



Ector County Commissioners' Court

May 09, 2023

10:00 AM

Commissioners' Courtroom, Ector County Administration Building Annex, 1010 E. 8th St.,
Odessa, Texas

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION- DON STRINGER: COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #3

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

Judge Fawcett led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Public Works Presentation & Thank You , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To receive and conduct a presentation thanking our Ector County Public Works Department.

Judge Fawcett recognized the Public Works Department for all their hard work and presented the employees with gifts donated by the community and other employees.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

2. Proclamation: National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a Proclamation in support of declaring May 14th, 2023 through May 20th, 2023 as National Police Week and May 15th, 2023 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. OPD Police Week Proclamation Comm Court 5-9-2023.pdf

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve a Proclamation in support of declaring May 14th, 2023 through May 20th, 2023 as National Police Week and May 15th, 2023 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Resolution: Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Highway , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a Resolution in support of designating the stretch of Business I-20/Highway 80 in Ector County between Loop 338 and the Ector County line as "Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Highway", and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #3.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve a Resolution in support of designating the stretch of Business I-20/Highway 80 in Ector County between Loop 338 and the Ector County line as "Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Highway", and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. Resolution: Warbirds Football , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a resolution regarding the West Texas Warbirds, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #4.pdf

Zach Bugg addressed the court to discuss the Warbird Foundation and their recent success with helping the kids.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a resolution regarding the West Texas Warbirds, and authorize the County Judge, County Commissioners, and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

5. Animal Control Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a \$100 donation from Jim or Vicki Bulta for animal control.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve a \$100 donation from Jim or Vicki Bulta for animal control; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

6. County E-mail Approval, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an official Ector County e-mail for Howard Marks, Library Director.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve an official Ector County e-mail for Howard Marks, Library Director; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

7. Artwork Transfer to Local Non-profit, Howard Marks- Library Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary to approve the transfer of Heidi Pitre's exhibit artwork from the Ector County Library to a local non-profit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the transfer of Heidi Pitre's exhibit artwork from the Ector County Library to a local non-profit; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

8. Environmental Enforcement Facebook Page, Esperanza Gomez- Environmental Enforcement Coordinator

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve creating a Facebook page for the Ector County Environmental Enforcement Department.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve creating a Facebook page for the Ector County Environmental Enforcement Department; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

9. Armored Car Services II Bid, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the bid specifications on Armored Car Services II (Bid 23-06-06-01), and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

ITEM WITHDRAWN

10. Road Construction Material Bid Specifications, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding bid specifications for Road

Construction Material including: seal coat aggregate, graded base material, asphalt patching material, liquid asphalt emulsion, and water, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve bid specifications for Road Construction Material including: seal coat aggregate, graded base material, asphalt patching material, liquid asphalt emulsion, and water, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED 5-0

11. Coliseum Complex Exterior Painting Proposal Award, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the proposal for the Coliseum Complex Exterior Painting, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #11.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by C & M Contractors for the Coliseum Complex Exterior Painting, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

12. Food Service Amendment, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Amendment #3 to the Food Service Agreement/Offender Meal Program contract, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #12.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve Amendment #3 to the Food Service Agreement/Offender Meal Program contract, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

13. Crane County Inmate Housing Contract, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Inmate Housing Contract with Crane County, and authorize the County Judge and Sheriff to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Inmate Housing Contract with Crane County, and authorize the County Judge and Sheriff to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

14. Streetlight Installation, Mike Gardner- Commissioner, Precinct #1

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to enter into an agreement with Oncor to install streetlights in the Hillmont Estates subdivisions North of Odessa Schlemeyer Field, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Gardner addressed the court to explain the necessity for the lights and why the request was being made by the developers. The cost of installation and lights would be paid by developer and the county would be responsible for the monthly electricity expense of around \$400. Expense incurred by the county would be easily covered by ad valorem taxes.

Gus Ortega addressed the court to answer questions regarding annexation and explain that this is a master streetlight agreement with Oncor and is good countywide not solely for this subdivision.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve which died due to lack of a second.

John Brisco, General Manager of Sparklight addressed the court to ask if the developer

prepaid first 10 years would the court reconsider the approval.

Commissioner Hall asked why the property owner couldn't install their own light pole and pay the monthly electrical cost themselves.

The developer stated that if Oncor installs they will maintain and change the bulbs for the \$11.32 fee.

Judge Fawcett said that since that agreement is not in front of them that he tasks them to draw up a viable solution and bring it back to a future meeting for consideration. He also stressed that the delays and issues are not at the fault of the Commissioner Court.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

15. Interlocal Agreement , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Emergency Management for the use of available space at the Ector County Courthouse for a future County Liaison position, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Department of Emergency Management for the use of available space at the Ector County Courthouse for a future County Liaison position, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

16. HON Blanket Purchase Agreement, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any other action regarding Ector County's inclusion in an Agreement between Ector County Governmental Purchasing Group and the HON Furniture Company; this is a furniture discount agreement being facilitated by Medical Center Hospital for several local government agencies.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve Ector County's inclusion in an Agreement between Ector County Governmental Purchasing Group and the HON Furniture Company; this is a furniture discount agreement being facilitated by Medical Center Hospital for several local government agencies; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

17. Brush Truck for Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding an agreement with First-In Public Safety Solutions for the purchase and up-fitting of one brush truck for the Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department using ARPA funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve an agreement with First-In Public Safety Solutions for the purchase and up-fitting of one brush truck for the Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department using ARPA funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons stated that he would like to have the difference paid by Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department prior to executing the agreement.

Commissioner Hall amended his motion to include that the difference would need to be paid in advance.

A second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

18. Pumper/Tanker Apparatus, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding an agreement with First-In Public Safety Solutions for the purchase and up-fitting of one Pumper/Tanker Apparatus for the Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department using ARPA funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve an agreement with First-In Public Safety Solutions for the purchase and up-fitting of one Pumper/Tanker Apparatus for the Goldsmith Volunteer Fire Department using ARPA funds, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item subject to receiving overage first; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

19. Change Orders Under \$50,000, Lucy Soto- Purchasing

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to authorize our Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 271.060, to approve change orders for construction projects under \$50,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to authorize our Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 271.060, to approve change orders for construction projects under \$50,000; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

20. Construction Inspector Job Title/Description Revision , Steve Davis- Public Works Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve changes to both the job title and job description of the "Construction Inspector" position in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve changes to both the job title and job description of the "Construction Inspector" position in the Public Works Department; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

21. Animal Control Microchip Program Funds Account, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Sheriff's Department opening a separate, new funds account for the new Animal Control Microchip Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner to approve the Sheriff's Department opening a separate, new funds account for the new Animal Control Microchip Program; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

22. Line Item Transfer- Health Department, Randy Donner- Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Health Department, Professional Dues and Fees, 001-470-5302 from Lab Supplies, 001-470-5184 for \$2,500, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Item #22.pdf

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve a line item transfer to General Fund, Health Department, Professional Dues and Fees, 001-470-5302 from Lab Supplies, 001-470-5184 for \$2,500, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; a second was made by Commissioner Stringer. MOTION PASSED 5-0

23. Financial Reports/Statements , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for May 9th, 2023, and review County financial statements and reports.

Minutes Attachments

1. GENERAL 05 09 23.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for May 9th, 2023, and review County financial statements and reports; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10:57 A.M.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

Judge Fawcet left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

12:16 P.M.

A motion to reconvene was made by Commissioner Gardner with a second by Commissioner Hall.
MOTION PASSED 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

24. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider and discuss legal matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

25. Real Estate , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider and discuss real estate issues/ transactions pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

26. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider and discuss personnel matters pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to authorize Human Resources to proceed with the step increase for the employee in the Medical Examiner's Office who completed their training; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to eliminate the stipend being paid to three employees for the bank run effective Monday, May 15, 2023 and to begin utilizing the Sheriff's Office for the bank run at \$25 per employee per run; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 4-0

27. Economic Development , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

To consider, discuss/ deliberate, and take any necessary action regarding Economic Development negotiations, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, Section 551.087, Texas Government Code.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

ADJOURN

Time: 12:18 P.M.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gardner with a second by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

COUNTY JUDGE & COUNTY CLERK SIGNATURE APPROVAL PAGE

28. Signature Page , Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ECTOR

I, Jennifer Martin, County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Proceedings for the Regular Commissioners' Court meeting held on the above date.

May 22, 2023 at 01:12 PM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk