

On this the 21st day of February, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. came on to be held a JOINT meeting of the Ector County Commissioners' Court, Odessa City Council and Odessa Development Corporation (ODC) in the Saulsbury Conference Room, Odessa College Electronic and Technology Building, 201 W. University Blvd, Odessa, Texas:

Ector County Commissioners Present: Dustin Fawcett – County Judge, Mike Gardner - Commissioner Pct. 1, Greg Simmons - Commissioner Pct. 2 (joined meeting at 6:26 p.m.), Don Stringer - Commissioner Pct. 3, Billy Hall, Commissioner Pct. 4

City Council Present: Javier Joven – Mayor, Denise Swanner - City Council At-Large, Mark Matta - City Council District 1, Steven P. Thompson - City Council District 2, Gilbert Vasquez - City Council District 3, Greg Connell – City Council District 4
Absent: Chris Hanie, City Council District 5

Odessa Development Corporation Members Present: Kris Crow, Melanie Hollmann (joined meeting at 6:06 p.m.), Larry Robinson, James Kirk, Jeff Russell, Ismael “Mikky” Navarrete and David Boutin

when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Mr. Crow called the meeting to order at 6:02 P. M. with a quorum of the court present. The invocation was led by Mayor Joven. Judge Fawcett led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

Everyone present was asked to introduce themselves with their name and affiliation.

Topics discussed were:

- Ector County Assistance District – there was discussion regarding certain portions of the county being annexed if a new business requested it so that it would/could receive city services. There was discussion regarding new legislation about sales tax money distribution and also a general proposal of splitting **newly** annexed property 50/50 since the county would not be providing services in those areas. Concern regarding “cherry picking” of what land to annex was rebutted by stating that it is not possible because the property/business owners are the ones who have to request annexation.
- Interlocal Agreement for Odessa Fire and Rescue – Currently the county pays \$700,000 for services. A study was provided by the City of Odessa regarding the cost of services provided outside the city limits estimating the cost at \$10 million. Judge Fawcett disagreed with the cost stating that it would be much lower by his calculation. Further discussion was had regarding the need to renegotiate the interlocal agreement. Mr. Crow commented on the need to have an acceptable ISO rating in order to help keep homeowners insurance lower. Jason Cotton, Interim Fire Chief also explained the priorities for runs in Ector County and how that determined if both a Fire Engine and an Ambulance were dispatched. After discussion regarding Ector County contracting with a private ambulance service, Chief Cotton expressed a concern about the citizens not receiving the highest level of care that they would with Odessa Fire Rescue response. They went back to discussing the study that was provided stating that there was no place

or consideration given regarding insurance reimbursement that the city receives for services. Everyone agreed that a new study should be conducted.

- Interlocal Agreement for Ector County Jail – Currently the city pays \$450,000 for jail services and the cost to run the facility is \$34.2 million. They agreed that there is no need for a duplication of services. Chief Gerke addressed the group stating that the arresting agency determines if the arrest is considered city or county. Judge Fawcett reported that 46% of the arrests were made by the police department.
- Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter – Commissioner Simmons stated that there was no more agreement since the county now has a shelter. There was discussion regarding confusion as to what/when they would accept animals from the county. With a new facility being built they could only accept animals if there was space available at the city shelter and no quarantine animals at all. Captain Bass with the Sheriff’s Office addressed the group stating that they still take animals to the city if there is room and that the county facility is for quarantine cases. Chief Gerke said that they are only a few weeks from opening the facility.
- Public Comment - Bill cleaver addressed the group to discuss the \$2 million that was given to Nacero expressing concern that there has been no activity or development started. He wanted to know if they had received money already and if so, would like to see it returned. He also expressed concerns about the number of mobile homes in the city and the fact that there pay less taxes compared to other homes.

The participants agreed that the meeting was beneficial. Mr. Crow stated that he would like to see them scheduled quarterly to keep an open dialogue. Judge Fawcett expressed that he would like to continue the meetings to create a better community and Mayor Joven thanked ODC for hosting and said that he thought it was good to start laying the foundation for future negotiation.

7:52 P.M.

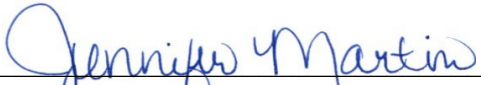
With no further business to discuss Mayor Joven made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mikky Navarrete. MOTION PASSED

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COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Jennifer Martin, County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the minutes of the Joint meeting of Ector County Commissioners’ Court, Odessa City Council and Odessa Development Corporation (ODC) held on February 21, 2023.




JENNIFER MARTIN, COUNTY CLERK