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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
April 22, 2014

On Tuesday April 22, 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**

Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk, led the invocation.

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

**IV. OPEN SESSION**

1. Policy: County Facilities

Commissioners Court discussed and received information from Smith County Public Director Adrienne Hampton regarding development of County policy related to use of County facilities. No action necessary.

2. Agreement: Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve hiring Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. to revise the Storm Water management program for Smith County and transfer funds from salaries to professional services as recommended by the County Auditor. Agreement attached.

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

3. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

Commissioners Court received pipe and/or utility line installation requests:  
(notice only):

- a) CR 1347 Oncor Electric Delivery, road bore approximately 1200' north of CR 188, Pct. 1
- b) CR 188 Oncor Electric Delivery, road bore approximately 540' west of CR 1347, Pct. 1
- c) CR 3115 West Greg Special Utility District 40' service bore, Pct. 3

These lines will be constructed as directed by the Road Administrator in accordance with Smith County specifications. Copies attached.

4. Standard Letter of Agreements: Dredged Materials

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to ratify standard letter of agreements for disposal of dredged materials. Agreements attached.

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

5. Report: Road and Bridge Department

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

6. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips 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 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner JoAnn Hampton.*

7. Resolution: Mental Health Awareness Month

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to adopt resolution declaring May 2014 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Smith County. Resolution attached.

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

8. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

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

9. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,007,764 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)  
\$422,190 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)  
691 Total Population, 550 Male, 143 Female  
659 in Smith County Jail and 34 transferred to other Counties.  
9 Federal Prisoners, 20 scheduled to TDC, 38 papers ready.  
35 Parole violations and 39 Parole violations with other charges.  
72 Total child support cases, 40 non-payment of child support and  
32 non-payment of child support with other charges.  
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 79 days.  
12 open jailer positions  
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

The court welcomed visitors from Uganda.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:46 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

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

10. Discuss personnel matters and employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.
11. Receive consultation, and seek legal advice regarding available options concerning security issues at Smith County facilities, including but not limited to the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or a security audit pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.076.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 10:57 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VI. **OPEN SESSION**

12. Personnel Matters

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to authorize the Personnel Director to post the open positions for the County Fire Marshal and the Pre-Trial Director.

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

13. Security: Personnel/Devices/Audit

Commissioners Court discussed but took no action on agenda item 13 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.

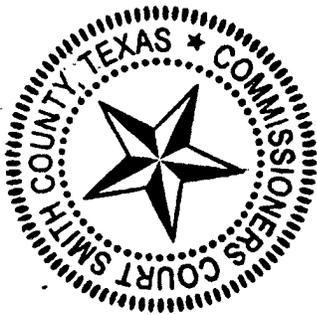
VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

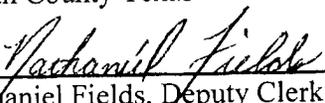
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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