

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the 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 – 9:10 a.m.**

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

**3) PROOF OF NOTICE**

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Reeves reported that year to date we have received \$2,719,577 in taxes of the \$7,020,843 budgeted. \$13,073 in delinquent taxes have been collected of the \$160,000 budgeted. Cash in back is \$2,436,993 and investments of \$2,656,154 for a total of \$5,093,147. Revenues to date are \$4,489,189 and expenditures of \$3,786,693 leaving an excess of expenditures over revenues of \$702,497. He made the court aware of county wide issues with being behind in a couple of different departments, including general fund, on the bank reconciliations. The external auditors are requesting a true reconciliation for these funds. Treasurer Cheryl Niemeier, will get together with the Auditor to work things out and get the reconciliation done. Judge Ratliff wants the Treasurer to be prepared to give a report on the reconciliations at the next meeting.

**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 \$114,942.07. 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 Day made the motion to approve the line item transfers. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**9) STATUS REPORT ABOUT JAIL FROM MARY FARLEY, JAIL ADMINISTRATOR**

Ms. Farley reported 37 total inmates, 22 in house and 15 in Jack Harwell. One is going to SAFPF today and another later in the week. There have been no incidents with the sewer during this period. The staff is utilizing their holiday time.

**10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JUROR DONATION LIST AND ADDING MERIDIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

At this time the juror donation list does not comply with the law. Meridian Public Library does not meet the guidelines to be added to the juror donation list. Commissioner Leach made the motion comply with the law as far as the list is concerned eliminating BARK, GED Test Scholarships and the 4-H Council. After additional discussion Commissioner Leach modified his motion to include eliminating MADD. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BOSQUE, TEXAS AND CGP CLIFTON, LTD. AND SHOPKO STORES OPERATING CO., LLC**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the tax abatement agreement between the County of Bosque, Texas and CGP Clifton, Ltd. and Shopko Stores Operating Co., LLC. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPLIER AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS AND BOSQUE SUPPLY, CLIFTON TX FOR CULVERTS IN PCT. 1**

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the contract for Bosque Supply, Clifton Tx. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**13) 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 table until Juanita can be here. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**14) RECEIVE AND FILE RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FROM AL FLORES, CONSTABLE, PCT. 2**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to table to let Al explain the need for the report. After additional discussion Commissioner Leach withdrew his motion. Commissioner Liardon made the motion to receive and file the racial profiling report. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDER REGULATING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY PERIOD**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to allow fireworks. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**16) RECEIVE AND FILE CERTIFICATES FOR TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK AND JUANITA MILLER, DISTRICT CLERK**

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the certificates for Tabatha Ferguson and Juanita Miller. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**17) EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY: TO UPDATE COURT ON PENDING AND/OR THREATENED LITIGATION, SETTLEMENT OFFERS AND/OR MATTERS WHICH THE DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY UNDER THE TEXAS RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS REQUIRE CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**18) EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 REAL PROPERTY: TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY**

**The court went into executive session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss items 17 and 18 at 10:31 a.m. The court came out of executive session and reconvened in regular session at 12:03 p.m.**

**19) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS**

Commissioner Leach inquired about his request to the County Attorney to get an AG opinion on the use of water from branches from the BRA. Commissioner Leach will get with the County Attorney on his question.

**20) WORKSHOP: BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL**

Jeff Heffelfinger with Southwest Architects, Inc. will have the schematics on the jail within 7 to 10 days. He has contacted Sedalco and will have a draft copy of the contract for court approval. The court will interview two financial advisors on February 22 and February 29. Judge Ratliff ask when we will have the preliminary design and budget, Mr. Heffelfinger said maybe 45 days.

**21) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2016.

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TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK