

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 13th day of October, 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 October 8, 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, was absent

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:01 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. Clerk Reyes was not in attendance as this is the first day of Early Voting for the 2020 General Election. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Reed. The roll was then called by JoBeth Moffett. 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.** Commissioner Sweeten noted that one correction needed to be made on agenda item C of the prior month's minutes. He has already contacted the clerk and the correction will be made. Once the correction is made, Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the September 2020 minutes; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any

opposition, the motion carried 3/0, with Commissioners Epperson and Sweeten abstaining.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to reinstate the burn ban and giving the County Judge the authority to rescind it, if needed. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Discuss and Act upon Preliminary Plat for Wild Canyon Ranch Subdivision, Phase 1 – Sam Poorman.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for Wild Canyon Ranch Subdivision, Phase 1; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Preliminary Plat for Cutting Pen Draw Ranch – Gene Lehmann, Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for Cutting Pen Draw Ranch; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Consider and act upon Kimble Hospital Contract to open a Rural Health Care Clinic for Edwards County – Duke Young.** Mr. Young did not appear in Court today; however, representatives from Kimble Hospital came down to look at the building yesterday. They will be getting back to Judge Shanklin regarding this project. No action taken until more information is received.

f. **Consider and Act upon Resolution to apply for 2021 Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2021 Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Consider and Act upon three bids for new roof for the Chester Todd Medical Building from COVID-19 Grant Funds – Judge Shanklin.** Bids were unsealed in open court. Bids were received from three local contractors: Douglass Steel Construction, Plateau Metal Buildings, and Steve Sanchez. The Vent-a-Hood

needs to come out and a new roof needs to be put in. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the bid from Plateau Metal Buildings in the amount of \$8,700.00 for the new roof for the Chester Todd Medical Building from the COVID-19 Grant Funds. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried.

h. Discuss and act upon budget line amendments as follows – Jason Arp.

Please move the following sums from accounts listed below to 20-600-665 (Parts):

20-600-310-Seminars- \$3,020.00	20-600-365-Equipment \$39,969.42
20-600-671-Cylinder Lease- \$834.93	20-600-674-Tires \$4,526.84
20-600-685-Bump Gate Repairs \$112.75	Total=\$48,463.94

Mr. Arp appeared to address the Court. These changes do not change the Road Department's budget; they are simply transfers between line items. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the budget line amendments as described above. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. Discuss and Act upon hiring another operator/cdl driver to replace an employee on roster – Jason Arp. Commissioner Reed made the motion to hire another operator/cdl driver to replace an employee on roster due to retirement. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. Discuss and Act upon replacing bump gates on CR350 removed by the Road Department under previous management in original location with the new bump gates or cattle guards – Jason Arp. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve replacing the bump gates on CR350 removed by the Road Department under previous management in original location with the new bump gates or cattle guards. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. **Discuss and Potential action on Water/Market Street in Barksdale. – Lee Sweeten.** This agenda item is regarding the survey for these streets in Barksdale. When it was prepared approximately 100 years ago, it was incorrect. Mark Norvell, who currently owns property in this survey, is selling and the correction will be made. The road through this survey will be deeded to Edwards County in the exact location in which it is; the imprint will not change. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the correction of the survey and the deeding of the road to Edwards County; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

l. **Discuss and Potential action to appoint up to 3 Reserve Deputy Constables – Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten addressed the Court. This would be at no cost to the County and would provide the Constable with the ability to appoint deputies to assist him whenever he wants to be off. This will also help the officers who need someone to maintain their license for them. They will work up to 16 hours a month. Sheriff Elliott was asked how many reserve deputies had been allowed for her department; she replied that she had been allowed 10. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the appointment of up to 3 Reserve Deputy Constables by the Constable. The motion died for lack of a second.

m. **Discuss and Potential action on establishing an Impound Account for Constable's Office to be authorized by Edwards County Sheriff's Office. – Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten addressed the Court. The Constable is allowed to do basically the same as the Sheriff does as it relates to impounds. We already have one impound lot. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the establishing of an Impound Account for the Constable's Office to be authorized by the Edwards County Sheriff's Office. The motion died for lack of a second.

5. **New Business.** Judge Shanklin announced that another preliminary subdivision will be on next month's agenda. Commissioner Fry stated that he had spoken with Chad Elkins in regards to the subdivision regulations.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on the second Tuesday of November, 2020 (November 10, 2020).

7. **Pay Bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:35 o'clock a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk

