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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
November 25, 2014

On Tuesday November 25, 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

Commissioner JoAnn Hampton, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge: Joel P. Baker	Absent
Commissioner: Precinct 1 Jeff Warr	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 2 Cary Nix	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 3 Terry Phillips	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton	Presiding

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Jeff Warr 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. Reappointment: Andrews Center Board of Trustees

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve the reappointment of Mr. George T. Hall to the Andrews Center Board of Trustees for a two-year term effective November 1, 2014, through October 31, 2016, and adopt resolution supporting this. *Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.*

2. Resolution: 2015 Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to ratify the 2015 Smith County Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Grant Program. Resolution attached. *Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.*

3. Bids: Struck-off Properties

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to ratify a resolution supporting approval of the bids for the sale of struck-off properties and authorize the County Judge to sign papers pertaining to the sale.

a) Cause No. 24,111-B

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.

4. Resubdivision Plat for Part of Oakwood Ridge Addition, Pct. 1

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to authorize the County Judge to sign the resubdivision Plat for Part of Oakwood Ridge Addition, Pct. 1. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.

5. Final Plat: Catherine Adair Subdivision, Pct. 3

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to sign Final Plat of Catherine Adair Subdivision, Pct. 3.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.

6. Pipe and/or Utility Line Installation

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

a) CR 2162, Tunos Exploration, approx. 80' Road Bore for pipeline, Pct. 2.

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

7. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims. Copies attached.

Passed 4-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: Judge Joel P. Baker.

8. Jail Projects Update and Recommendation(s)

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

9. Report: Smith County Jail Status and Related Information

\$20,272,544 Expenditure to date (Contract Housing)
\$62,640 Expenditure Budget Year 14/15 (Contract Housing)
639 Total Population, 509 Male, 132 Female
620 in Smith County Jail and 21 transferred to other Counties.
17 Federal Prisoners, 14 scheduled to TDC, 48 papers ready.
16 Parole violations and 39 Parole violations with other charges.
59 Total child support cases, 33 non-payment of child support and
26 non-payment of child support with other charges.
Average stay for non-payment of child support: 80 days.
17 open jailer positions
Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action necessary.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 9:39 a.m. and went into Closed Session.

Judge Joel P. Baker entered the court room during Closed Session.

VI. CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074 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.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 9:59 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION

11. Personnel: Employment / Duties of Departments

- a) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize the County Administrator to make a job offer for the Purchasing Director position in accordance with the approved salary plan and give him the latitude to provide insurance coverage effective on the starting date.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).
- b) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to appoint Michael Roark as Veterans Service Officer effective December 15, 2014.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

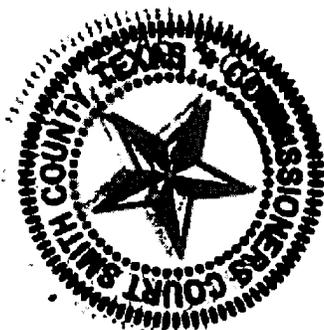
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- c) Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to appoint Michael Roark as Program Director and Andrea Odom as the Court Coordinator for Veterans Court Program effective December 15, 2014. *Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).*

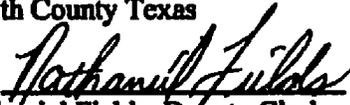
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

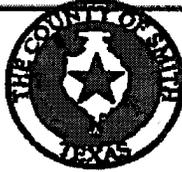
Meeting was adjourned by Judge Joel P. Baker

Approved: 
Chairperson Commissioners Court



ATTESTED:
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County Texas

By: 
Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk



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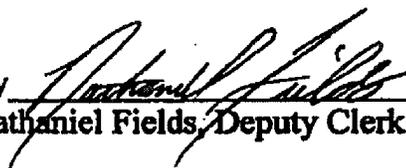
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SMITH

I, KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK, OF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Notice of Commissioners Court Meeting of Smith County as appears on record in Commissioners Court Minutes records of Smith County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 25th day of November, 2014 A.D.

Karen Phillips, Clerk County Court,
Smith County, Texas



By 
Nathaniel Fields, Deputy Clerk