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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
February 3, 2014

On Monday February 3, 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	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton	Present

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jeff Warr led the invocation.

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

IV. OPEN SESSION

1. County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ)

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 1 regarding the creation of one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized by law, to promote one or more infrastructure projects to be located within the County to be funded by the CETRZ including the potential boundaries and requirements, as authorized by §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

2. Presentation: Top Ten Ranked Texas Counties by Road Miles

Commissioner Court received presentation from County Court Judge Joel Baker regarding the top ten ranked Texas counties by road miles.

3. Reimbursement: United States Marshal's Service

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to accept reimbursement from the United States Marshal's Service to the Smith County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$10,000 for Task Force Officer overtime pay and \$5,000 for retrofitting a previously donated vehicle with emergency equipment.

Passed 5-0; Absent: (None); Absent: (None).

4. Report: Emergency Services District (ESD) # 1

Commissioners Court received into Commissioners Court minutes the October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 Quarterly Report for Emergency Services District (ESD) #1. Report attached.

5. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton 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 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

6. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve the addition of a temporary sally port at the central jail and authorize payment of \$1,685.00 to transfer from Fund 45 contingency for this project.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

7. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$19,877,054 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)
\$291,480 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)
729 Total Population, 591 Male, 138 Female
675 in Smith County Jail and 54 transferred to other Counties.
9 Federal Prisoners, 12 scheduled to TDC, 34 papers ready.
34 Parole violations and 44 Parole violations with other charges.
82 Total child support cases, 41 non-payment of child support and
41 non-payment of child support with other charges.
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 71 days.
9 open jailer positions
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:48 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

V. **CLOSED SESSION:** To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, and 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.

8. Receive consultation and seek legal advice regarding available options to support county operations, including the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or a security audit pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.076.
9. Discuss personnel matters, including but not limited to Smith County Employee Grievance Committee activity, and employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 10:33 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VI. **OPEN SESSION**

10. **Security: Personnel/Devices/Audit**

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 10 to discuss, consider and take any necessary action relevant to the development or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel devices or a security audit.

11. **Legal Matters: Outside Counsel**

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to retain the services of Robert Davis and his law firm for assistance pertaining to an employee issue.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

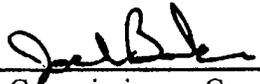
VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

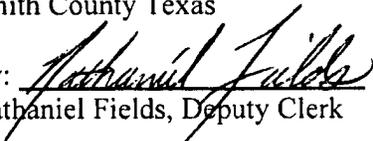
Meeting was adjourned by Judge Joel P. Baker.

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Approved: 
Chairperson Commissioners Court



ATTESTED:
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County Texas

By: 
Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk