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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
June 24, 2014

On Tuesday June 24, 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

Pastor Jimmy Olanrewaju of All Nations for Christ Deliverance Ministries 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:

Denise Langston, 241st District Court, 20 years of service.

Wilma Ray, Tax Assessor/Collector Department, 20 years of service

2. Resolution: Gladys Waters Square Day

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to ratify a resolution declaring June 23, 2014, as Gladys Waters Square Day in Smith County. Resolution attached.

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

3. Courthouse Security: Specialized Tactical Training Funding

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve an exception to the County's Compensatory time policy to pay overtime for specialized tactical training for 14 Courthouse Security Detail officers in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 and authorize the Auditor's office to make the appropriate budget transfer to fund this exception beginning with the start of the training.

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

4. Renewal of Property Insurance

Commissioners Court passed on agenda item 4 until after closed session to discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding Renewal of Property Insurance through the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool, including but not limited to approval of renewal and payment of premium.

5. Bids: Crescent Building

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to authorize the Purchasing and Facilities Services departments to obtain estimates and prepare the RFP for windows at the Crescent Building, 322 E. Ferguson, Tyler.

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

6. Plat: First Amendment Wilscott Subdivision Unit 2, Lots 9 and 10, Pct. 1

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize County Judge to sign plat for the resubdivision of First Amendment Wilscott Subdivision Unit 2, Lots 9 and 10, Pct. 1.

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

7. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

- a) CR 452 Lindale Rural Water Supply Corporation, 9500' of 8" water line for service, Pct. 1.
- b) CR 173 CenterPoint Energy, Install 55' of 1" plastic service, Pct. 1.
- c) CR 2142 Wright City Water Supply, 60' bore of 2" PVC pipe, Pct. 2.

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

8. Public Official Bond: Constable Precinct 4, John G. Smith

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve Public Official Bond for Constable Precinct 4, John G. Smith. Bond attached.

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

9. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips 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).

10. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

- a) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve change order request (COR) #035 in the amount of \$3,629.00 to add access doors. Copy attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).
- b) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve COR #030 in the amount of \$9,233.00 to install conduit and wiring for the heat trace and insulation to the fire sprinkler pipe at recreation yard. Copy attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).
- c) Commissioners Court received an update from Commissioner Jeff Warr on COR #032 to reflect a revised amount of \$165,670.00 for revisions to security walls. Copy attached.
- d) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve COR #033 in the amount of \$15,094.00 for fall protection revisions at the roof. Copy attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).
- e) Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve COR #034 in the amount of \$39,168.00 for general revisions to the project. Copy attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

- f) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve process that all requests for any changes in construction to the jail project come before the Commissioners Court before subcontractors become involved.

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

11. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,101,004 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)

\$515,430 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)

706 Total Population, 559 Male, 147 Female

652 in Smith County Jail and 54 transferred to other Counties.

11 Federal Prisoners, 19 scheduled to TDC, 45 papers ready.

26 Parole violations and 27 Parole violations with other charges.

60 Total child support cases, 33 non-payment of child support and

27 non-payment of child support with other charges.

Average stay for non-payment of child support: 87 days.

12 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:01 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

V. **CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.0725 and 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.**

10. Discuss personnel matters, including but not limited to employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.
11. Discuss personnel matters, including but not limited to Smith County Health Plan.
12. Receive legal update briefing and consultation and seek legal advice regarding pending contracts and procurement requirements.
13. Receive legal update briefing and consultation and seek legal advice regarding pending legal matters, including but not limited to matters placed with outside counsel.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 11:02 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VI. OPEN SESSION

14. Personnel: Employment / Duties of Departments

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 14 to discuss, consider and take any necessary action pertaining to personnel matters, including but not limited to employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

15. Contract: Procurement Requirements.

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 15 to discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding pending contract and procurement requirements.

4. Renewal of Property Insurance

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 4 to discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding Renewal of Property Insurance through the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool, including but not limited to approval of renewal and payment of premium.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

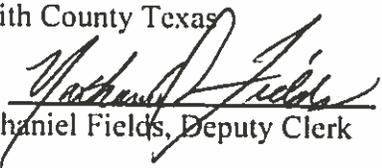
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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