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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 8th day of May, 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 May 3, 2018 at 11:30 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 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 9:04 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, with the exception of Commissioner Fry 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 Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The County Judge suspended the burn ban due to all of the rainfall; for now, the ban will be left as is.

c. **Consider and act upon Request for Reimbursement No. 2 for TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027 – Carl Esser.** The Court discussed the request for reimbursement for all equipment and personnel (totaling $53831.62) under TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027; Edwards County has requested reimbursement of 50% of its expenditures under this grant. Commissioner Epperson questioned the personnel salaries as submitted and expressed concern because he thought the employees had received a salary increase. It was explained that the way this project is implemented is that we use each employee’s existing hourly rate plus their fringe benefits (including health insurance, worker’s compensation, and retirement) and all that is calculated to arrive at the adjusted hourly rate. Commissioner Sweeten stated that it is a matter of semantics because the adjusted hourly rate includes all of the employee’s benefits. Commissioner Barnebey reiterated that the employee’s paychecks have not increased whatsoever. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the request for reimbursement no. 2 for TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Epperson. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon Preliminary Plat for Dominion at Axis Hill. – Commissioner Barnebey.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for the Dominion at Axis Hill; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and act upon Final Plat for Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision. – Sam Poorman, Commissioner Fry.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the final plat for the Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision pending approval of the reprint of the final plat with inclusion of the road names. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and act upon Proclamation declaring May 2018 as Community Action Month. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 2018 as Community Action Month; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. **Discuss and act upon Resolution supporting the Second Amendment declaring Edwards County a Sanctuary County for Gun Owners. – Commissioner Sweeten.** This item has been pulled from today’s agenda pending work by the County Attorney and will be tabled until next month.

h. **Discuss and act upon Resolution in Opposition of Unfunded Mandates. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Resolution in Opposition of Unfunded Mandates; the motion was seconded by Judge Shanklin. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

i. **Discuss and/or approve the consolidation of election day precinct polling places for the General Primary Runoff Election to be conducted on May 22, 2018 – Olga Lydia Reyes.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the consolidation of Election Day precinct polling places for the Democratic Primary Runoff Election to be conducted on May 22, 2018; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

j. **Discuss and/or take action concerning bulk fuel. – Commissioner Epperson.** Epperson discussed his concerns with the price of the County’s bulk fuel per gallon in contrast with current prices. We need to find some other companies to bid on this issue. He believes our price should be invoice cost plus 10%. The contract that is currently in place is a one year contract. No action was taken at this time.

k. **Discuss and act upon number of Reserve Deputies allowed. – Sheriff Elliott.** Elliott appeared to address the Court. When asked what her proposed number of requested Reserve Deputies was, she responded 6. Commissioner Sweeten asked her to provide a definition of a reserve deputy for the Court. Elliott responded that a reserve deputy can be utilized to assist the Sheriff when needed, without pay; the County, through the Sheriff’s Office, is “holding” the deputy’s license in case they are needed to assist the County. The only cost to the County is a $50.00 bond fee for each reserve deputy to hold their license. Sweeten stated that he had no problem with that number. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to set a limit of 6 reserve deputies for the Sheriff’s Office and to create a line item for expense for these reserve deputies; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

l. **Discuss and approval of Reserve Deputies. – Sheriff Elliott.** This agenda item is the same as “k.”

m. **Discuss and act upon County Road Permit Policies. – Jason Arp.** Road Superintendent Arp is sick today; therefore, this item will be tabled and placed back on the agenda next month.

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 will be on the second day of June, 2018 (June 12, 2018).

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 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn; Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners’ Court adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk