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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 14th day of May, 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 May 8, 2019 at 10:36 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

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 were present.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in Open Forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** Jason Arp reported that only a partial report was submitted and that a final, complete report would be forthcoming.

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

a. **Prior Minutes.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 2019 meeting; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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

c. **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 2019 as Community Action Month; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon Preliminary Plat for Dusty Rose Ranch West. – Sam Poorman, Commissioner Matt Fry.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for Dusty Rose Ranch West; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

[Clerk’s Note: Commissioner Sweeten left the courtroom. ]

e. **Discuss and act upon Preliminary Plat for Mail Trail Valley Ranch Phase III. – Bill Cocke, Commissioner Fry.**  Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary plat for Mail Trail Valley Ranch Phase III; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

f. **Discuss and act upon application by Estelle Murphy to partition and convey a portion of Tract 5, Los Encinos Ranch subdivision, Edwards County, by either: 1) conveying by metes and bounds without a replat as provided by Texas Local Government Code 232.010, or alternatively, 2) partitioning said Tract 5 using the minimal replat procedures of Texas Local Government Code, 232.009(c-1). – Allen Ray Moody, Commissioner Epperson.** Judge Shanklin inquired if the Property Owners Association for this subdivision was in agreement for this action to be taken; Moody responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the request by Estelle Murphy to partition and convey a portion of Tract 5, Los Encinos Ranch Subdivision; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. [Clerk’s Note: Commissioner Sweeten returned to courtroom in time for vote on motion.)

g. **Discuss and act upon dumpster proposal for Barksdale. – Kathy Norvell, Commissioner Sweeten.** Ms. Norvell appeared to address the Court. She received two estimates for a dumpster for the Barksdale area. Both proposals are for $750/month. The only difference between the two is 10 cubic feet. Commissioner Fry inquired if the dumpster would be needed for only month; Norvell responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the payment of $750 out of non-departmental repairs and maintenance (Line item 10-400-665); Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Discussion regarding Edwards County EMS restructuring. – Paula Kay Epperson.** Epperson stepped forward to address the Court. She began her comments by stating that the only person in the room who was around when EMS came about in our community was Commissioner Sweeten. Our EMS was formed in 1977 as a volunteer organization. In 1978, the first ambulance rolled into Edwards County. EMS has been a volunteer service until now. In 1986, our local hospital closed. At that time, EMS was handling about 40 calls a year before then; after the local hospital closed, the call volume doubled or tripled. In 1997, with the encouragement of our Commissioners Court, what was once a volunteer service became a non-profit organization. This organization is now looking at continual change. Call volume has doubled in the past three years to about 200 calls a year. Epperson introduced two new additions to the EMS, one of which is Dr. Sanchez and also Reggie Flores, who will be her successor.

Reginaldo Flores stepped up to address the Court. He is a paramedic with Val Verde County EMS and also works in New Braunfels. He stated that it is unfair to expect volunteers to keep up with training and on a volunteer basis. Commissioner Sweeten interjected by stating that the County funds EMS substantially; the County is willing to help but funding is probably close to max at this point in time. Shanklin asked if they wanted more funding from the County, he wanted a baseline figure. Flores answered that EMS was looking for approximately $150,000. He was asked to submit a budget request so that it could be considered during the budget workshops.

i. **Discuss and act upon rewriting Edwards County Subdivision Regulations. – Allen Ray Moody**. Moody stepped forward to address the Court. He began by stating that our current subdivision regulations look more like residential subdivision regulations. Former County Judge Nick Gallegos had attorney Kossub put these regulations into place. Moody is of the opinion that the only remedy the County has now is to rewrite the subdivision regulations. The regulations set forth a preliminary requirement for plats because we didn’t have a zoning requirement. He proposes doing away with the preliminary plat requirement since the Court can always deny a plat. Sweeten interjected that he likes the preliminary plat requirement because he can see what is coming. He proposes looking at regulations from surrounding counties that have had a substantial increase in subdivisions. Developer Samuel Poorman, who was present in the courtroom, also interjected that he likes the preliminary plat requirement because if there is a problem with his plat, then he has time to do something about it. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to instruct County Attorney Moody to begin review and revision of the Edwards County Subdivision Regulations. Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** No new business was discussed by the Court.

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 June, 2019 (June 11, 2019) at 9:00 a.m.

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

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Judge Shanklin. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk