

HALL COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

MARCH 13, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on **MARCH 13, 2023** 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; Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant; Tom Heck, Sheriff; Teresa Altman, Tax A/C. Also present were Denise Foster with Foster, Lambert & Foard L.L.C.; Chuck Steed, Director of TP&D, Eden Gonzalez, Utility Coordinator, and Matt Orr, Environmental Coordinator with TxDOT; Nathan Smith with Wellington State Bank; Colleen Owens with Happy State Bank; Sean Wiley; and Joe and Bertha Dunn.

1. OPENING PRAYER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Judge Powell.

Opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt.

Motion passed unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023.

3. REPORTS OF:

TREASURER

SHERIFF/EMC – Report by Tom Heck

ROAD & BRIDGE – Report by Commissioner Lindsey

TAX A/C – Report by Teresa Altman

COUNTY CLERK

J.P. REPORTS, PRECINTS

EXTENSION OFFICE – No report at this time.

TAX APPRAISAL

JUDGE'S REPORT – No report

4. APPROVE REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Wilson. Motion passed unanimously and It Is the Order of the Court to approve the reports.

5. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover. Motion passed unanimously and It Is the Order of the Court to approve the payment of bills.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN.

(Currently OFF as of 12-13-2022).

No action. Burn ban remains OFF.

7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR COURT TO CALL EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF DELIBERATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey, second by Commissioner Proffitt, motion passed and It Is the Order of the Court for approval to call executive session for purpose of deliberations that would have detrimental effect on the position of Commissioners Court in negotiations.

8. OPEN BANK DEPOSITORY BIDS FOR JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025, WITH OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM.

Judge Powell opened the two bids presented, one from Happy State Bank, and one from Wellington State Bank, then called for opening of Executive Session of **court**.

9. .CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0725- DELIBERATION OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATING TO A CONTRACT BEING NEGOTIATED, CONTRACT BEING TO AWARD BID FOR BANKING SERVICE FOR TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING

JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025, WITH OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM.

Executive session opened at 11:58 A. M. – Closed at 1:00 P. M.

10. TAKE ACTION ON AWARDING OF BID FOR BANKING SERVICE FOR TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025, WITH OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM.

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey. Motion passed and It Is the Order of the Court to award bid for banking service to Wellington State Bank for two year term beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025, with option for additional two year term.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RATIFYING APPROVAL OF JUDGE POWELL'S LETTER TO THE MEMPHIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SELL LOTS 1 THROUGH 6, BLOCK 33, CITY OF ESTELLINE, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey, second by Commissioner Proffitt. Motion passed and It Is the Order of the Court to approve Judge Powell's signing letter of approval for the Memphis Independent School District to sell Lots 1 through 6, Block 33, City of Estelline, Hall County, Texas.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF EASEMENT TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover.. Motion passed, unanimously and It Is the Order of the Court to approve easement to Texas Historical Commission.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FOUR TASER GUNS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM COURTHOUSE SECURITY ACCOUNT, IN AMOUNT OF \$2,880.00.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson, for purchase of four taser guns for Sheriff's Department with payment from Courthouse Security account in total amount of \$12,328. Motion passed and It Is the Order of the Court to approve purchase of four taser guns at a total cost of \$12,328 with payment from Courthouse Security Fund.

14. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FOAM INSULATION FOR EVIDENCE STORAGE CONTAINER FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

No action taken.

15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF COUNTY'S 10% PARTICIPATION WITH TxDOT AGREEMENT FOR WORK ON MULBERRY CREEK BRIDGE.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey, second by Commissioner Proffitt. Motion passed and It Is the Order of the Court to approve payment of \$3,000.00, equaling 10% of the cost of moving the gas line for construction of the bridge on Mulberry Creek

16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AS PRESENTED BY DENISE FOSTER OF FOSTER, LAMBERT AND FOARD, L.L.C.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Lindsey. Motion passed, unanimously and It Is the Order of the Court to approve audit report as presented by Denise Foster of Foster, Lambert and Foard L.L.C.

17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey, second by Commissioner Proffitt. Motion carried and It Is the Order of the Court to designate April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

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.

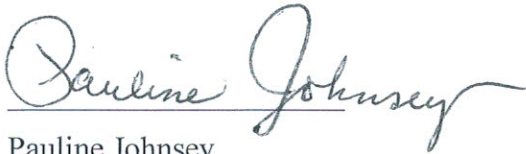
DISCUSSION ONLY.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

20. ADJOURN

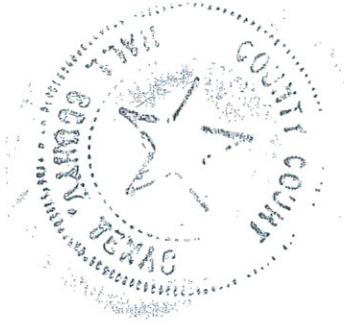
Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson. Motion passed, unanimously and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 1:25 P. M..



Pauline Johnsey

Hall County Judge's Assistant

For Commissioners Court



Kaci Mills
Hall County Clerk

FILED 2023 MAR 16 PM 12:24
HALL COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK