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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
October 28, 2014

On Tuesday October 28, 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

Commissioner Terry Phillips 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: Employee Recognition/Longevity Certificates/Service Pins

Employee Recognition:

Jaye Lynn Collins, Human Resources Department, 10 years of service.

2. 2015 TCDRS

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve the 2015 TCDRS contribution rate as budgeted.
Passed 4-1; Abstain: (None); Opposed: Commissioner Terry Phillips.

3. Appointment: Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jerry Shamburger to the Board of Managers of the Smith County 9-1-1 Communications District for a term of two years effective January 1, 2015.

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

4. Lease Extension: Department of State Health Services

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve a one-month Lease Extension Amendment with Texas Facilities Commission on behalf of the Department of State Health Services.

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

5. Purchase Offer: Smith County Office Building

Commissioners Court received an offer to purchase the Smith County Office Building from Mr. Vernis Stanaland with the Stanaland Company. No action taken.

6. Donation: Computer

Motion made Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve the transfer/donation of surplus office computers to Mustard Seed Ministries from Smith County per the Smith County Information Technology Department.

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

7. Contract: Sheriff's Office Vehicles

a) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to rescind the vote previously taken approving contract with Bancorp for the lease/purchase of 17 Sheriff's Office vehicles.

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

b) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve the new contract with Bancorp for the lease/purchase of Sheriff's Office vehicles and allow County Judge to sign same.

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

8. Memorandum of Understanding: County Clerk's Office

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve contract addendum between the County Clerk's office and AMCAD with Simplifile LLC, ERX/XEROX, and Corporation Service Company for electronic recording of real property records and authorize the County Judge to sign related documents. Copies attached.

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

9. Commissioners Court Minutes: September 2014

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to accept Commissioners Court minutes for September 2014. Copies attached.

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

10. Commissioners Court Recordings: September 2014

Commissioners Court received recordings of the Commissioners Court meetings for September 2014.

11. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

- a.) CR 3185 West Gregg SUD, Extension for water main line, Pct. 3.

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

12. Standard Letters of Agreement: Dredged Materials

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to ratify standard letters of agreement for disposal of dredged materials. Agreements attached.

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

13. Payment of Accounts

Commissioners Court passed on agenda item 13 to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims.

14. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve change order request (COR) #014 for security doors in the jail.

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

15. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,246,534 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)

\$36,630 Expenditure Budget Year 14/15 (Contract Housing)

669 Total Population, 521 Male, 148 Female

622 in Smith County Jail and 47 transferred to other Counties.

19 Federal Prisoners, 16 scheduled to TDC, 55 papers ready.

18 Parole violations and 34 Parole violations with other charges.

66 Total child support cases, 34 non-payment of child support and

32 non-payment of child support with other charges.

Average stay for non-payment of child support: 71 days.

20 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:52 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

VI. **CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.0725, and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.**

16. Receive consultation and seek legal advice regarding available options for general real estate and lease matters related to master plan and county facilities.

17. 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 11:08 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION

18. County Facilities: Real Estate

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to reject the offer made by the Stanaland Company to purchase the Smith County Office Building.

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

19. Personnel: Health Plan

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to replace the current plan language with the recommended language provided by HealthFirst.

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

20. Smith County Transportation Reinvestment Zone, Number One

Commissioners Court discussed the creation of a Smith County Transportation Reinvestment Zone, Number One (Toll 49 Reinvestment Zone). No action taken.

Public Comment: Mr. John Kennon and Mr. Bob Brewer. Public participation forms attached.

13. Payment of Accounts

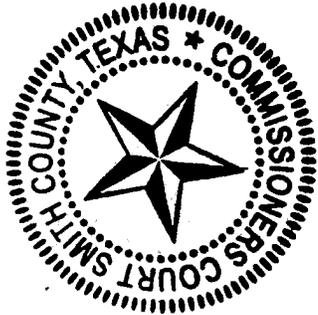
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Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

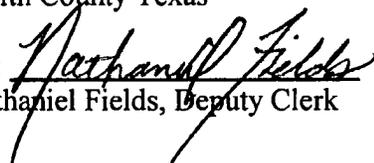
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

