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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 23rd day of August, 2018, at 10:00 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 Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on August 20, 2018 at 10:01 o’clock a.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One, arrived after roll call

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, arrived after roll call

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk was absent

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Special Open Meeting was called to order at 10:00 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. **Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2018-2019.** Ben Ingham appeared to address the Court; he had concerns about rising property taxes and Judge Shanklin addressed this matter by comparing the County’s percentage of taxes to the School District’s percentage of taxes. Additionally, Judge Shanklin informed Ingham about the state legislature’s proposed property tax increase that might be forthcoming. Commissioner Barnebey moved to close the public hearing; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. The public hearing for the proposed tax rate for FY 2018-2019 closed at 10:20 a.m.

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

a. **Discuss and Act upon contract with Val Verde County Juvenile Justice Center. – Judge Shanklin.** Shanklin reported going to the Juvenile Board meeting yesterday. He received information that there was not a bed available in any of our contract areas. The contract being presented today is to allow housing for our juvenile offenders at the Val Verde County facility. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the contract with the Val Verde County Juvenile Justice Center; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

4. **New Business.** Clerk Reyes informed the Court of a Special Runoff Election scheduled for September 18, 2018, with early voting scheduled for September 10-14, 2018. An ad for a temporary election worker will be run in the newspaper.

5. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners’ Court adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk