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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 11th day of November, 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 November 9, 2018 at 1:25 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, 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 9:00 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Judge Shanklin, in honor of Veteran’s Day. 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.**

**October 10, 2018:** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** No action taken.

c. **Discuss and act upon Final Plat for Blackbuck Ridge Ranch Subdivision. – Sam Poorman, Commissioner Matt Fry.** Poorman appeared and addressed the Court. His hydrology study has been completed. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Blackbuck Ridge Ranch Subdivision; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon Resolution Supporting Efforts to Preserve Night Skies. – Commissioner Andrew Barnebey.** Barnebey read this resolution aloud to the Court. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the Resolution Supporting Efforts to Preserve Night Skies; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Epperson. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0, with Commissioner Sweeten abstaining from the vote.

e. **Discuss and act upon repairs of County roads and low water crossings. – Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten addressed the Court and stated that it has been about a month since the flood event in Edwards County. Jason Arp, Road Supervisor, joined in the discussion. Sweeten’s suggestion is that the County hires some temporary help for the Road Department. Arp says he’s got 2-3 full-time positions to fill. But, he would need to rent/lease equipment to use these extra workers. Esser recommended that the County document this process and solicit a minimum of 3 quotes under $50,000 for outside help. He recommends documentation of these costs in case the funds expended in this regard are eligible for potential reimbursement. Shanklin stated that since 2-3 full-time positions are available, these temporary salaries have been accounted for anyway. Arp stated that he believes that the only thing eligible for reimbursement would be lease costs. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion for the County to seek additional part time operators and lease equipment as needed on an emergency basis (for a maximum period of ninety days) to help the Road Department get the roads back in shape. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Consider and act upon Resolution to accept TxCDBG Contract No. 7218129 for Improvements to the Edwards County fairgrounds. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin announced that this contract would be for improvements to the electrical system out at the fairgrounds.

g. **Consider and act upon Big Check Presentation ($275,000.00) for TxCDBG 7218129 Fairgrounds Project. – Carl Esser**

h. **Consider and act upon Contract from Esser & Company Consulting LLC for Administration Services for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser.**

i. **Consider and act upon Contract from TRC Engineers for Engineering Services for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser.**

j. **Consider and act upon Resolution authorizing Designated Signatories for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser.**

k. **Consider and act upon Appointment of Esser & Company Consulting LLC as the Labor Standard Officer for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser**

l. **Consider and act upon Appointment of County Treasurer as the Civil Rights Officer for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser**

m. **Consider and act upon Acquisition Report as required for TxCDBG 7218129. – Carl Esser**

Judge Shanklin announced that action items (f) through (m) would be considered together. Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve action items (f) through (m); Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

n. **Consider and act upon 2019 RAMP Grant for M1907RSPR. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin stated that this was the grant used for the Airport. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the grant for M1907RSPR; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

o. **Consider and act upon Resolution for 2019 Indigent Defense Grant Program. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Resolution for 2019 Indigent Defense Grant Program; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

p. **Consider and act upon Correspondence from Governor’s Office regarding recent flooding event. – Carl Esser Judge Shanklin stated that action items (p) through (q) all have to do with the County trying to get reimbursed for our flooding events.**

q. **Consider and act upon Proposals received from Certified Administration Firms to assist Edwards County and manage the County’s 2018 Disaster Relief Project. – Carl Esser**

r. **Consider and act upon Resolution to Award Administrative Services for 2018 Disaster Relief Project. – Carl Esser**

s. **Consider and act upon Correspondence received from TDA Amendment No. 1 regarding TxCDBG 7217027. – Carl Esser**

Judge Shanklin announced that action items (p) through (s) would be considered together. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve action items (p) through (s); Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/1, with Commissioner Epperson voting in opposition.

5. **New Business.** It was announced that the County made $19,000 at the last auction. We still have 14 items left that did not sell; we will look into another auction.

6. **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 December, 2018 (November 13, 2018) at 9:00 a.m.

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

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shanklin. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0. This regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk