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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
April 15, 2014

On Tuesday April 15, 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	Absent

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Terry Phillips led the invocation.

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

IV. OPEN SESSION

1. Presentation: I-20 East Texas Corridor Study

Commissioner Court received presentation from County Court Judge Joel Baker regarding the I-20 East Texas Corridor Study. No action necessary. Copies attached.

2. Smith County No Smoking Policy & Enforcement Order

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to revise the Smith County No Smoking Policy and the Smith County No Smoking Enforcement Order. Copies attached.
Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

Public Comment: Justin Campbell. Public participation form attached.

3. Countywide Permit Program

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve a county-wide permit program for charitable organizations soliciting donations in the roadways. Order attached.
Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

4. Report: Auditor/Treasurer

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to accept the Auditor/Treasurer report for March 2014.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

5. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

6. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

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

7. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,000,264 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)

\$414,690 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)

674 Total Population, 531 Male, 143 Female

644 in Smith County Jail and 30 transferred to other Counties.

9 Federal Prisoners, 29 scheduled to TDC, 43 papers ready.

35 Parole violations and 43 Parole violations with other charges.

62 Total child support cases, 42 non-payment of child support and

20 non-payment of child support with other charges.

Average stay for non-payment of child support: 68 days.

9 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:07 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

V. **CLOSED SESSION:** To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code and to deliberate the employment and duties of a public employee pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

8. Receive legal update briefing and consultation, and seek legal advice regarding pending contracts and procurement requirements for Smith County Facilities.
9. Discuss personnel matters and employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 11:32 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VI. **OPEN SESSION**

10. County Facilities: Real Estate

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to authorize Karin DeVasto, Steve Christian, and Thomas Wilson to negotiate with Hefner Roofing, LLC, on matters related to the roof project for the building located at 322 E. Ferguson and bring back further developments to the court at a later date.

Passed 3-0; Abstain: Commissioner Terry Phillips; Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

11. Personnel Matters

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve the order as submitted for the Fire Marshal's position. Order attached.

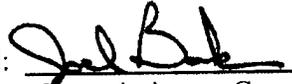
Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.

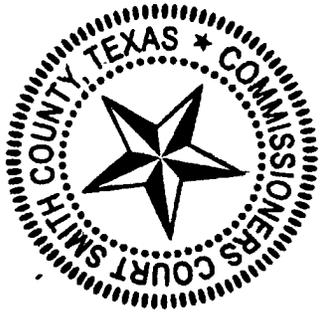
VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

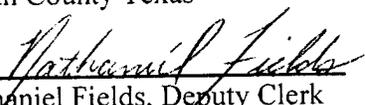
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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