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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
September 16, 2014

FILED  
*September 16, 2014*  
at *12:30 P.M.*  
Karen Phillips, County Clerk  
Smith County, Texas  
By: *A. J. Jills* Deputy

On Tuesday September 16, 2014, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Smith County, Texas, met for a special 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. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE WORKSHOP – 9:00 a.m.**

**1. Animal Control Services and Facilities**

a.) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to award the contract not to exceed \$10,000 to Jacobe Brothers for the renovations and design layout of the property at 322 East Ferguson.  
*Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).*

b.) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to award the contract to Mutual Sprinklers, Inc., for the sprinkler system installation for the property at 322 East Ferguson.  
*Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).*

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:17 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

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

2. Receive legal update briefing and consultation and seek legal advice regarding pending legal matters with Smith County Animal Control Services.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 9:30 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

**IV. OPEN SESSION**

3. Animal Control Services and Facilities

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve the change order within the existing bid and authorize Hefner Roofing LLC, to repair the metal roof of the property at 322 East Ferguson for the animal control facilities project.

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

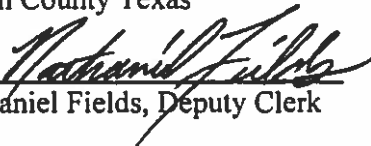
**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

42-14  
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at *12:36 P.M.*  
Karen Phillips, County Clerk  
Smith County, Texas  
By: *Nathan Phillips* Deputy

On Tuesday September 16, 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**

Leonardo Brown, Smith County's Human Resources Director, 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. **Presentation: Smith County Department Heads**

Leonardo Brown gave a brief presentation to the Commissioners Court that summarized FY2014 achievements and FY2014 objectives for Smith County Department Heads. Presentation attached.

2. **99th Annual East Texas State Fair.**

Commissioners Court received presentation from Mr. John Sykes, President of the East Texas Fair, on the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair. Copies attached.

3. **Contracts: Interpreter Services**

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve the renewal of contracts with Cynthia Hernandez Valdez for FY2015 and authorize County Judge to sign same. Contracts attached.

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

4. Grant: FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to accept the FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Copy attached.

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

5. Agreements: FY2015 Public Service

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve the FY2015 public service agreements for the following:

- a) Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA);
- b) East Texas Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (ETCADA);
- c) Next Step Community Solutions (a/k/a Sister Communities Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse) (SCCADA)
- d) Tyler-Smith County Children's Services (TSCCS);
- e) Tyler Economic Development Corporation (TEDC);
- f) Tyler-Smith County Child Welfare Board (TSCCWB); and
- g) Smith County Historical Society (SCHS);

Agreements attached.

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

6. Resolution and Agreement: Road Improvement Project on Spur 248

Commissioners Court discussed an agreement to contribute right of way funds with TxDOT for road improvement project on Spur 248 from FM 848 to SH 64. (NOTE: This item will be placed on September 23, 2014, agenda for appropriate vote.)

7. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

- a) CR 1113 Dean Water Supply, 2600' pipe for water service, Pct. 1.

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 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).*

9. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

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

10. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,180,774 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)  
\$595,200 Expenditure Budget Year 13/14 (Contract Housing)  
724 Total Population, 563 Male, 161 Female  
668 in Smith County Jail and 56 transferred to other Counties.  
16 Federal Prisoners, 12 scheduled to TDC, 58 papers ready.  
36 Parole violations and 41 Parole violations with other charges.  
71 Total child support cases, 38 non-payment of child support and  
33 non-payment of child support with other charges.  
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 64 days.  
8 open jailer positions  
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:15 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

VI. **CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.0725 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.**

11. Discuss personnel matters, including but not limited to employment or duties of departments supervised by the Smith County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 11:55 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

**VI. OPEN SESSION**

12. Personnel: Employment / Duties of Departments

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 12 to discuss, consider and take any necessary action pertaining to personnel matters.

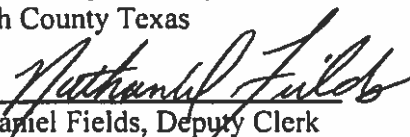
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