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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 29th day of July, 2019, at 3:00 o’clock p.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse Annex Building 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 July 25, 2019 at 3:37 o’clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One, was absent

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Kenneth Reed, Commissioner of Precinct Four, was absent

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 3:07 o’clock p.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners were present; a quorum was established.

2. **Open Forum.** No open forum.

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

a. **Discuss and/or consider Road and Bridge Budget. – Jason Arp.** Treasurer Lupe Enriquez presented a Proposed Budget for the General Fund and the Road & Bridge Fund to the Court. She also presented a Budget Draft from 2016-2020 for the General Fund and then another for the Road & Bridge Fund to the Court.

The material budget line item has been increased to $50,000.00 from $32,500.00. Commissioner Sweeten suggested deleting line item #0656 (Concrete) and rolling the $5,000.00 into the line item #0659 (Road Material). The same goes for line item #0672 (Water). The County Treasurer suggested a line item for Operating Supplies. Road Superintendent Jason Arp said he would look it his budget to see what lines could be combined.

Commissioner Sweeten made a motion to take line item #0656 (Concrete) and line item #0672 (Water) and roll both over into the line item #0659 (Road Material).

Before the motion could receive a second, Jason Arp suggested that line items #0687 (Pipe) and #0689 (Rails on Bridge/Tin Horns) also be rolled over into line item #0659 (Road Material). It was also suggested that line item #0677 (Tubes) and line item #0679 (Flats) be rolled over into line item #0674 (Tires).

Commissioner Sweeten amended his motion to include the line items for Concrete, Water, Pipe and Rails on Bridge/Tin Horns to be rolled over into line item #0659 (Road Material) and for the line items for Tubes and Flats to be rolled over in line item #0674 (Tires). Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

**b. Discuss and/or consider proposed tax rate for FY 20 for Edwards County, if proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective rate (whichever is lower), take record vote and schedule public hearings. – Judge Shanklin.** Shanklin stated that no change will be made to the tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund, the General Fund, or the Road and Bridge Fund. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion that no change will be made to the tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund, the General Fund, or the Road and Bridge Fund. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion.

The Court set the public hearings as follows:

Thursday, August 8, 2019: 8:00 a.m. Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Tax Rate

Tuesday, August 13, 2019: 9:00 a.m. 2nd Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Tax Rate; Setting Salaries, Expenses and Allowances of County Officers

Monday, August 19, 2019: 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Budget and Adoption of Tax Rate and FY 2019-2020 Budget.

No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

Judge Shanklin asked Clerk Reyes to poll the court so that each individual vote could be recorded. Upon polling the Commissioners, the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Matt Fry: Voted to approve the motion.

Judge Shanklin: Voted to approve the motion.

Commissioner Lee Sweeten: Voted to approve the motion.

c. **Discuss and/or consider setting Elected Official Salaries for FY20 to be published in local paper. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin prepared the “Proposed Increases in Edwards County 2019/2020 Elected Officials Salaries” and disseminated a copy of same to the Court. A copy of this document is filed with these minutes. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the proposed increases in the 2019/2020 elected officials’ salaries. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

Judge Shanklin asked Clerk Reyes to poll the court so that each individual vote could be recorded. Upon polling the Commissioners, the votes were as follows:

Commissioner Matt Fry: Voted to approve the motion.

Judge Shanklin: Voted to approve the motion.

Commissioner Lee Sweeten: Voted to approve the motion.

4. **New Business.** No new business was considered.

5. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Fry made a motion to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Commissioner’s Court; Commissioner Sweeten seconded this motion. No Commissioner being in opposition, the motion passed 3/0. Judge Shanklin adjourned the Special Meeting of the Commissioner’s Court at 3:41 p.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk