock a.m.:** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2017 (9:00 o’clock a.m.) meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Epperson. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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**August 22, 2017:** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 22nd, 2017 meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeten. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Commissioner Epperson abstaining from the vote.

**August 29, 2017:** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 29th, 2017 meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Commissioner Epperson abstaining from the vote.

b. **Burn Ban.** Judge Shanklin suggested that the burn ban be reinstated. Commissioner Epperson agrees and made the motion to reinstate the burn ban; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. The Judge will be given the authority to rescind the burn ban if we receive rain in our area. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Consider and/or act upon approving preliminary subdivision plat for Falcon Ridge Ranch Subdivision located in Precinct 3. – Sam Poorman.** Mr. Poorman appeared to address the Court and presented a preliminary subdivision plat of the Falcon Ridge Ranch Subdivision; it is comprised of about 1600 acres. Commissioner Fry stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Poorman regarding this proposed subdivision. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary subdivision plat for Falcon Ridge Ranch Subdivision located in Precinct 3; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and/or approve Democratic election workers. – Melissa Martinez.** Democratic chairperson Melissa Martinez submitted her list of Democratic election workers to the Court. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve Martinez’s list of Democratic election workers; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioners noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Take action to amend Equipment line item (20-600-365) by an increase of $217,674.65. – Jason Arp.** Judge Shanklin announced that this agenda item was just a housekeeping item requested by the County Treasurer. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to amend the equipment line item (20-600-365) by an increase of $217,674.65; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Take action to amend Labor on Machinery line item (20-600-668) by an increase of $40,782.50. – Jason Arp.** Judge Shanklin announced that this was another housekeeping item requested by the Treasurer. The labor has already been approved by the Court; this line item just needs to be amended. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to amend the Labor on Machinery line item (20-600-668) by an increase of $40,782.50. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Discuss and/or take action on final part of AWOS system upgrade at Edwards County Airport. – Jason Arp.** Judge Shanklin announced that the total amount needed to complete the AWOS system upgrade at the Edwards County Airport is $73,118.00; this is the final upgrade. The first part of the upgrade was the ceilometer that was approved last month. Commissioner Epperson expressed his concerns about the large amount of funds being expended. Shanklin stated that he is aware of the expense but that it does need to be upgraded. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the final part of the AWOS system upgrade at the Edwards County Airport; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Take action to amend Airport line item (100-400-605) by an increase of $102,368.00. – Jason Arp.** This amendment will reflect those funds being used to retrofit the existing AWI infrastructure. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to amend the Airport line item (100-400-605) by an increase of $102,368.00; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Consider public input, discussion and action on FY 2017-2018 M. & O. Budget. – Judge Shanklin.** There has been zero public input on our budget. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 M. & O. Budget. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The Clerk polled the Commissioners and the votes were called out and recorded as follows:

Commissioner William Epperson = aye

Commissioner Lee Sweeten = aye

Commissioner Matt Fry = aye

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey = aye

Judge Souli Asa Shanklin = aye

j. **Consider public input, discussion and action on FY 2017 – 2018 Road & Bridge Budget. – Judge Shanklin.** Again, there is no public input on the Road and Bridge Budget. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 Road & Bridge Budget. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with one abstention. The Clerk polled the Commissioners and the votes were called out and recorded as follows:

Commissioner William Epperson = abstained from vote

Commissioner Lee Sweeten = aye

Commissioner Matt Fry = aye

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey = aye

Judge Souli Asa Shanklin = aye

k. **Adopt FY 2017-2018 Edwards County M. & O. Budget. – Judge Shanklin.** This topic was covered by item (i).

l. **Adopt FY 2017-2018 Edwards County Road & Bridge Budget. – Judge Shanklin.** This topic was covered by item (j).

m. **Adopt FY 2017-2018 Edwards County M. & O. Tax Rate of .5368. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 M. & O. Tax Rate of .5368. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The Clerk polled the Commissioners and the votes were called out and recorded as follows:

Commissioner William Epperson = aye

Commissioner Lee Sweeten = aye

Commissioner Matt Fry = aye

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey = aye

Judge Souli Asa Shanklin = aye

n. **Adopt FY 2017-2018 Edwards County I. & S. Tax Rate of .0210. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 I. & S. Tax Rate of .0210. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The Clerk polled the Commissioners and the votes were called out and recorded as follows:

Commissioner William Epperson = aye

Commissioner Lee Sweeten = aye

Commissioner Matt Fry = aye

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey = aye

Judge Souli Asa Shanklin = aye

o. **Adopt FY 2017-2018 Edwards County Road and Bridge Tax Rate of .1285. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 Edwards County Road and Bridge Tax Rate of .1285. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The Clerk polled the Commissioners and the votes were called out and recorded as follows:

Commissioner William Epperson = aye

Commissioner Lee Sweeten = aye

Commissioner Matt Fry = aye

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey = aye

Judge Souli Asa Shanklin = aye

p. **Consider and act upon proposals received with possible Resolution of Award for grant writing, & grant administration services for proposed CDBG application(s) to the General Land Office. – Carl Esser.** Esser could not be here today. However, Judge Shanklin stated that Esser & Co. was the only firm that applied to provide these grant administration services for the County. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the proposal submitted by Esser & Co. for the grant administration services for the proposed CDBG application to the General Land Office; Judge Shanklin 5/0.

q. **Consider and act upon proposals received with possible Resolution of Award for engineering services regarding proposed CDBG application(s) to the General Land Office – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin announced that only one proposal for engineering services was received by the County. That proposal was submitted by TRC Engineers, Inc. This is the same company that did the construction on the bathrooms at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the proposal from TRC Engineers, Inc. for engineering services regarding the proposed CDBG application to the General Land Office; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Commissioner Epperson abstaining from the vote.

r. **Consider and Act upon scheduling Public Hearing for proposed CDBG application to GLO and published notice for same. Proposed Public Hearing Date September 26, 2017 5:15 PM. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin stated that this information has already been emailed into the newspaper. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve scheduling the Public Hearing for the proposed CDBG application to the General Land Office and to approve publishing notice of same; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The public hearing will be held at the Edwards County Courthouse.

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

7. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 9:00 o’clock a.m.

8. **Pay Bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Commissioner Epperson abstaining from the vote.

9. **Adjourn.** Before adjourning, Commissioner Sweeten stated that he wanted to commend the Judge’s office for all of their work on the budget process and for getting things done on a timely manner. Commissioner Fry then joined him in also commending the elected officials for all of their work with the budget. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk