

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 November 9, 2023 at 1:54 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, 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 Open Meeting was called to order at 9:01 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Grooms. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present.

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.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the October 2023 Minutes of the Edwards County Commissioners Court; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban is in place. No action taken.

c. **Discuss and/or Approve the Jury Selection Plan as recommended to the Edwards County Commissioners Court by the Hon. Robert Hofmann, Presiding Judge of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court – Olga Lydia Reyes.** The Texas Secretary of State is requesting that all Texas counties submit their written jury plan for their respective counties. Since the establishment of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, we did not have a written jury plan in place. Judge Hofmann prepared a written jury plan for each of his counties, upon their request. This is what is being presented to the Court for approval today. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve the Jury Selection Plan as recommended to the Edwards County Commissioners Court by the Hon. Robert Hofmann, Presiding Judge of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Bids received for CDBG Contract CFC 22-0105 Barksdale Water Supply Corporation Waterline Replacement Project – Judge Shanklin.** Carl Esser appeared to address the Court. He reported this request for bids opened on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Two bids were received. The first was from JM Pipeline LLC from Burnet, Texas. The second was from Alvin E. Stock LLC from Eagle Pass, Texas. JM Pipeline LLC was the low bidder but they did not correctly complete the deductive alternate bid form. The TRC Engineer reviewed this bid form and was of the opinion that this bid was a non-responsive bid as it would be unable to reasonably complete the required work at the quoted price. Therefore, this leaves only one bid received. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the bid from Alvin E. Stock LLC from Eagle Pass for the CDBG Contract CFC 22-0105 Barksdale Water Supply Corporation Waterline Replacement Project. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and Act upon Resolution to votes cast to elect directors for the Edwards Central Appraisal District for the year 2024-2025 – Judge Shanklin.** Edwards County receives 2,088 total votes which it can cast for the directors of its choice to represent Edwards County on the Edwards Central Appraisal District for

the year 2024-2025. The board members that are currently on the board that represent Edwards County are Maximillian Martin and Craig Wolcott. Last voting cycle, the Court evenly split its votes and cast them evenly for Mr. Martin and Mr. Wolcott. Judge Shanklin announced that this is what he would like done for this voting cycle as both Mr. Martin and Mr. Wolcott are willing to continue to serve on the Appraisal Board. Commissioner Grooms made the motion for Edwards County to cast 1,044 votes for Maximillian Martin and 1,044 votes for Craig Wolcott in the election to elect directors for the Edwards Central Appraisal District for the year 2024-2025. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

**f. Report of Underground Water Survey – Brian Leiker.** Mr. Leiker from the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District appeared to address the Court regarding the Western Edwards County Groundwater Availability Study. No action taken as this was an informational item only.

**g. Discuss and Act upon Interlocal Agreement between Edwards County and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin explained that our Agricultural Extension Agent, James Crockett, got us back on the Hog Out program again. Edwards County is to receive a grant of \$20,000. This is our third time receiving this grant. The Judge explained that the County supplements this amount over to the Trappers Association for their use in eliminating hogs. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Edwards County and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grooms. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

**h. Discuss and possible action for Canvass of Votes from November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Constitutional Amendment Election Edwards County, Texas – Judge Shanklin.** During the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 election, Edwards County reported two provisional ballots and one carrier envelope that required corrective action. The deadline for the corrective action was yesterday (November 13, 2023) and the Early Voting Ballot Board is reconvening today to finish up their work reviewing these ballots to determine if they will be counted. This matter will be tabled until Thursday,

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at which time the Court will reconvene at the Edwards County Courthouse, County Courtroom, to canvass the votes from the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 Constitutional Amendment election.

5. **New Business.** No new business was discussed.

6. **Set Time and Date for Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of December, 2023 (December 12, 2023) at 9:00 a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Groom made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

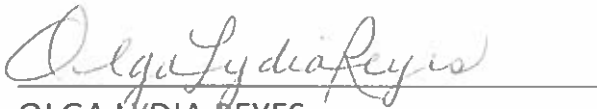
8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:23 o'clock a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN  
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES  
Edwards County and District Clerk

