

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 28, 2015**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bosque County Commissioners Courtroom, in Meridian, Texas, the Bosque County Commissioners' Court convened in Regular Session with the following present:

**Dewey Ratliff, County Judge  
Douglas Day, Commissioner, Precinct #1  
Durwood Koonsman, Commissioner, Precinct #2  
Sammy Leach, Commissioner, Precinct #3  
Ronny Liardon, Commissioner, Precinct #4  
Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk**

**1) CALL TO ORDER – 9:08 a.m.**

**2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – all present**

**3) PROOF OF NOTICE**

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Reeves told the court that the outside auditors are rolling through the external audit and he is sending out request for data. Commissioner Leach wants to receive the end of the month printouts on a monthly basis.

**6) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST COUNTY FUNDS**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against county funds in the amount of \$65,593.88. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**7) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST PRECINCT FUNDS**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against precinct funds. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**8) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the line item transfers. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**9) PUBLIC HEARING ON ARCHIVE FEE FOR BOSQUE COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**

Judge Ratliff opened the public hearing for comments. No comments were made. Public hearing closed.

**10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT CLERK COLLECTING A \$10 FEE FOR FILING IN THE DISTRICT CIVIL COURT OF BOSQUE COUNTY**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the District Clerk collection of a \$10 fee for filing in District Civil Court. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**11) PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO THE DESIGNATION OF AN AREA FOR A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT**

Judge Ratliff opened the public hearing for comments. No comments were made. Public hearing closed.

**12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDER ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR GRANTING REINVESTMENT ZONES CREATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOSQUE, TEXAS**

This was done at the last meeting. No Action.

**13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT, SAID AREA BEING DESCRIBED AS W H KING #2, LOT 7 & 24 (S&E E/PT) ACRES 3.24 LOCATED AT 927 NORTH AVENUE G, CLIFTON, TEXAS**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve the Order Establishing Reinvestment Zone as stated.

Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE ECHOTA CHEROKEE TRIBE IN BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. After additional discussion Commissioner Koonsman and Commissioner Liardon agreed to modify the motion to include approval of the resolution pending review by the County Attorney to ensure the resolution does not establish a reservation or casino. All approved.

On behalf of Parson's Roofing, Cole Word presented to the court a framed aerial photo of the Courthouse.

**15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING EXPECTATION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve the resolution with the maximum amount of \$100,000.

Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**16) DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BOSQUE COUNTY AND SOUTHWEST ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR BOSQUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve entering into a two phase contract with Southwest Architects pending approval of the County Attorney. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**17) DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS AT RISK FOR THE BOSQUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Commissioner Day made the motion to authorize advertising for construction managers at risk. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**18) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO FURNISH LABOR FROM PRECINCT 4, TO INSTALL A CULVERT IN CRANFILLS GAP, TX**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to provide labor to install the culvert in Precinct 4. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**19) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PLACING A "NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC SIGN ON COUNTY ROAD 1175"**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to place no thru truck traffic signs on CR 1175. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**The court recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 11:14 a.m.**

**20) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOSQUE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN**

Commissioner Day made the motion approve the Resolution for Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for Bosque County. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**21) DISCUSSION AND ACTION IN CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE JAIL TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE REQUIRED TO USE HOLIDAY HOURS EARNED DURING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS 2015 AND NEW YEAR'S 2016**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to allow the Sheriff's Office and Jail to extend the deadline required to use holiday hours earned during Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years for 60 days. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**22) RECEIVE AND FILE CERTIFICATES FOR DEWEY RATLIFF, COUNTY JUDGE AND SAMMY LEACH, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3**

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the certificates for Dewey Ratliff and Sammy Leach. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**23) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS**

Judge Ratliff announced that Tim Jeske and the Commissioners had been working since October establishing damages during the October floods and provided documentation to the State and FEMA. Bosque County has been included in the Major Disaster Declaration by the President. Commissioner Day thanked Tim Jeske for all of his hard work. Total for disaster damages was \$500,000. Tim Jeske gave the Weather Service a commendation for the excellent job they did during this past weekend storms on getting warnings out to the public. He also thanked the local fire department storm spotters and Sheriff's Department.

**24) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. All approved.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD DECEMBER 28, 2015.

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TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK