

The State of Texas

§

§

County of Edwards

§

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, 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 April \_\_, 2020.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Kenneth Reed, 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 9:06 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Reed. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners were present.

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

**March 10, 2020.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from March 10, 2020. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Commissioner Fry abstaining from the vote.

b. **Burn Ban.** No action was taken on the burn ban.

c. **Discuss and Act upon the Texas Department of Transportation Grant. Carl Esser.** This is the same CERTZ grant that the County applied for in 2014 that were used for improvements made for various county roads. The County has until May 20, 2020 to submit their application. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve submitting an application for the Texas Department of Transportation Grant. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Presentation of the 2019-2020 audit. – Eric Ede.** Eric Ede appeared to address the Court and he reviewed the “Annual Financial Report For the Year Ended September 30, 2019” with the Court. The County received a favorable audit opinion. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 audit; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Discuss and Open bids for Blasting and Crushing of Road Base. - Commissioners and Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin directed that the Commissioners open the bids that were solicited for the blasting and crushing of road base. Three bids were received as follows: Allen Keller: \$357,500; Ranger Excavating: \$647,400; and Gage and Cade Construction: \$388,700. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the bid for blasting and crushing of road base received from Allen Keller. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Notice and Acknowledgment of Assignment of bond and Notice of and consent to assignment of paying agent/registrar agreement for Texas Capital Bank (assignor) to Ameris Bank (assignee).** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Notice and Acknowledgment of Assignment of bond and Notice of and consent to assignment of paying agent/registrar agreement for Texas Capital Bank (assignor) to Ameris Bank (assignee). Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Discuss Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2020. - Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Proclamation to declare April 2020 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, with the note that each month should be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Discuss and Approve of County Clerk's Office contract with Avenue for the recording for computer and software. Olga Lydia Reyes.** Commissioner Reed made the motion to approve the District and County Clerk's Office contract with Avenu for the recording and cashiering software. If additional funds are needed to meet the new contract amount, those funds can be obtained from the Records Management & Preservation Fund. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Discuss and Act upon the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency. Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin informed the Court that our local state health district is identified as Region 8. There are 28 counties in this region. Of these 28 counties, there are 781 cases of COVID-19 with 200 individuals recovered and 35 deaths. In Bexar County alone, there have been 772 cases of COVID-19 with 610 active cases, 135 individuals recovered, and 27 deaths. He stated that 98% of these deaths that have occurred were in individuals with prior existing conditions. Shanklin stated that he had been reluctant to put mandates out and he doesn't want to be heavy-handed. This declaration will be the same as the prior disaster declaration. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. **Discuss the Final Plat for Paula Verde East. Matt Fry.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the final plat for Paula Verde East. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.



k. **Discuss Subdivision Regulations. Matt Fry.** Fry reported that County Attorney Moody was going to put some things together. However, he would like to pursue finding an outside attorney that has prior experience in the preparation of these regulations to move things along. Judge Shanklin suggested the name of Chad Elkins, an attorney who has assisted the County in prior legal matters. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to allow Commissioner Fry to make some contact on behalf of the Commissioner Court with outside counsel to review and prepare our Subdivision Regulations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** Commissioner Sweeten would like to get something going on our new clinic and would like to see an item regarding same on next month's agenda.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on the second Tuesday of May, 2020 (May 12, 2020) 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 5/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

APPROVED:

---

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN  
Edwards County Judge

APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin

SOU LI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Olga Lydia Reyes

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk

