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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
April 29, 2014

On Tuesday April 29, 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	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. Presentation: Employee Recognition/Longevity Certificates/Service Pins

Employee Recognition:

Kim Christopher, County Court at Law, 20 years service

2. TxDOT: County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) Grant

A.) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to accept the CTIF grant according to the County’s grant application using the roads identified in the original application process. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

B.) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to adopt a resolution and order approving the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Agreement, designating and authorizing the Road and Bridge administrator to act as the county’s representative regarding grant documents. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

C.) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize the County Judge to sign the CTIF Grant Agreement and all appropriate grant-related documents.
Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

3. Report: Annual Smith County Tax Abatement Review

Commissioners Court received report on the annual tax abatement review from Tom Mullins of Tyler Economic Development Council.

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to receive the annual report on the tax abatement agreement. Copy attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

4. Contract: Inmate Meals

A.) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve the contract extension regarding inmate meals with current vendor Mid-States Services, Inc., with a price increase from .84 cents to .94 cents a meal through fiscal year September 30, 2014.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

B.) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to authorize the County Judge to sign all related documents.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

5. Resolution: Reverend Jerome R. Milton Day

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to adopt a resolution declaring May 4, 2014, as Reverend Jerome R. Milton Day in Smith County. Resolution attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

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

Commissioners Court received into the Court's minutes the Quarterly Report from January 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014, for Emergency Services District (ESD) #1. No action necessary. Report attached.

7. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

- a) CR 2180 Walnut Grove Water Service Company, 40' road bore, Pct. 2
- b) CR 477 Lindale Rural Water Service Company, 6500' 8" water main for service, Pct. 3

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

8. Standard Letters of Agreement: Dredged Materials

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to ratify standard letters of agreement for disposal of dredged materials. Agreements attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

9. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims with the exception of the Sheriff's budget transfer for training. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

10. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve the change orders for the jail project.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

11. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,014,934 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)

\$429,360 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)

710 Total Population, 567 Male, 143 Female

661 in Smith County Jail and 49 transferred to other Counties.

10 Federal Prisoners, 12 scheduled to TDC, 22 papers ready.

38 Parole violations and 39 Parole violations with other charges.

75 Total child support cases, 46 non-payment of child support and

29 non-payment of child support with other charges.

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

12 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

W.A. Martin. Public Comment sheet attached.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:08 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

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

12. Discuss personnel matters and employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 10:49 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION

13. Personnel Matters

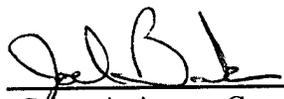
Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item number 13 to only if necessary, discuss, consider, and take any action pertaining to personnel matters and employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

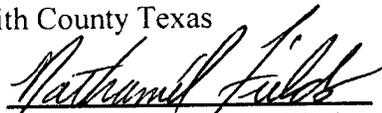
IX. ADJOURNMENT

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