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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 10th day of April, 2018, 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 April 5, 2018 at 1:52 o’clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, 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 Epperson. 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 Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2018; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban will be left in place.

c. **Discuss and/or take action upon Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2018. – Judge Souli Shanklin.** Shanklin read the Proclamation to the Court. Sweeten made the motion to approve this resolution; Epperson seconded the motion. Sweeten stated that every month should be Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon Preliminary Plat for Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision. – Sam Poorman, Commissioner Fry.** Samuel Poorman appeared to address the Court and present a preliminary plat for Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision. He has already conducted the hydrology study with Joel Pigg. The only thing he is lacking at this point is the 911 street addresses. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Discuss and act upon Resolution Approving the Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System. – Commissioner Sweeten.** Shanklin stated that our COG told the County to approve a statewide mutual aid system rather than a county to county mutual aid system due to FEMA issues and reimbursement cost. Commissioner Epperson asked if there was any local policy that we have concerning permits. He stated that many times during a fire, the Forest Service will come in and, for example, might cut through a fence line that they encounter costing the landowner thousands of dollars. He believes that we need a local policy that they will work with the landowner and go through the gate. Shanklin stated that these repairs were a reimbursable expense. Sweeten doesn’t know if the County has the authority to create this local policy; he suggests that Epperson meet with our local Emergency Management Coordinator Jon Elliott to pursue this matter further. Sweeten then read the Resolution to the Court. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve this Resolution and Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Discuss Sheriff’s Office presence and interaction with Rocksprings I.S.D. – Commissioner Fry.** Judge Shanklin announced that this agenda item deals with issues occurring at our school. Judge Robert Hofmann. and Probation Officer Teri Trull appeared to address the Court. Fry stated that he requested that this item be put on the agenda as a non-actionable item. Judge Hofmann spoke about having an armed officer on campus, as is the case in McCullouch County. He stated that this officer was a county employee. Both Hofmann and Trull gave the court a rundown of the juvenile probation budget, a brief description of how a juvenile case goes through the system, juvenile detention costs, transportation of juveniles, and introduced new Juvenile Probation employee Jesse Saucedo in his absence. The Commissioners and the presenters then launched into a discussion about being proactive with regards to juvenile issues. No action taken.

g. **Discuss and act upon Edwards Central Appraisal District tax collection agreement. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that this matter has been discussed for five months. This matter of the collection agreement was also taken before the appraisal board. A contract has been offered to the County for collections. Sweeten stated that he has looked at this issue long and hard, both as an Appraisal board member and as a Commissioner. As a Commissioner, Sweeten thinks it is in the best interest of the County to enter into this type of contract. Epperson stated that he had concerns about this type of agreement; he believes that the elected official should bear the ultimate responsibility of his or her office and that the checks and balances currently in place should remain. He wanted to know if there wasn’t some middle ground. Barnebey also shared his concerns. He wanted to know if the County Attorney had reviewed the contracts. Shanklin replied that he has. He also stated that, the way the contract was written, the Appraisal District could charge the entities whatever they wanted. Shanklin stated that it is a one-year contract. The City has not been talked to about this. All the bodies will have their own chance to approve it. Sweeten stated that the County’s approval is contingent on all the other entities approving it as well. Commissioner Fry made a motion to approve the ECAD tax collection agreement, contingent upon approval of the other taxing entities; Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. The Clerk was asked to poll the Commissioners for their vote and the following announcements were made:

Commissioner Andrew Barnebey: Abstain

Commissioner Matt Fry: Aye

Judge Souli Shanklin: Aye

Commissioner Lee Sweeten: Yes

Commissioner William Epperson: No, due to his concerns about checks and balances.

The motion carried 3 in favor/ 1 against / 1 abstention.

h. **Discuss and act upon Resolution in Support of Application for NIBRS Grant. – Sheriff Elliott.** Elliott appeared to address the Court. She stated that NIBRS stands for the National Incident Based Reporting Migration Packet. She referred the Court to House Bill 11 of the 84th Legislative Session. She stated that all agencies in the state of Texas will move from one network to another. We have to be in compliance with the State by 2019 and with the FBI and Crime Reporting by 2021. This will be a 100% grant. However, if there is a shortfall, the County will be responsible for the shortfall. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve this Resolution and Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Consider and act upon Request for Reimbursement No. 1 TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027. – Carl Esser.** Carl Esser appeared to address the Court with regards to the County’s Disaster Relief Grant regarding County Road 350 and the County’s request for reimbursement in the amount of $123,000. This includes all the County’s personnel and equipment. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Request for Reimbursement No. 1 TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** Fry asked Arp for a Brief update on Cedar Creek Road; Arp gave a brief update and announced that there were 3 miles left to crush.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner Court will be on the second Tuesday of May, 2018 (May 8, 2018) at 9:00 a.m. in the Edwards County Courtroom.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This regular, open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk