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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 19th day of September, 2016, at 1:00 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 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 September 19, 2016 at 1:00 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 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 1:04 o’clock p.m. by Judge Shanklin. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Epperson were present.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in the open forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** No staff reports were presented in open court.

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

a. **Consider and Act upon correspondence from TDA on the Authority to Use Grant Funds for TxCDBG 72114177, voluntary acquisition of water well site, purchase contract agreement and any and all matters as may be required in acquiring Water Well site and authorized County Judge to sign. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve all matters as may be required in acquiring the Water Well site and the authorization for the County Judge to sign all related documents. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Consider and act on contract from Ede and Associates to conduct next year’s financial audit. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Barnebey asked if the price to conduct this audit would be the same as last year. Judge Shanklin answered in the affirmative. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the contract from Ede and Associates to conduct next year’s financial audit. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

c. **Consider public input, discussion, and action on fiscal year 2016-2017 M. & O. budget. – Judge Shanklin.** No public input was received on the 2016-2017 M. & O. budget. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the fiscal year 2016-2017 M. & O. budget, which is to become effective on September 28, 2016. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/1, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Fry and Sweeten voting in favor, and, Commissioner Barnebey voting in opposition.

d. **Discussion and action on proposed M. & O. tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adopt the rate of 0.5578% as the M. & O. tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Sweeten, Fry and Barnebey voting in favor.

e. **Consider public input, discussion and action on fiscal year 2016-2017 Road and Bridge budget. – Judge Shanklin.** No public input was received on the 2016-2017 Road and Bridge budget. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the fiscal year 2016-2017 Road and Bridge budget; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Sweeten, Fry and Barnebey voting in favor.

f. **Discussion and action on proposed Road and Bridge tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adopt the rate of 0.1191% as the Road and Bridge tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Sweeten, Fry and Barnebey voting in favor.

g. **Discussion and action on proposed I. & S. fund. – Judge Shanklin.** Tax Assessor/Collector Mark Bean stated that he would recommend that, for future purposes, the Court recite in its minutes that the I. & S. fund, otherwise known as the Interest and Sinking fund, was attached to the General Fund. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adopt the rate of 0.0188% as the I. & S. fund tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Sweeten, Fry and Barnebey voting in favor.

h. **Consider and potential action on purchase of crusher for road department. – Judge Shanklin.** The Court took no action on this item at this time.

i. **Discuss and/or approve to close Work Order Fund as per Eric Ede. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that this fund has no money in it, however, our auditor stated that it requires an Order of the court to close it. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the closing of the Work Order Fund; Commissioner Sweeten provided a second to this motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

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

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner’s Court will be on October 11, 2016 at 9:00 o’clock a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** No bills were presented for payment.

8. **Adjourn.** This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner Court adjourned at 1:36 o’clock p.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk