

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 11th day of January, 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 January 6, 2022 at 1:09 p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, was absent

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 9:00 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 Reed. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no speakers present for 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 Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to leave the last action regarding the Burn Ban in place but to give the County Judge the authority to reinstate it or cancel it during the month, if needed. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

c. **Selection of Salary Grievance Committee members for 2022. Olga Lydia Reyes.** As is done at the beginning of every year, the names of the Salary Grievance Committee members for 2022 were drawn from the names of the individuals who had served on an Edwards County Grand Jury during the 2021 calendar year. Five names were selected: Grady Douglass; Nora Patino; Liliana Quintero; Jacqueline Cottle; and Carolyn Kaye Pope. The names of two alternates were also selected: Rose Bainum and Linda Miracle. The County Judge's office will send out letters to these individuals asking if they would volunteer to serve on this committee.

d. **Motion to approve First of the Year Motions:**

- i. Motion to declare County Court a continuous term
- ii. Motion for County Judge to sign vouchers and In Vacation Bills
- iii. Motion for County Treasurer to make transfers as needed for payroll, payroll taxes, etc.
- iv. Motion for County Treasurer's fees to write checks for County expenses as follows: Withholding taxes, social security payments, Treasurer's fees to the State Treasurer, insurance premiums, stamps and postage for County offices from the United States Post Office, all electric bills, fund transfers from government programs, etc., as we have in operation and County trappers salaries

Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve all of the First-of-Year Motions; Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

Commissioner Sweeten also made the motion to approve Jay Jackson, MD, from the Rocksprings Medical Clinic, as County Health Officer for a period of two years, beginning January 1, 2022 and continuing through December 31, 2023. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. Discuss and take Action on the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary – Olga Lydia Reyes. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. This would be for the upcoming Primary Election on March 1, 2022 and would allow the Republican Party and the Democratic Party to conduct a joint election. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

5. New Business.

Information item concerning County Road 326. – Ralf Blaettner. This issue arose out of the Edwards Central Appraisal District when Mr. Blaettner questioned his tax bill and the existence of County Road 326, which could not be found on an Edwards County map. After some investigation, it was found that after the last Road Dedications and Jury of View that occurred in 2009, the Edwards Central Appraisal District should have updated their systems to reflect the accurate state of the County Roads after the Road Dedications and Jury of View findings. Since that time, this office has had 5 different Chief Appraisers and this update was never done. The current Chief Appraiser is now going to begin work to update their records.

6. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court is scheduled for the second Tuesday of February, 2022 (February 8, 2022).

7. Pay bills. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the bills; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:14 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



**MOTION FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO MAKE QUARTERLY OR MONTHLY
TRANSFERS TO PAY TAXES**

On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Treasurer be authorized to make quarterly or monthly transfers to pay Social Security and Withholding Taxes, with the Edwards County Clerk countersigning the checks, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2/8/2022

APPROVED:

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MOTION TO APPOINT EDWARDS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion that Jay Jackson, M.D. of the Edwards County Medical Clinic, be appointed as County Health Officer for a two year period, starting January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2/8/2022

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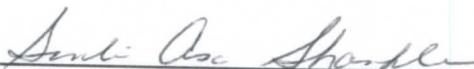
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**MOTION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN VOUCHERS AND IN VACATION
BILLS**

On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Judge be authorized to sign vouchers for salary checks and In Vacation bills for the year of 2022, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2/5/2022

APPROVED:


Souli Asa Shanklin
Edwards County Judge

**MOTION FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO WRITE CHECKS FOR COUNTY
EXPENSES**

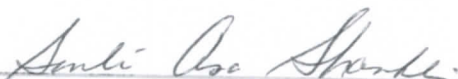
On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion that the Edwards County Treasurer be authorized to write checks for the following items when necessary, and as they become due and payable, each month, with the Edwards County Clerk countersigning the checks:

Withholding taxes, social security payments, Treasurer's fees to the State Comptroller, insurance premiums, stamps and postage for County officers from the United States Post Office, all electric bills, fund transfers from government programs, etc., as we have them in operation, and County trapper salaries.

All four Commissioners and the County Judge voted in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

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Edwards County Judge

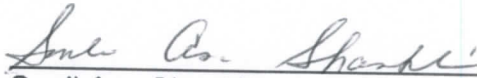
FIRST OF THE YEAR MOTIONS

MOTION TO PLACE COUNTY OFFICIALS ON A SALARY BASIS

On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion to place the County officials on a salary basis, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

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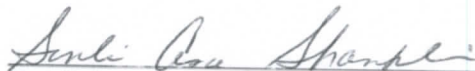

Souli Asa Shanklin
Edwards County Judge

MOTION TO DECLARE COUNTY COURT A CONTINUOUS TERM

On a motion made by Commissioner Sweeten and seconded by Commissioner Graham, the Court approved the Motion that the County Court is declared to be for a continuous term for the calendar year starting January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, with all four Commissioners and the County Judge voting in favor of such motion. No discussion. Motion carried 5/0.

Date: 2/8/2022

APPROVED:


Souli Asa Shanklin
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