

39-14
COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
September 2, 2014

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September 2, 2014
at PM
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County, Texas
By: *N. Fields* Deputy

On Tuesday September 2, 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

Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk, led the invocation.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

V. OPEN SESSION

1. Budget FY2014-2015: Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve the Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District Proposed FY2014-2015 District Operating Budget. Agreement attached.

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

2. Order for Local Option Election

Commissioners Court passed on agenda item number 2 regarding authorizing County Judge to sign the Project Completion Report and STEP Certificate of Construction Completion for contract No. 712036 (Lindale Rural WSC STEP project).

3. Lease: Department of State Health Services (Cotton Belt Building)

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix for approval of a Lease Extension Amendment with Texas Facilities Commission on behalf of the Department of State Health Services.

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

4. Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) program

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to set the public hearing regarding Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) program administration within the County for Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

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

5. FY2015 Salary Scales

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to adopt of the FY15 Salary Scales.

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

6. Report: Smith County Departments

Commissioners Court received monthly reports from the Smith County departments. Copies attached.

7. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

- a) CR 3160 (Eldorado Drive) TWS Management, Inc., 2” PVC casing for service, Pct. 3.
- b) CR 323 Sand Flat Water Supply, 60’ 2” casing for water service, Pct. 3.

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

8. 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. Copies attached.

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

9. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

Commissioners Court received status report and update from Mr. Halden Tally with HDR/Architecture on the progress of the jail project.

10. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,164,214 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)
\$578,640 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)
701 Total Population, 549 Male, 152 Female
672 in Smith County Jail and 29 transferred to other Counties.
12 Federal Prisoners, 11 scheduled to TDC, 34 papers ready.
23 Parole violations and 37 Parole violations with other charges.
71 Total child support cases, 42 non-payment of child support and
29 non-payment of child support with other charges.
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 70 days.
4 open jailer positions
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:47 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

VI. CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.0725 of the Texas Government Code.

11. Receive legal update briefing and consultation and seek legal advice regarding pending legal matters, including but not limited to pending litigation and matters placed with outside counsel.
12. Receive legal update briefing and consultation and seek legal advice regarding pending legal matters, including but not limited to pending contract and procurement requirements.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 10:20 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION

13. Legal Matters: Outside Counsel

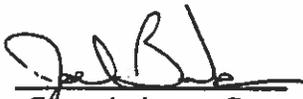
Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to ratify engagement letters with the Dacus Law Firm.
Passed 5-0; Opposed: (None); Absent: (None).

14. Procurement Matters

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve the contract with ES&S for ballot on line services.
Passed 5-0; Opposed: (None); Absent: (None).

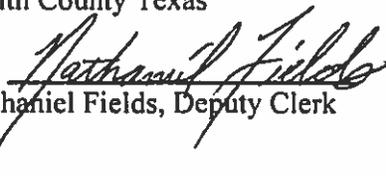
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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