

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 February, 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 February 9, 2023 at 2:21 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

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 was recited. The Court was led in the Lord's 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.

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 January 2023 Minutes of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Grooms made the motion to leave the burn ban as is and giving the County Judge the ability to enact the ban if it becomes saturated. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Discuss and Act upon Resolution for Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for Edwards county FY 24 – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for Edwards County FY 24. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and Act upon Final Plat for Idhika Family Ranches – Commissioner Mike Grooms.** Commissioner Grooms made the motion to approve the Final Plat for the Idhika Family Ranches; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Discuss and Act on Edwards County will no longer approve plats with tracts less than 100 acres – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin led this discussion, which he stressed was just a discussion and a starting point to future action. He invited County Attorney Moody to join the discussion. Commissioner Moody stated that, in his research, he found that counties can limit the size of the tracts in subdivisions. However, he thinks it has to be tied to water availability. He thought it would be a good idea to review what our neighboring counties are doing. Judge Shanklin stated that what they've done is called Kendall and Bandera counties and all Commissioners have a copy of the Bandera Subdivision Regulations. Judge Shanklin has spoken to Bandera County Judge Evans about this issue for some time. Bandera's water table is from 400-900 feet deep depending on which aquifer you tap into. As far as the water is concerned, Bandera County drills test wells every 100 acres. The Court will continue looking into this matter and try to get it before the Court in a timely manner. Commissioner Grooms stated that he thought the protection of our water was a step in the right direction. Surveyor Sterling Martin participated in the discussion with the Court and provided much insight into how the Subdivision Regulations could be revised in light of what other counties are doing. The Court is




considering hiring Mr. Martin as a consultant on this project. Based on these discussions, the Court determined that notice of revision of the Subdivision Regulations must be published on the Court's website. A County Engineer may also need to be hired. The Court continued in discussion about this issue without taking any formal action.

f. **Discuss and Act upon on Revision of Subdivision and Land Development Regulations – Judge Shanklin.** See discussion above.

g. **Discuss and Act upon Road and Bridge Specs – Jason Arp.** Mr. Arp appeared to address the Court. He stated that the Road Department was taking this opportunity of the revision of the Subdivision Regulations to tighten up their regulations to address the maintenance of the County Roads.


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 March, 2023 (March 14, 2023) at 9:00 a.m.

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 Fry made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:18 o'clock a.m.



APPROVED:

*Souli Asa Shanklin*

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN  
Edwards County Judge

Attest:

*Olga Lydia Reyes*

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Edwards County and District Clerk

