

The State of Texas

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County of Edwards

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 2nd day of March, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.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 February 27, 2023 at 1:52 p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Marty Graham, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Stephen Smith, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Mike Grooms, 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 5:00 o'clock p.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Fry. All Commissioners were present.

2. **Open Public Hearing.** The public hearing was opened by Judge Shanklin at 5:04. Six individuals signed up to speak on the "Sign In Sheet." All public comments were to be limited to 3 minutes. These names were as follows: Sam Poorman, Jordan Aguilera, Corey Lehmann, Craig Wolcott, Gene Lehmann, and Tooter Trees. Of these, only Sam Poorman and Gene Lehmann indicated that they would address the Court. The other individuals indicated, upon query from Judge Shanklin, that they had affixed their names to the "Sign In Sheet" in the event that, should they have wanted to make a public comment, they wouldn't have to interrupt the Court proceedings to walk up and sign in. They declined to make a statement.

3. **Open Forum for Public Comment.** Sam Poorman addressed the Court. He stated that he understood the need for updated subdivision regulations in Edwards County and that the Court had not yet updated those regulations. As currently written, Poorman stated, these updated regulations would cause an undue economic burden on the developers with future developments. He stated that subdivision developments in Edwards County provide a boost to the County's economy. The influx of new owners of tracts in these subdivision has led to the creation of new businesses in our community. He stated that he looks forward to working with the Court to address their concerns over water well availability, and the rest of the County resources and services in the County budget. He hopes the Court is willing to work with him and that there can be middle ground that is acceptable to the Court and to the developers and the citizens of Rocksprings and Edwards County so that the County can continue to prosper the economic benefits generated by future development.

Gene Lehmann stated that he had read through multiple subdivision regulations and he was invested in this matter business-wise and personally, as his family ranch is down here too. Three minutes is not enough time but all he asks is for the opportunity to have a conversation of all the thoughts they have on this issue as this is all that he can ask for.

4. **Close Public Hearing.** Judge Shanklin thanked both gentlemen for their comments. He then asked all those in the gallery if anyone wanted to speak or to make any comment. Receiving no indication of anyone wanting to speak, Judge Shanklin again reiterated that if no one wanted to speak now, that the public hearing would be closed. Hearing no response, Judge Shanklin closed the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. and stated that appreciated the concerns and that an action item for the new subdivision regulations would be put on the March 14, 2023 agenda.

5. **Adjourn.** As there was nothing else before the Court, Judge Shanklin adjourned the Court at 5:10 p.m. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 5:10 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED:

Souli Asa Shanklin

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Edwards County Judge

Attest:

Olga Lydia Reyes

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Edwards County and District Clerk

