

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 8th day of October, 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 October 3, 2024 at 1:35 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, was absent

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 9:02 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present. Judge Shanklin stated that it had been brought to his attention that someone in the gallery during the last Commissioners Court session had not stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. He instructed that all in the Courtroom must stand for the Pledge or this would be considered an act of direct contempt by the court, which was punishable by 5 days in jail and a \$500 fine. He stated that the person committing this act held the key to the jail cell in their hand. They must apologize to the Court and never do it again to be released. This is a court of record and contempt will not be tolerated.

2. Open Forum. There were no participants in 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. The prior minutes were approved as follows:

September 10, 2024: Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the minutes from September 10, 2024. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion passed 4/0.

b. Burn Ban. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve enacting the burn ban. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

c. Discuss and Act upon Contract from Snider Technology to be the Courthouse IT Consultants – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Contract from Snider Technology to be the Courthouse IT Consultants; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. Discuss and Act upon Interlocal Agreement with Nueces Canyon EMS – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Nueces Canyon EMS; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. Discuss and Act upon Vacancy of Edwards County Road and Bridge Supervisor Position – Judge Shanklin. Four applications were received for this position. One of the applicants, James Prescott, was present in Court. He reported that he has 47 years of work experience with Zachary Construction. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to offer the job position of Edwards County Road and Bridge Supervisor to Mr. Prescott; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. Commissioner Grooms offered Mr. Prescott the job; Mr. Prescott stated that he could start next week but that he wanted to receive more information about the job, such as starting salary, before giving his final acceptance in a more private setting.

f. Discuss and Act upon Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for FY 2025 – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to keep the Sheriffs' and

Constables' Fees for FY 2025 as is; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. Consider and Act upon Resolution to apply for FY 2025-2026 CDBG Community Development Fund – Carl Esser. Carl Esser appeared to address the Court. He stated that this item deals with a pre-application for a CDBG Community Development Fund grant. If the County submits a pre-app, it will be scored and those counties that receive high scores will be invited to submit a full application. Esser informed that Edwards County has not had a project for the last three funding cycles of this grant. Additionally, every county that commits 2% of the grant amount (which would be about \$15,000.00) will receive 50 points on their scorecard and should be in a good position to receive an invitation to submit a full blown application. Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the Resolution to submit a pre-app for the FY 2025-2026 CDBG Community Development Fund. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

h. Discuss and Act upon Budget Amendment of Road and Bridge line item 2000.0611.4280 in the amount of 292,500.00 – Judge Shanklin. This amount has already been allocated for blasting and crushing. Jason Arp, the former Road Superintendent, forgot to include it in the Road & Bridge current budget. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve the amendment of budget line item 2000.0611.4280 in the amount of \$292,500.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

i. Discuss and Act upon mandatory reporting of an annual audit for all County annual contributions and or distributions. – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin announced that this requirement has always been in place, however, our County Treasurer wanted confirmation of this through Commissioners Court and this was why it was on this month's agenda. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve mandatory reporting of an annual audit for all County annual contributions and or distributions; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

j. Discuss and Act upon a response to the City Letters date September 10, 2024, that were mailed and delivered to the County Judge's office after Commissioner's Court. – Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin addressed the Court. He stated that the City's response to the County's Open Record Request was hand-delivered to the County Judge's office after last month's Commissioners Court. On those, there was a report filed of an Open Records violation with the Attorney General's office. They responded yesterday and wanted the full request. This has been done. A copy of the City's response to the County's Open Records request has been disseminated to all Commissioners. The City requested a fee to do all of the research for the documents asked for which included the articles of incorporation, the minutes, and the complaints that they have received. The Judge asked for a motion to approve these three things. The motion to approve this response was made by Commissioner Grooms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

5. New Business. No new business was discussed.

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 November, 2024 (November 12, 2024) at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve this meeting date; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

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 4/0.

8. Adjourn. Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

Souli A. Shanklin

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Olga Lydia Reyes

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Edwards County and District Clerk

