



Ector County Commissioners' Court

April 09, 2024

10:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER- JUDGE DUSTIN FAWCETT

Dustin Fawcett, County Judge
Mike Gardner, Commissioner Precinct #1
Greg Simmons, Commissioner Precinct #2
Don Stringer, Commissioner Precinct #3
Billy Hall, Commissioner Precinct #4
Minutes taken by Jennifer Martin, County Clerk

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

INVOCATION- COMMISSIONER GREG SIMMONS

The invocation was led by Commissioner Simmons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- UNITED STATES AND TEXAS

Commissioner Gardner led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS/RESOLUTIONS

1. Better Living for Texans Agent Introduction & Acceptance, Steve Paz- Agrilife Extension Agents Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to receive a presentation from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services regarding the introduction and acceptance of Yuremia Ramirez as the agent for *Better Living for Texans* for Ector/Midland Counties.

Steve Paz addressed the court to introduce Yuremia Ramirez. Ms. Ramirez gave a brief introduction and explained what Better Living for Texans does.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

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

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a Proclamation in support of declaring May 12th-18th, 2024 as National Police Week and May 15th, 2024 as National 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. Agenda Item #2.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Tax Incentive Committee Member Appointment, Dustin Fawcett- Ector County Judge

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve and appoint Judge Dustin Fawcett to the Tax Incentive Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the agenda item as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. Out-of-State Travel Approval, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve Lucy Soto to attend an out-of-state conference from August 24th-28th, 2024.

Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for Lucy Soto; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

5. Smart Communications Software, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding upgraded software at the Detention Center for Smart Communications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the agenda item as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

6. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$47,000.00 donation from Barnhart Bolt & Special Fasteners to the Ector County Sheriff's office

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to accept the donation; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

7. Donation, Mike Griffis- Sheriff

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to accept a \$10,000.00 donation from Oxy to the Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to accept the donation; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

AWARD OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

8. Bid Award: White Pool House Parking Lot, Lucy Soto- Purchasing Director, Marisela Campos- Public Works

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on the *Award of the Request for Bid* for the White Pool House Parking Lot to Permian Paving, Inc.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to award the bid to Permian Paving Inc.; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 5-0

After discussion in executive session Commissioner Simmons made a motion to rescind the award of the bid; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 4-0

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS

9. Local Health Authority Appointment, Eunice Ibarra- Health Department

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the appointment of B.A. Jinadu M.D. as the Local Health Authority for the Ector County Health Department (ECHD), and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; this is an appointment needed for validation with the Department of State Health Services to be effective May 1st, 2024 through April 30th, 2026 and is a result of the contract executed between Ector County and Texas

Tech University Health Science Center designating that Texas Tech will provide future Health Authorities for the ECHD.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #9.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the agenda item as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10. Interlocal Agreement, Dustin Fawcett- Ector County Judge

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Ector County, Midland County, The City of Odessa, and The City of Midland regarding *Permian Basin Interoperable Radio Communications* (PBIRC) and the *Permian Basin Radio Communications Committee* (PBRCC), and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #10.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

11. SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant Acceptance, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the acceptance of the SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant and to adopt the proposed funding budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve the agenda item as presented; Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

12. Variance Application: Westgate Acres 7th Filing, Eddie Landrum- Planning and Development Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Variance Application for Westgate Acres, 7th filing, being a Replat of 7.80 acres of Block 1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #12.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the variance application as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Hall. MOTION PASSED 5-0

13. Replat- Basin Industrial South Subdivision (2nd Filing), Eddie Landrum- Planning and Development Director

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on a Replat for Basin Industrial South Subdivision, 2nd filing, being a Replat of the West part of Lot 7 and All Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 1, and authorize the County Judge to sign all documents associated with this agenda item; Basin Industrial South Subdivision as recorded in Cabinet C, Page 114 C, Precinct 4, Plat Records.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #13.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the replat as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

14. Proposed Consent Agenda, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action regarding the following Proposed Consent

Agenda:

14a.) Line- Item Transfer-Tax Assessor:

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a line-item transfer to General Fund, Tax Assessor, Other Insurance, 001-280-5375 from Postage, 001-280-5193 for \$471.00, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #14.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the consent agenda; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

15. Budget Amendment- Commissioners' Court, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to General Fund, Commissioners' Court, Subscriptions, 001-020-5207 from Unreserved Fund Balance, 001-3310 for \$1,400.00, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #15.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve the budget amendment as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

16. Budget Amendment- Rural Law Enforcement District Attorney, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Rural Law Enforcement Grant Fund, District Attorney, Full Time Salaries, 007-120-5103 for \$216,044.00, Social Security Texas, 007-120-5121 for \$16,524.00, Retirement, 007-120-5123 for \$41,256.00, Workers Compensation, 007-120-5371 for \$744.00, Unemployment Insurance, 007-120-5374 for \$432.00, and to Rural Law Enforcement Grant District Attorney, 001-4059 for \$275,000.00, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #16.pdf

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

17. Budget Amendment- Rural Law Enforcement Sheriff's Office, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve a budget amendment to Rural Law Enforcement Grant Fund, Sheriff's Office, Full Time Salaries, 007-360-5103 for \$388,468.00, Social Security Taxes, 007-360-5121 for \$29,707.00, Retirement, 007-360-5123 for \$74,169.00, Workers Compensation, 007-360-5371 for \$6,879.00, Unemployment Insurance, 007-360-5374 for \$777.00, and to Rural Law Enforcement Grant Sheriff, 007-4058 for \$500,000.00, and authorize the County Judge and County Clerk to sign all documents associated with this agenda item.

Minutes Attachments

1. Agenda Item #17.pdf

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the budget amendment as presented; Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

18. Financial Reports/Statements, Tristan Marquez- County Auditor

To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action to approve the Accounts Payable Fund Requirements Report for April 9th, 2024, and review county financial statements and reports.

Minutes Attachments

1. GENERAL REPORT 04 09 24.pdf
2. TRUST REPORT 04 09 24.pdf

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the agenda item as presented; a second was made by Commissioner Simmons. MOTION PASSED 5-0

10:21 A.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to adjourn into Executive Session; Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED 5-0

2:15 P.M.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to reconvene; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Commissioner Stringer left the meeting during Executive Session)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Legal Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

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

20. Real Estate, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

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

21. Personnel Matters, Shelby Rigtrup- County Judge Admin. Assistant

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 HR and the Auditor to reclassify the payment source for the three employees discussed in executive session; a second was made by Commissioner Gardner. MOTION PASSED 4-0

ADJOURN

Time: 2:17 P.M.

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

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.

April 12, 2024 at 10:18 AM



Jennifer Martin, Ector County Clerk