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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 13th day of August, 2019, 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 9, 2019 at 10:32 o’clock a.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, 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 was 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.** Mark Carlile appeared to address the Court regarding the Barksdale EMS. He presented the Court with a financial statement. Judge Shanklin stated that their budget contribution would be increased.

Josh Cox appeared on behalf of the Barksdale Volunteer Fire Department to ask the Court for increased funding. He stated that the BVFD provided service to approximately 840 square miles of terrain, most of which was rough. He informed the Court that they have been fighting a fire for the past 3 days and, due to the terrain, 6 tires have been torn up. The cost per tire is $450. Judge Shanklin informed him that the BVFD’s budget contribution would also be increased.

Duke Young appeared on behalf of the Kimble County Medical Clinic. The KCMC may be potentially opening up a clinic in our community where the Sonora Medical Clinic was previously housed. If this occurs, this would be a part time clinic and it could take 60 days or more for them to get licensed for this particular clinic. They could possibly start seeing patients in September and, by mid-November, they could possibly be licensed to open 3 days a week.

3. **Staff Reports.** CommissionerEpperson had a question regarding the clear diesel; he was told to get in touch with the Road superintendent. There were no other statements on the staff reports.

4. **Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate FY 2019-2020.** There were no public comments during the Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Rate FY 2019-2020. Judge Shanklin adjourned the public hearing at 9:19 a.m.

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

a. **Prior Minutes from July 9, 2019; July 29, 2019; and August 8, 2019.** Commissioner Sweetenmade the motion to approve all three sets of minutes; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as follows:

July 9, 2019: 4/0, with all voting in favor.

July 29, 2019: 3/0 with Commissioner Epperson abstaining.

August 8, 2019: 4/0 with all voting in favor.

b. **Burn Ban.** The Burn Ban is currently active; no action is needed at this time.

c. **Discuss and act upon Final Plat for Bison Trail Subdivision. – Sam Poorman.** Poorman appeared to address the Court; he stated that the approval letter from the Real Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District had not been mailed out yet, although he received verbal notice of the subdivision’s approval. He asked the Court to approve the final plat for the Bison Trail Subdivision on the condition that it not be recorded by the County Clerk until the approval letter is received. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the final plat for the Bison Trail Subdivision with the stipulation that the final plat for the Bison Trail Subdivision not be recorded by the County Clerk until the approval letter from the Real Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District is received; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon approving Republican election workers. – Kathy Walker, Republican Party Chair.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Republican election workers as provided on a list by Republican Chairperson Kathy Walker; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and act upon filing Proposed Budget FY 2019-2020 with County Clerk and schedule public hearing (August 29, 2019). – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Reed made the motion to filing the Proposed Budget FY 2019-202 with the County Clerk and schedule the public hearing; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and act upon approval of salary for part-time legal staff and salary supplements for the District Attorney office employees to be paid with funds from the District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Funds pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedures Section 59.06 (d-1)(7) amounts effective September 1, 2019. No county tax revenue is used to pay these supplements. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the salary for part-time legal staff and salary supplements for the District Attorney office employees to be paid with funds from the District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Funds pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedures Section 59.06 (d-1)(7) amounts effective September 1, 2019; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/1, with Commissioner Sweeten opposing the motion.

g. **Discuss and act upon contract with Tom Green County, Taylor County, Guadalupe County, and Brown County Juvenile Justice Center.** The juvenile detention center contracts with Tom Green County, Taylor County, Guadalupe County, and Brown County Juvenile Justice Centers were presented to the Court. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve all of the contracts/ Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

h. **Discuss and act upon termination by payment by Edwards County to Kologik in the amount of $6790.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute a Release of Contract form evidencing a full and final release of all debts, claims, liens and other obligations between Edwards County and Kologik. – Allen Ray Moody.** County Attorney Moody has been working on this issue. A company named eforce will take over for Kologic. No money will come out of Edwards County funds. Commissioner Epperson asked when the contract with Kologik would terminate. It was explained that the date of termination depends on the date the signed release is received back from Kologic and the new contract with eforce is received. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the termination by payment by Edwards County to Kologik in the amount of $6790.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute a Release of Contract form evidencing a full and final release of all debts, claims, liens and other obligations between Edwards County and Kologik.Epperson requested a copy of the contract when received. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

i. **Discuss and act upon the approval of eForce (IntelliChoice Incorporated) Law Enforcement Services Contract between Edwards County and eForce. – Allen Ray Moody.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the eForce (IntelliChoice Incorporated) Law Enforcement Services Contract between Edwards County and eForce. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

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

7. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner Court will be held on the second Tuesday of September, 2019 (September 10, 2019) at 9:00 a.m. The next special open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be held on August 29, 2019 at 8:00 o’clock a.m.

8. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Reed made the motion to pay bills; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeten. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

9. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This special open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk