

# **Hall County, Texas**

## **Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting**

May 16, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on May 16, 2022 with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, presiding; Ronny Wilson, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2; Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct #3; Troy Glover, Commissioner Precinct #4; Olivia M. Fisher, County Clerk; Kaci Mills, Deputy County Clerk; and Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant. Also, present were Tom Heck, County Sheriff; Ryan Martin, County Extension Agent; Katie Paul, PRPC Representative. Others in attendance were Joe Dunn, Bertha Dunn, and Sean Wylie.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M.

### **1. Opening prayer.**

The opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

### **2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 and Called Meeting May 12, 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 and Called Meeting of May 12, 2022. Motion passed, unanimously.

### **3. Reports.**

Reports of Treasurer, Sheriff/EMC, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor-Collector, County & District Clerk, Justice of the Peace 1, 2, & 3, Extension Office, and Tax Appraisal District were presented. Judge did not present a report.

### **4. Approve reports.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion passed, unanimously.

### **5. Approve payment of bills.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the payment of the monthly bills. Motion passed, unanimously.

**6. Discuss and/or action on burn ban. (Currently ON 11/8/2021)**

No action taken. Burn ban remains in place.

**7. Discuss and consider whether to move communication tower from courthouse property to another location, or disassemble, as part of restoration of courthouse plan.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to approve dismantling the communication tower prior to the courthouse restoration project. Storage address of dismantled tower to be addressed at a later date. Motion passed, unanimously.

**8. Discuss and consider sale of Lot 1, Block 14, Bellview Addition, Turkey, Hall County, Texas.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve advertisement for sealed bids in the Red River Sun for the sale of Lot 1, Block 14, Bellview Addition, Turkey, Hall County, Texas. Minimum bid to be the cost of advertising. Motion passed, unanimously.

**9. Discuss and consider resignation by County/District Clerk Olivia Fisher, as of June 1, 2022.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the order of the Court to accept the resignation of County/District Clerk Olivia Fisher. Motion passed, unanimously.

**10. Closed or executive session – pursuant to the authority granted under government code section 551.074 – personnel matters. To deliberate the appointment of a County/District Clerk for term beginning June 1, 2022, ending December 31, 2022.**

**11. Reconvene to open session to consider any action on items discussed in executive session.**

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to appoint Kaci Mills as County/District clerk beginning June 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Motion passed, unanimously.

**12. Katie Paul with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to discuss available funding opportunities with American Rescue Plan program. (ARP)**

Discussion held.

**13. Consider and take action on budget amendment of \$275,866.39 for transfer of American Rescue Plan funds to 2021-2022 budget.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve budget amendment of \$275,866.39 of ARP funds to be transferred to 2021-2022 budget. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 14. Discuss and consider rescinding motion in April 11, 2022 agenda Item 13, No. 4 “Motion to approve the hiring of a fifth dispatcher/jailer to be paid with American Rescue Plan funds for a 6-month period at \$21,000.”**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to rescind Item #13, No. 4 of April 11, 2022 meeting. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 15. Discuss and consider employment of a fifth dispatcher/jailer to be paid with American Rescue Plan funds for the five months remaining in the fiscal year budget at a beginning salary of \$12.50 per hour equaling \$10,833 plus health insurance, benefit of \$4,634, with retirement cost paid from county budget.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Judge Powell and It is the Order of the Court to pay 5-month salary of \$12.50 per hour equaling \$10,833 plus health insurance benefit of \$4,634 from ARP funds with retirement cost paid from county budget. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 16. Discuss and consider approval of funding from American Rescue Plan for the following projects.**

**1. \$12,000 grant to Tri-County Home Delivered Meals of Quitique, TX for funding food bank meals for Turkey, Hall County, Texas recipients.**

**2. \$12,000 grant to Hall County Home Delivered Meals to provide for purchase of food for other Hall County communities.**

**3. \$86,178 for purchase of Caterpillar model 28903 skid steer loader for use in road & bridge maintenance by equipment operators in each of four county precincts.**

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to grant \$12,000 to Tri-County Home Delivered Meals of Quitique, TX for funding food bank meals for Turkey, Hall County, Texas recipients. It is the Order of the Court to grant \$12,000 to Hall County Home Delivered Meals to provide for purchase of food for other Hall County communities. It is the Order of the Court to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar model 28903 Skid Steer loader in the amount of \$86,178 for use in road & bridge maintenance by equipment operators in each of four county precincts. Motion passed, unanimously.

**17. Discuss and consider acceptance of personal contribution of \$1,000 to Sheriff's Department.**

Motion by Commission Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to accept a personal donation of \$1000 to the Sheriff's Department Motion passed, unanimously.

**18. Discuss, consider, and take necessary action on use of equipment, materials, purchases, other county matters, county work projects, extra help or hiring of road employees on county roads and bridges by commissioners in each precinct.**

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to approve the canvassing of votes for 05/07/2022 Joint Uniform election to include: 373 total votes cast; 35 mail-in ballots, 117 early votes, 221 election day votes. Motion passed, unanimously.

**19. Public comments**

No public comments.

**20. Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 11:58 A.M. Motion passed, unanimously.

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Kaci Mills

Hall County Clerk Deputy

