

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2016**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 11th day of January, 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 – 9:09 a.m.**
- 2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – all present**
- 3) PROOF OF NOTICE**
- 4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Auditor Kent Reeves reported as of December 31st \$785,948 has been collected in taxes and \$1.5 million has been collected and deposited a few days ago. Total balance of taxes left to receive is \$6,234,895. Delinquent taxes received to date are \$42,131 of the budgeted \$160,000. Total cash and investments is \$3,588,841 of which \$932,687 is cash in bank and \$2,656,154 is in investments. He attached a breakdown of each precinct budgets and any departments that are under 70%. W2's will be closing out today and going to employees and 1099's will go out next week. The external audit and software conversion is still going on. He talked about how some long term debt of software and vehicle leases will be paid off soon.

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 \$104,648.70. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

8) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

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

Ms. Farley reported that the total count is forty-six. Twenty-six males are being held in house and twenty at Jack Harwell (nine females and 11 males). There is some ongoing maintenance issues with the electrical and plumbing that she wanted to make the court aware of. Wallace Electric is trying to locate a part for one of the cells that will not open electronically all the time. There is plumbing issues under the building. Rick's

Plumbing was called four times in one month along with calls to the maintenance department. Depending on the issues and repairs, a decision may have to be made about sending inmates out of county for housing and make the repairs or stop putting money into the building and house inmates out of county until the new jail is built.

10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A REPLAT FOR LOTS 11 & 12, THE RANCHES AT SPRING CREEK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN CABINET A, SLIDE 89, INTO LOT 11 R FOR JANICE D. MORTON

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the replat of lots 11 & 12, The Ranches at Spring Creek, according to the plat recorded in cabinet A, slide 89, into lot 11 R for Janice D. Morton. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ADOPTION AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION WITH SECURITY BENEFIT

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the resolution with Security Benefit. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ISSUING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR \$17,809 TO NALCOM COMMUNICATIONS FOR A VHF REPEATER, NECESSARY PARTS AND LABOR USING HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to authorize issuing a purchase order. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CR 1175

Commissioner Day made the motion to set the speed limit on CR 1175 at 30 mph. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CR 2495

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to put 30 mph speed limit on CR 2495. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LITTERED PROPERTIES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BOSQUE COUNTY

Commissioner Day spoke regarding properties in Kopperl, Lakeside Village and Walling Bend that need to be cleaned up.

16) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET HOLIDAYS FOR 2016

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the proposed holidays for 2016. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. Commissioner Day, Commissioner Koonsman, Commissioner Liardon voted for. Commissioner Leach voted against.

17) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioner Leach made the motion to leave as is. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

18) RECEIVE AND FILE BOND AND OATH FOR CARLA BROOME, ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Commissioner Day made the motion to receive and file the bond and oath for Carla Broome, Assistant Auditor. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

19) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS

Mr. Hardcastle inquired about the recycling programs around the county.

20) WORKSHOP: BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL

Commissioner Day wants to add the Payne property on Hwy 6 to the site selection list. Judge Ratliff spoke with the bank and they have plans for their property. Commissioner Leach and Commissioner Liardon went to look at a 48 bed jail at Johnson City. It was built for \$5.5M and included all offices. Commissioner Day went to Goldthwaite, it is currently just a slab. The next Commissioners Court meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

21) ADJOURN

Commissioner Day made the motion to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD JANUARY 11, 2016.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK