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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
January 14, 2014

On Tuesday January 14, 2014, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Smith County, Texas, met for a regular meeting in the Smith County Commissioners Courtroom at the Smith County Courthouse Annex, 200 East Ferguson, in the City of Tyler, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Joel P. Baker, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge: Joel P. Baker	Presiding
Commissioner: Precinct 1 Jeff Warr	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 2 Cary Nix	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 3 Terry Phillips	Absent
Commissioner: Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton	Absent

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Cary Nix led the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS

IV. OPEN SESSION

1. Board of Directors: Smith County Industrial Development Corporation

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve the appointment of Tom Ellis to fill a vacancy on the Smith County Industrial Development Corporation Board to complete the vacancy’s unexpired term ending September 26, 2017, as requested by the Smith County Industrial Development Corporation.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Commissioner Terry Phillips.

2. Smith County Pauper Burial Policy

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve the adoption and implementation of additional policies, guidelines, and procedures for Smith County Pauper Burial Policy. Policy attached.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Commissioner Terry Phillips.

3. Contracts: Interpreter Services

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve the renewal of contracts with Cynthia Hernandez for FY2014 and authorize County Judge to sign same. Contracts attached.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Commissioner Terry Phillips.

4. Renewal of Official Bonds

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve renewal of official bond for Gary Alfred, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2. Bond attached.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Commissioner Terry Phillips.

5. Report: Environmental Crimes December 2013

Commissioners Court received into the Court's minutes the Smith County December 2013 Environmental Crimes Report. Report attached.

6. Activity Report: Constable – Precinct 4

Commissioners Court received into the Court's minutes the December 2013 Monthly Activity Report from Precinct 4 Constable's Office. Report attached.

7. Report: Road and Bridge Department

Commissioners Court received status report from the Road and Bridge Department.

8. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims. Copies attached.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and Commissioner Terry Phillips.

9. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

Commissioners Court received status report and update from Commissioner Jeff Warr on the progress of the jail project.

10. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$19,847,204 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)
\$261,630 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)
682 Total Population, 556 Male, 126 Female
660 in Smith County Jail and 22 transferred to other Counties.
9 Federal Prisoners, 6 scheduled to TDC, 33 papers ready.
32 Parole violations and 43 Parole violations with other charges.
74 Total child support cases, 38 non-payment of child support and
36 non-payment of child support with other charges.
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 74 days.
17 open jailer positions
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

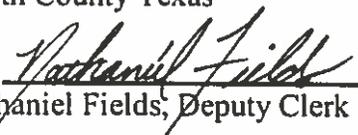
VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Judge Joel P. Baker.

Approved: 
Chairperson Commissioners Court



ATTESTED:
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County Texas

By: 
Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk