

The State of Texas §

County of Edwards §

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 20th day of August, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on August 15, 2024 at 2:23 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

Honorable Mike Grooms, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk was absent due to a Jury Trial in the 452nd Judicial District Court

Victoria Ramirez, County and District Clerk deputy was present in the Clerk's absence.

1. Determination of quorum; Call to Order. The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:07 o'clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Victoria Ramirez, Deputy Clerk Ramirez. Judge Shanklin announced that he had a quorum. All Commissioners were present.

2. Public Hearing for Proposed Budget 2024-2025 and Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate 2024. There were no participants in the Public Hearing.

3. DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

a. Act and Adopt FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. M & O Budget – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Steve Smith made the motion to approve and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. M & O Budget. Commissioner Marty Graham seconded the motion. Judge Shanklin asked the Deputy Clerk to poll the Court for their

individual votes, and upon doing this, she recorded the Commissioners' votes as follows:

Commissioner Marty Graham: For

Commissioner Steve Smith: For

County Judge Souli Shanklin: For

Commissioner Matt Fry: For

Commissioner Mike Grooms: For

No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. Act and Adopt FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. M & O Tax Rate of .532692 – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Steve Smith made the motion to approve and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. M & O Tax Rate of .532692. Commissioner Matt Fry seconded the motion. Judge Shanklin asked the Deputy Clerk to poll the Court for their individual votes, and upon doing this, she recorded the Commissioners' votes as follows:

Commissioner Marty Graham: For

Commissioner Steve Smith: For

County Judge Souli Shanklin: For

Commissioner Matt Fry: For

Commissioner Mike Grooms: For

No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. Act and Adopt FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. Road & Bridge Budget – Judge Shanklin. Commissioner Mike Grooms made the motion to approve and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. Road & Bridge Budget. Commissioner Marty Graham seconded the motion. Judge Shanklin asked the Deputy Clerk to poll the Court for their individual votes, and upon doing this, she recorded the Commissioners' votes as follows:

Commissioner Marty Graham: For

Commissioner Steve Smith: For

County Judge Souli Shanklin: For

Commissioner Matt Fry: For

Commissioner Mike Grooms: For

No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. Act and Adopt FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. Road & Bridge Tax Rate of .134461

– **Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that the correct rate is .134611. Commissioner Steve Smith made the motion to approve and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Edwards Co. Road & Bridge Tax Rate of .134611. Commissioner Matt Fry seconded the motion. Judge Shanklin asked the Deputy Clerk to poll the Court for their individual votes, and upon doing this, she recorded the Commissioners' votes as follows:

Commissioner Marty Graham: For

Commissioner Steve Smith: For

County Judge Souli Shanklin: For

Commissioner Matt Fry: For

Commissioner Mike Grooms: For

No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. Discuss and Act upon Bids for Rock Blasting/Crushing at Edwards County

Airport – Judge Shanklin. Three bids were received and opened in Open Court. They were as follows: Luke Tillman Construction - \$292,500.00; Allen Keller Construction - \$335,700.00; and Gipson Construction - \$ 301,500.00. Commissioner Grooms made the motion to award the contract for rock blasting/crushing to Luke Tillman Construction; if the contract obligations are not fulfilled by Luke Tillman Construction, the contract will then be awarded to Allen Keller Construction and, if the contract obligations are not fulfilled by Allen Keller Construction, the contract will be awarded to Gipson Construction. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon Contract for Interlocal and Detention Services for Tom Green Co. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Smith made the motion to approve the contract for Interlocal and Detention Services for Tom Green County. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Pursuant to Section 551.074 and 551.071 of the Commissioner’s Court will meet in Executive Session.** The Court went into Executive Session regarding Item “i.” at 9:26 a.m.

i. **Discussion with County Attorney regarding pending litigation with the City of Rocksprings.** The Court ended this time of Executive Session on this item at 10:00 a.m.

ii. **Discussion of Personnel.** The Court went into Executive Session on this item at 10:27 a.m.

iii. **Reconvene in Open Session to consider and/or act on matters considered in Executive Session.** The Court ended their time of Executive Session on item “ii.” at 11:06 a.m. At 11:07 a.m., the Court reconvened in Open Session.

h. **Discussion and possible action on items discussed in executive session.** No discussion and no action taken.

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

5. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Matt Fry made the motion to adjourn this Special Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0 and Judge Shanklin adjourned this Special Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court at 11:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

Souli A. Shanklin

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN
Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Victoria Ramirez

VICTORIA RAMIREZ for
OLGA LYDIA REYES,
Edwards County and District Clerk

