

Hall County, Texas
Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

June 14, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on June 14, 2021 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; and Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant. Also, present were Tom Heck, County Sheriff; Janet Bridges, County Treasurer; Teresa Altman, County Tax Assessor-Collector; Sherrie Stone, County Justice of Peace, Precincts 1, 2, & 3; Ryan Martin, County Extension Agent; Denise Foster, Foster & Lambert, LLC Auditor; Elizabeth Tanner, Red River Sun Manager; and Bertha and Joe Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

1. Opening prayer.

The opening prayer was led by Commissioner Wilson.

2. Approval of minutes of the Called Meeting of May 7, 2021 and Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Proffitt and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting of May 4, 2021 and Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021. 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, Tax Appraisal District, and County Judge were presented.

4. Approve reports.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson 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 Glover and second by Commissioner Proffitt 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 OFF as of 1-11-21)

No action taken. Burn ban remains off.

7. Discussion and approval of audit report for fiscal year ended, September 30, 2020 by Denise Foster, with Foster & Lambert, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the audit report for fiscal year ended, September 30, 2020 by Denise Foster, with Foster & Lambert, LLC. Motion passed, unanimously.

8. Discussion and explanation of delay of bids advertising sale of county owned real estate in addition to Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, OT, Lakeview, Hall County, Texas.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the advertising of sealed bids for the sale of county owned real estate, Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Original Town of Lakeview, Hall County, Texas, with the minimum bid of \$1,000.00 Motion passed, unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider approval of request for \$1,400.00 to Hall County Extension Service for payment of interns for assistance with 4-H Program.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of Court to approve the request of \$1,400.00 from the Hall County Extension Agent Service for payment to interns for assistance with the 4-H programs using contingency funds for funding. Motion passed, unanimously.,

10. Discuss and consider approval of agreement between Hall County and Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, regarding the budget of \$7,200.00 annually for vehicle payment.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the agreement between Hall County and Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, regarding the budget of \$7,200.00 annually for vehicle payment. Motion passed, unanimously. Exhibit A.

- 11. Discuss and consider sharing 50% of cost with Briscoe County for Molly Forman to attend TEAFCS Conference in Tyler, Texas, July 28-30, 2021. Total Cost is \$235.00 and Hall County's Portion is \$117.50. Check is to be made out to District 5 TEAFCS (Memo Line:2021 TEAFCS Conference), and mailed to Gregg County Extension Office, ATTN: Mandy Patrick, 405 E. Marshall Ave., Ste #1010, Longview, Texas 75601.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve sharing 50% of the total cost of \$235.00 with Briscoe County for Molly Forman to attend the TEAFCS Conference in Tyler, Texas, July 28 – 30, 2021, with the county's portion being \$117.50. Motion passed, unanimously.

- 12. Discuss and consider estimated project schedule for restoration of the Hall County Courthouse provided by Arthur Weinman, Architect.**

Discussion held. No action taken.

- 13. Discuss and consider Hall County Personnel Policy Manuel changes to update safety measures.**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve the Hall County Personnel Policy Manuel changes to update safety measures, pertaining to the use of seat belts. Motion passed unanimously.
Exhibit B

- 14. Discussion of funds available to Hall County through American Rescue Plan (ARP).**

Discussion held. No action taken.

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

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Proffitt. It is the Order of the Court to accept a \$500.00 donation check from Affiliated Foods to be used by Precinct 4, Commissioner Glover, to purchase tools for county use. Motion passed unanimously.

- 16. Public comments.**

No public comments

- 17. Budget Workshop to include discussion and necessary action on expenses in 2021-2022 budget.**

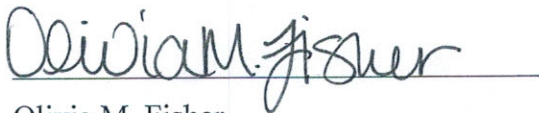
- Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to approve an increase in base pay of .25 cents per hour for a total of

include Jail employees, Sheriff's Deputies and Road and Bridge employees as base pay was increased previously. Motion passed, unanimously.

- Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to include an additional deputy in the Sheriff's budget, beginning, October 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Wilson and It is the Order of the Court to allow Sheriff Tom Heck to hire a full-time deputy, beginning this date, June 14, 2021, until the end of the fiscal year budget. 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously.

18. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson and second by Commissioner Glover and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 1:53 P.M. Motion passed.



Olivia M. Fisher

Hall County Clerk

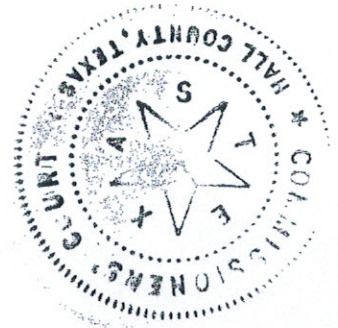


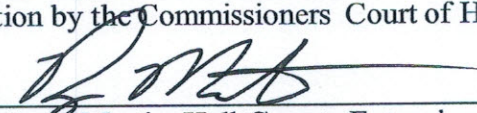
EXHIBIT A

RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS that Hall County provide an allowance of \$7,200.00 in the 2021-2022 budget for the Hall County Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, to use for the express purpose of contributing to the expense of his acquiring by lease or purchase a pickup truck in which to conduct the necessary travel for Hall County Extension Agent business.

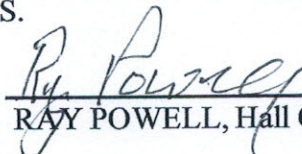
Hall County shall not be obligated for payment of any additional expenses on lease or purchase of said vehicle: insurance, maintenance, repairs, or costs of any nature for such transportation of the Hall County Extension Agent.. However, Hall County may agree to reimbursement for travel expenses related to mileage driven in the vehicle on Hall County business.

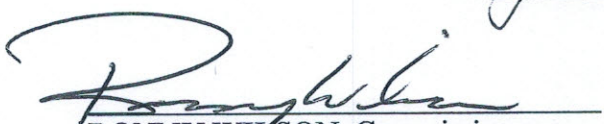
Should Ryan Martin terminate his employment with Hall County for any reason, Mr. Martin will be personally responsible for any remaining balance due as payment on any vehicle leased or purchased by him with the allowance provided by Hall County, it being understood that the title to the vehicle, and the ownership of any lease agreement, shall be the property of Ryan Martin, individually, ant as an employee of Hall County.


Resolved, that this agreement shall remain in effect in subsequent annual budgets for Hall County, Texas until action by the Commissioners Court of Hall County regarding the agreement.

APPROVED: 
Ryan Martin, Hall County Extension Agent

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of JUNE, 2021, by the COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS.

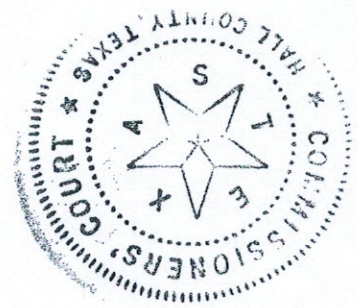

RAY POWELL, Hall County Judge


RONNY WILSON, Commissioner,
Precinct #1


TERRY LINDSEY, Commissioner
Precinct #2


GARY PROFFITT, Commissioner
Precinct #3


TROY GLOVER, Commissioner
Precinct #4



GENERAL SAFETY RULES – cont'd

18. The use of safety equipment such as hard hats, eye protective goggles, ear muffs, welding helmets, etc. is mandatory when working in hazardous areas.
Accidents and injuries caused from failure to use proper safety equipment will result in discipline, up to and including termination.
19. Loose or baggy clothing is not to be worn around moving equipment or machinery.
20. Horseplay is prohibited.
21. The use of or working while under the influence of intoxicants or non-prescribed drugs will result in immediate dismissal.

USE OF SEAT BELTSPurpose

This policy is intended to protect county employees operating or riding in motor vehicles including construction equipment from the hazards of motor vehicle accidents.

Applicability

This policy is mandatory for all county employees operating motor vehicles and visitors riding in county-owned vehicles

This includes all county employees operating county-owned vehicles, passengers in county-owned vehicles, and all employees operating personal vehicles while engaged in county business, and employees riding as a passenger in a vehicle while on county business.

Policy

All county-owned vehicles will be equipped with seat belts. This includes the vehicle cab or operator's compartment, passenger seating area and jump seats.

Operators of tractors or other off-road vehicles equipped with "Roll-Over Protection Structures" (ROPS) will use seat belts.

Vehicle passengers will be permitted to ride only in areas of the vehicle designed for that purpose.

Seat belts shall be used by all employees riding in a vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.