

The State of Texas §

County of Edwards §

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 14th day of January, 2025, 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 9, 2025 at 1:05 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 Regular Open Meeting was called to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. Commissioner Fry led the Court in prayer. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. All Commissioners were present.

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

3. Staff Reports. Road Superintendent Jim Prescott was present and stated that his department was finishing up work on CR 374.

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

a. Prior Minutes.

December 10, 2024: Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion passed 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban will be left in place. No further action taken.

c. **Motion to approve First Year Motions.**

- i. Motion to place county officials on salary basis
- ii. Motion to declare County Court a continuous term
- iii. Motion for County Judge to sign vouchers and In Vacation Bills
- 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 for County Treasurer to make transfers as needed for payroll, payroll taxes, etc.

Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve all of the above-listed First of Year motions. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon designation of location to hold foreclosure sales and determination of the location where the Clerk's office is to post the foreclosure notices – Olga Lydia Reyes.** The location where foreclosure sales are to occur is the southwest door of the Edwards County Courthouse Annex Building (which is the door right outside of the Edwards County Tax Assessor/Collector's office). The foreclosure notices are to be posted in the bulletin board, the foyer of the Edwards County Courthouse Annex building (to provide viewing access for the public), and online. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to set the location of the foreclosure sales and posting as discussed above; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried.

e. **Discussion and Act upon the DCP settlement monies for the M & O and R & B will go to Edwards Counties 10 percent match for the Airport Renovation Contract TxDOT CSJ 2407RSPRG- Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that these DCP settlement funds belonging to Edwards County have been in escrow since 2022. Now, our Airport Renovation costs will be approximately \$6.5 million dollars. Edwards County's matching fund requirement will be 10%, or roughly, \$600,000 dollars. We have enough escrow money to cover this portion. This renovation project will be handled with pipeline money, not money out of Edwards County's reserves. On the 20th of this month, Carl Esser and Jim Prescott will have a meeting with TxDOT aviation to discuss the kickoff for this project.

f. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION approving submission of Val Verde – 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Application #3158219 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the RESOLUTION approving submission of Val Verde – 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Application #3158219; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION approving submission of DJ23 Justice Assistance Grant Application Edwards County Interdiction Officer Grant Application #4866402 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the RESOLUTION approving submission of DJ23 Justice Assistance Grant Application Edwards County Interdiction Officer Grant Application #4866402; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION submission of DJ23 Justice Assistance Grant Application Edwards County Interdiction Officer Grant Application #5123101 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the RESOLUTION submission of DJ23 Justice Assistance Grant Application Edwards County Interdiction Officer Grant Application #5123101; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION approving submission of PY 2025 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Application #5126601 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the RESOLUTION approving submission of PY 2025 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant Application #5126601; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION approving submission of PY 2025 Body Worn Camera Grant Application #5133301 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the RESOLUTION approving submission of PY 2025 Body Worn Camera Grant Application #5133301; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. **Consider and Act Upon RESOLUTION approving submission of PY 2025 Operation Lone Star Grant Application #4371303 – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to accept the PY 2025 Operation Lone Star Grant Application #4371303; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

l. **Discuss and Act upon Budget amendment for office supplies for Edwards County Attorney – Amanda Poole.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the budget amendment for office supplies for the Edwards County Attorney; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

m. **Discuss and Act upon Vacation Cash out of 40 hours for Felix Ruiz, Edwards County Sheriff's Office – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Vacation Cash out of 40 hours for Felix Ruiz, Edwards County Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

n. **Discuss and Act upon Fifth Contract Renewal/Service Agreement for SAVNS 2025 – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Fifth Contract Renewal/Service Agreement for SAVNS 2025; Commissioner

Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

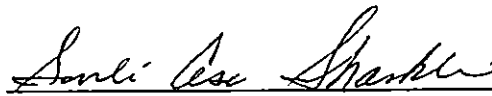
5. **New Business.** Judge Shanklin announced that the park building restoration project is almost complete and he invited the Commissioners to stop by and look at the building.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of February, 2025 (February 11, 2025) at 9:00 a.m.

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 Fry made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

