

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 13th day of August, 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 August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Steve 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 to the United States Flag and to the Texas State Flag were 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. There were no participants in the Open Forum. Edwards County Emergency Management Coordinator James Glasscock appeared to address the Court. He stated that Edwards County was in the process of updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan and he gave the Court some information about upcoming classes that are scheduled for September 5th at the local high school.

Republican Chairperson Kathy Walker also appeared to address the Court. She provided the Court with a list of her Precinct Election Judges and Election Clerks for Election Day. She stated that she was probably going to lose her Precinct 2-BK Election Day Judge and asked the court to offer any suggestions in the upcoming

future if they think of anyone from the Barksdale area who might be willing to serve in this capacity.

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 minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban is not in effect. No action taken.

c. **Discuss and Act upon Contracts and Agreement for the counties of Taylor, Brown, Val Verde and Grayson for Juvenile Detention Services – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that these are the contracts that the Court approves to provide juvenile beds in the event that the County needs to take in a juvenile offender. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Contracts and Agreements for the counties of Taylor, Brown, Val Verde and Grayson for Juvenile Detention Services; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Resolution calling for Legislation to ban the world health organization, the world economic forum and the United Nations from having any authority with the State of Texas – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that the State of Louisiana has approved a similar Resolution. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Resolution calling for Legislation to ban the world health organization, the world economic forum and the United Nations from having any authority with the State of Texas; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Report Presentation of Public Health Region 8 County and Regional Report – Rolla Kelly.** Ms. Kelly and her Staff from the Office of Public Health, Region 8 appeared to present their Region 8 – 2023 Annual Report. They also provided the Court with handouts listing their available services and briefly discussed their roles in providing services to our community. No action taken as this was an informational item only.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 Road And Bridge – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the proposed

budget for 2024-2025 Road and Bridge. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. Discuss and Act upon Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 General Fund – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve the proposed budget for 2024-2025 General Fund. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. Discuss and Act upon Voter Approved Tax Rate of .134611 for R&B – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Voter Approved Tax Rate of .134611 for R&B; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. Discuss and Act upon Voter Approved Tax Rate of .532692 for General Fund – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the Voter Approved Tax Rate of .532692 for General Fund; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. Discuss and Vote to have Public Hearing August 20th – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Smith made the motion to have the Public Hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate at 9:00 am on August 20, 2024; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. Discussion/Possible Action on Selection of Engineering Firm for Edwards County Airport Improvement Project. Shanklin announced that these bids had been reviewed and scored by Edwards County and they will be uploaded by Carl Esser. Everyone has signed their non-disclosure and Shanklin thinks TXDOT Aviation makes the final decision on who is awarded these contracts. Shanklin announced that he would entertain a motion to approve what has been done by Edwards County and forwarded to TXDOT Aviation. Commissioner Smith made the motion; Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No action taken.

5. New Business. Judge Shanklin announced that the Commissioners received a copy of the letter addressed to the County from the City of Rocksprings and some ideas for a potential response were included in their stack of information.

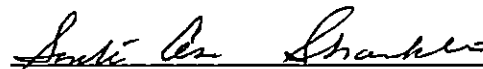
6. Set time and date for next meeting. The next special meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for August 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This will be the public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate. The next regular

meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of September, 2024 (September 10, 2024) at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve both of these meetings and their respective times and dates; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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 5/0.

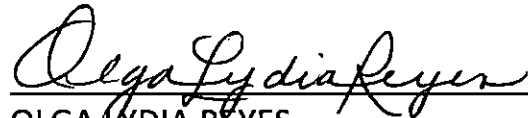
8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grooms seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES
Edwards County and District Clerk

