

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Bosque County Collections Building, 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 – 9:07 a.m.**

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

**3) PROOF OF NOTICE**

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Reeves reported that the financial software conversion with Tyler has been started. He is working on the year end audit for 2015. He has received and worked together with the Treasurer on the October 2014 bank statement. Cameron George advised that he is working with NetData to make the conversion to the Cloud in the next few weeks.

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

Commissioner Leach made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against county funds in the amount of \$110,412.98. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

**8) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

**9) REPORT REGARDING BANK RECONCILIATIONS FROM CHERYL NIEMEIER, COUNTY TREASURER**

Assistant Treasurer, Connie Moore reported that the October 2014 bank statement has been sent to the Auditor and November is almost complete. They hope to be caught up completely in the next two weeks.

**10) PRESENTATION REGARDING ONLINE GOVERNMENT SURPLUS AUCTION BY BENJAMIN VAN BUSKIRK**

Benjamin Van Buskirk with GovDeals spoke to the court about an online auction service.

**11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TWO 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIAS AND ONE 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA TO BE SURPLUS**

Commissioner Day made the motion to remove the equipment and authorize the donation of the equipment to the fire departments and to surplus all 3 units and auction off. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT CLERK TO USE RESERVE FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT CLERK RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND TO HIRE TEMPORARY HELP TO ASSIST IN PRESERVING RECORDS FOR THE 2016 BUDGET YEAR**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve up to \$4,960 for temporary help through the end of this fiscal year for records preservation. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS NEW MEXICO POWER IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT NEW 3-PHASE OVERHEAD POWER LINE STARTING AT CHILDRESS CREEK WATER SUPPLY COMPANY ON CR 3405, 32 POLES TOTAL ALONG R.O.W. TO CR 3430 AND TRIM TREES TO MEET WITH CLEARANCES TO OVERHEAD UTILITY**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the construction for 3 phase overhead powerline on CR 3430. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: INVITATION TO BID FOR FOOD AND JANITORIAL PRODUCTS FOR BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL**

Commissioner Day made the motion to put food and janitorial products out for bid. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING A SEARCH FEE OF \$25 FOR SEPTIC PERMITS**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve the \$25 search fee for septic permits. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**16) DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE: INVITATION TO BID FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BARN**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to authorize for the advertising for these bids. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**17) RECEIVE AND FILE BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT**

Commissioner Day made the motion to receive and file the Bosque County Sheriff's Office Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**18) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE JUDGE RATLIFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING NEW BOSQUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Commissioner Day made the motion authorizing Judge Ratliff and Commissioner Liardon to negotiate with property owners regarding new Bosque County Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. Commissioner Day amended his motion to make Commissioner Koonsman an alternate in the negotiations. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**19) RECEIVE AND FILE CERTIFICATES FOR RONNY LIARDON, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4, CAMERON GEORGE, IT AND TIM JESKE, EMC**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to receive and file the certificates for Ronny Liardon, Cameron George, and Tim Jeske. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

## **20) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS**

Kent Harbison announced the HOTCOG grant application was approved for \$30,000 for the glass recycling project. Judge Ratliff added that there was a private donation pledged in the amount of \$15,000. Tim Jeske announced the Skywarn training is March 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Meridian Civic Center. He also wanted to thank the court for their support for him to attend the National Fire Academy training. Mr. Fogle ask if a study on outsourcing the inmates to other law enforcement facilities has been done. Jimmie Lou announced the North Bosque Support Group will be having a fund raiser at noon tomorrow at the courthouse.

The court recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

## **21) WORKSHOP: BOSQUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Jeff Heffelfinger advised the court that there are two interviews set for today and another interview set for next Monday. He is moving forward on the property evaluation process and the design. His goal is to have it ready in the next week or two. He will also have the draft contract with Sedalco ready to review.

Interviews of Financial Advisors:

1) Specialized Public Finance Inc.

The court recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

2) First Southwest a Division of Hilltop Securities  
(Will send corrected debt services pages)

## **22) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NEW BOSQUE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

No Action

## **23) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Day made the motion to adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

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TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK