**County of Edwards** 

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 December 5, 2024 at 1:42 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.
- 2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in the Open Forum.
- 3. **Staff Reports.** Road Superintendent Jim Prescott was present and presented the Court with an Edwards County Road Schedule that showed actual work activity on the county roads.
- 4. DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- a. Prior Minutes. The prior minutes were approved as follows:

**November 12, 2024:** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion passed 4/0.

- **November 18, 2024.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2024, with the correction that both he and Comm. Smith were in attendance. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion passed 4/0.
- b. **Burn Ban.** Judge Shanklin stated that the burn ban should just be left as is (currently enacted) and that the County Judge should have the authority to lift it, if needed.
- c. Discuss and Act upon Approval of Edwards County Holiday/Observances for 2025 Judge Shanklin. Judge Shanklin stated that Veterans Day 2025 fell on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of November. As we approach this date, we will decide if the Commissioners Court meeting will be moved to either the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Kathy Walker, Republican Chairperson, stated that Election Day fell on he would probably just schedule Commissioners Court for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Edwards County Holiday/Observances for 2025; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.
- d. Discuss and Act upon reconfiguration of IT Room and Dispatch. Sheriff James Guthrie. Judge Shanklin stated that this agenda item stemmed from recommendations from the Jail Commission. Sheriff Guthrie addressed the Court from the audience. He stated that the most recent Fire Marshal inspection found So, after some that the Detention Center radio room was overflowing. consideration, he determined that if some repairs are made, the dispatch room and the library over at the Detention Center can swap spaces. This move will also allow equipment to also be updated. Two operational consoles are needed for Dispatch but they will not fit in the current dispatch office. Guthrie stated that at the last Commissioners Court meeting, he asked for about \$23000.00 for repairs. Now, he received an estimate for the electrical work that is going to be required to make these changes and the bid came in around \$13,000.00. Guthrie believes that he can get everything done for about \$50,000.00. He reports that Eagle Pass has two consoles that need repair for less than \$4,000.00 total. If purchased new, these consoles would cost around \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. He just has to go

pick them up and take someone who can disassemble them and then reassemble them after delivering them to the Detention Center.

Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the reconfiguration of the IT room and Dispatch office at the Detention Center; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. 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 January, 2025 (January 14, 2025) at 9:00 a.m.
- 7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.
- 8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN Edwards County Judge

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OLGA/LYDIA REYES

**Edwards County and District Clerk**