

**The State of Texas**

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**County of Edwards**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, 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 August 5, 2022 at 11:11 a.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Honorable Kenneth Reed, 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 9:05 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 Reed. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present.

2. **Open Forum.** Rolla Kelley from the Texas Department of State Health Services appeared to address the Court. She is the Public Health and Prevention Specialist for Region 8. She indicated to the Court that she is seeking to establish a good working relationship and presence with our school and local medical clinic to assist with any public health resources that may be needed. She gave some general stats on the state of our local public health. She also provided the Court with a copy of the Texas Department of State Health Services 2021 Annual Report and left her contact information so she could be reached in the event and services are needed.

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 made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.**No action taken.

c. **Discuss and Act upon final plat for Dominion Wheel Ranch Subdivision – Kenneth Reed.** Commissioner Reed made the motion to approve the final plat for Dominion Wheel Ranch Subdivision; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeten. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Contract with Gilmer Memorial Library – Kristin Satterfield.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the contract with Gilmer Memorial Library; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and Act upon approval of 2022 Republican Judges for November 1, 2022 – Kathy Walker.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2022 Republican Judges for November 1, 2022 and Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon adopting Section 7(k) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. 207(k) establishing a work period of 14 consecutive days for the purpose of paying overtime. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Graham made the motion to adopt Section 7(k) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. 207(k) establishing a work period of 14 consecutive days for the purpose of paying overtime. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting an opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. **Adoption of Fees for 2023 Sheriff's and Constables' Fees under the Texas Local Government Code Section 118.131 to set fees charged for civil services and report to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Transparency Team – Sheriff Guthrie.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff's

and Constables' Fees under the Texas Local Government Code Section 118.131 to set fees charged for civil services and report to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Transparency Team. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting an opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

**i. Consider and Act upon Resolution Authorizing Submission of Operation Lone Star Grant Program Application for FY 2023 – Sheriff Guthrie.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Submission of Operation Lone Star Grant Program Application for FY 2023. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**j. Discuss and approval of the 452<sup>nd</sup> District Attorney Budget for 2022-2023 – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Reed made the motion to approve the 452<sup>nd</sup> District Attorney Budget for 2022-2023. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion to approve. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0/1, with Commissioner Lee Sweeten abstaining.

**k. Discuss and approval of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Probation Budget for 2022-2023 – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 452<sup>nd</sup> District Attorney Budget for 2022. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**l. Discuss and Act upon Resolution on Rescission of Property Tax Discount for Tax Year 2023 and forward – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Resolution on Rescission of Property Tax Discount for Tax Year 2023 and forward. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**m. Discussion of Lateral Road and General Fund Draft Budget and Tax rate for 2022-2023 and set time and date for Public Hearing – Judge Shanklin.** Edwards County Chief Appraiser Renn Rudasill appeared to address the Court.

**Lateral Road Budget.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Lateral Road budget; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**Road and Bridge Tax Rate.** Next, the Court moved on to consider the Road & Bridge tax rate for 2022-2023. The Court sought to increase the tax rate from .1344 to .1396. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve this increase in the tax rate (from .1344 to .1392) for 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**General Fund Budget.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the General Fund Budget with requested modifications to the Nueces Canyon Volunteer Fire Department name and increase in budgeted amount from \$3000 to \$5000 for this organization. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**General Fund Tax Rate.** The Court sought to increase the tax rate to .5336. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve and set the General Fund tax rate at .5336 for 2022-2023. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**Time and Date for Public Hearing.** The time and date for the Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. This is Tuesday of next week. It will be set for 5:30 o'clock p.m. It will be held in the County Courtroom located on the second floor at the Edwards County Courthouse; 100 Main Street; Rocksprings, Texas. The Court will vote on the tax rates and approval of the budget at that same meeting. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the time and date for this public hearing as set forth above; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

n. **Discuss and consider setting elected official's salaries for FY23 and COLA increases – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the proposed elected official's salaries for FY23 and COLA increases as previously posted; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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 the Public Hearing on the Budget and the Tax Rate set for Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of September, 2022 (September 13, 2022).

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten 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 Sweeten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:59 o'clock a.m.

APPROVED:



SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:



OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk