

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 11th day of July, 2023, 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 July 6, 2023 at 1:20 p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Stephen 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 was 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.** County Attorney Moody gave a quick update on the fire that affected his office.

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 Graham made the motion to approve the June 2023 Minutes of the Edwards County Commissioners Court; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Grooms made the motion to enact the burn ban and give the County Judge the authority to rescind the ban if needed; Commissioner Smith seconded the ban. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Discussion of Texas Association of Counties Representative on TCDRS – Tim Crowsey.** Mr. Crowsey appeared to give the court information regarding the retirement plan that is currently in place. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to leave Edwards County's retirement plan as is; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Contract with Gilmer Memorial Library – Kristen Satterfield.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the contract with the Gilmer Memorial Library; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Presentation from Department of State Health Services Region 8 – Rolla Kelly & Chelsea Lopez.** No action taken.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Interlocal Agreement between RPDO and Edwards County. Judge Shanklin.** This is the agreement that we have with Lubbock Concerning insuring our indigent costs for capital crimes. If an indigent defendant is accused of murder, the insurance covered by this agreement will cover those costs. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between RPDO and Edwards County. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Presentation of 2022-2023 Treasurer's Audit. – Eric Ede.** Auditor Ede appeared to address the Court regarding his annual Treasurer's Audit. He reviewed the financial statements for Edwards County and provided the Court with an overview of the County's financial standing. No concerns were noted. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Treasurer's



Audit; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.


h. Discuss and Act upon Edwards County Employee's to complete the 2023 Cybersecurity Course – Judge Shanklin.This was just a reminder item; no action taken.

i. Discuss and/or consider and vote to remove the 207(k) exemption and have all law enforcement employees be paid as all other non-exempt employees – Judge Shanklin.Judge Shanklin explained that we are already operating as if there is not a 207(k) exemption but we need this motion to be approved so that we may be in compliance with our handbook. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve removing the 207(k) exemption and have all law enforcement employees be paid as all other non-exempt employees; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.



j. Discussion of Election of Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2023-2024 – Judge Shanklin.Max Martin and Craig Wolcott are our current representatives. They will continue to serve if approved by the Court. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve Max Martin and Craig Wolcott as our representatives on the Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2023-2024. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. Discuss and Act upon Resolution calling for additional measures to secure the border, stop the invasion at the border, and protect our communities. – Judge Shanklin.Judge Shanklin stated that this Resolution has been approved in the past. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution calling for additional measures to secure the border, stop the invasion at the border, and protect our communities; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.



5. New Business. Judge Shanklin informed the Court that we are in the budgeting process and anticipate a 3-1/2% tax increase.

6. **Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of August, 2023 (August 8, 2023) at 9:00 a.m.

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

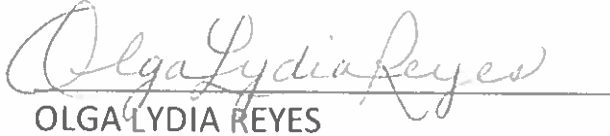
8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:56 o'clock a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

