

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 9th day of January, 2024, at 9:00 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 January 4, 2024 at 1:13 p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Steve Smith, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Mike Grooms, 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 to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag were recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Fry. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners were present.

2. Open Forum. There were no speakers present for 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 Smith made the motion to approve the prior minutes. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. Commissioner Fry abstained from voting as he was absent during the prior month's meeting. No Commissioner noting any objection, the motion carried 4/0, with 1 abstention.

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

c. **Motion to Approve First Year Motions.** Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve all of the First of the Year Motions. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. (See attached First of the Year Motions which are duly incorporated into these minutes as if set forth verbatim herein.)

i. **Motion to declare County Court a continuance term**

ii. **Motion for County Judge to sign vouchers and In Vacation Bills**

iii. **Motion for County Treasurer to make transfers as needed for payroll, payroll taxes, etc.**

iv. **Motion for County Treasurer to write checks for County expenses as follows: Withholding taxes, social security payments, Treasurer's fees to the State Treasurer, insurance premiums, stamps and postage for County officers from the United States Postal Service, all electric bills, fund transfers from government programs, etc., as we have them in operation, and County trapper salaries.**

v. **Motion to place county officials on salary basis**

vi. **Motion to appoint Edwards County Health Officer for 2024**

d. **Selection of Salary Grievance Committee members for 2024 – Olga Lydia Reyes.** The Commissioners Court selected the names of the Salary Grievance Committee in the following manner: Commissioner Grooms drew the names of the Salary Grievance Committee from the names comprising the lists of last year's Grand Jury panels. Those names selected by random drawing are as follows:

(1) Kathryn Johnson

(2) Rosa Cerda

(3) Kathy Walker

(4) John Eric Zimmer

(5) Alison Burleson

Alternates:

(1) Violet Alicia Freeberg

(2) John Harris

These individuals will be contacted by written correspondence from the County Judge's Administrative Assistant to inquire if he or she would be willing to serve as requested by the Commissioners Court. If any person declines the appointment, the alternates will be contacted in the same manner. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the above-listed names selected by random drawing; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

e. Discuss and/or Act upon the County Elections Officer entering a Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Edwards County Republican Party and the Edwards County Democratic Party for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election and the May 4, 2024 Primary Runoff Election – Olga Lydia Reyes. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to authorize the County Elections Officer to execute a Joint Primary Election Services Contract with the Edwards County Republican Party and the Edwards County Democratic Party for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election and the May 2024 Primary Runoff Election. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. New Business. No new business was discussed at this time.

6. Set time and date for next meeting. The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of February, 2024 (February 13, 2024).

7. Pay bills. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

8. Adjourn. Commissioner Graham 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 was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Olga Lydia Reyes

OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

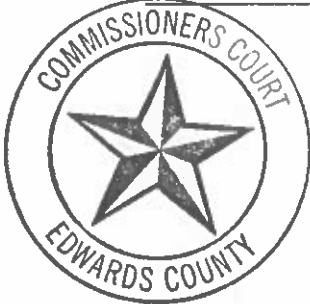


FIRST OF THE YEAR MOTIONS

MOTION TO PLACE COUNTY OFFICIALS ON A SALARY BASIS

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion to Place the County Officials on a Salary Basis, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2-13-2024



APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin
Souli Asa Shanklin
Edwards County Judge

MOTION TO DECLARE COUNTY COURT A CONTINUOUS TERM

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion that the County Court is declared to be for a continuous term for the calendar year starting January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2-13-2024



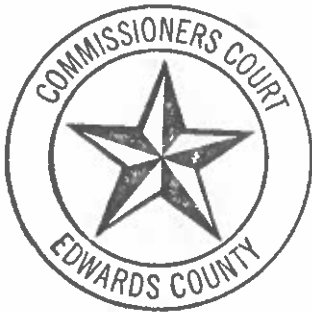
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**MOTION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN VOUCHERS AND IN VACATION
BILLS**

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Judge be authorized to sign vouchers for salary checks and In Vacation bills for the year of 2024, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2-13-2024



APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin
Souli Asa Shanklin
Edwards County Judge

**MOTION FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO WRITE CHECKS FOR COUNTY
EXPENSES**

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Treasurer be authorized to write checks for the following items when necessary, and as they become due and payable, each month, with the Edwards County and District Clerk countersigning the checks:

Withholding taxes, social security payments, Treasurer's fees to the State Comptroller, insurance premiums, stamps and postage for County officers from the United States Post Office, all electric bills, fund transfers from government programs, etc., as we have them in operation, and County trapper salaries.

All four Commissioners and the County Judge voted in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2-13-2024



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Edwards County Judge

MOTION FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO MAKE QUARTERLY OR MONTHLY TRANSFERS TO PAY TAXES

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Treasurer be authorized to make quarterly or monthly transfers to pay Social Security and Withholding Taxes, with the Edwards County and District Clerk countersigning the checks, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2-13-2024



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Edwards County Judge

MOTION TO APPOINT EDWARDS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

On a motion made by Commissioner Grooms and seconded by Commissioner Fry, the Court approved the Motion that Jay Jackson, M.D., was appointed as County Health Officer for a two year period, which started January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

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