# Hall County, Texas Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting

June 8, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING on June 8, 2020 with the following members present: Ray Powell, County Judge, presiding; Winfred McQueen, Commissioner Precinct #1; Terry Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #2, Gary Proffitt, Commissioner Precinct #3; Troy Glover, Commissioner Precinct #4; Olivia M. Duran, County Clerk; and Pauline Johnsey, Judge's Assistant. Also present were: Teresa Altman, Hall County Tax Assessor-Collector; Janet Bridges, Hall County Treasurer; Sherrie Stone, Hall County Justice of Peace, Precinct 1, 2, & 3; Tom Heck; Hall County Sheriff, Steven Bartley, Hall County Chief Deputy; Rhonda Funderburg, Hall County Jail Administrator; Cindy Bolen, Hall County Jail Administrator Assistant; Jennifer Chacon, Hall County Dispatcher/Jailer; and Joe and Bertha Dunn.

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

#### 1. Opening Prayer.

Opening prayer was led by Commissioner Lindsey.

# 2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2020. Motion passed.

#### 3. Reports.

Reports of Treasurer, Sheriff/EMC, Road & Bridge, Tax Assessor-Collector, County & District Clerk, J.P. Precincts 1, 2, & 3, Tax Appraisal District, and Judge's Report were presented. Extension Office report was not presented.

# 4. Approve reports.

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

# 5. Approve payment of bills.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to pay the monthly bills. Motion passed.

6. Discuss and/or action on burn ban.

No action was taken. Burn ban remains off.

7. TxDOT update on Hall County projects, current and future – Jeff Widener.

No action was taken as Jeff Widener was not present.

8. Annual report of Hall County Historical Commission by Karen Crisman.

No action was taken as Karen Crisman was not present.

9. Take action to ratify sale of drug dog to Amarillo Police Department K-9 Unit.

Motion by Commissioner McQueen and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the sale of the drug dog to Amarillo Police Department K-9 Unit. Motion passed.

10. Take action to ratify salary increase of Steven Bartley in new position as Chief Deputy.

Motion by Commissioner McQueen and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to ratify the salary increase of \$2,000.00 to Steven Bartley in new position as Chief Deputy. Motion passed.

11. Discuss and consider salaries of Jailers/Dispatchers.

Motion by Judge Powell and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to increase the starting salary of new jailer/dispatcher to \$12.50 an hour, which is \$26,000.00 a year. Additionally, the salaries of the three current jailer/dispatchers will increase accordingly, effective June 1, 2020. Motion passed.

12. Discuss new requirements of County Budget preparation under Senate Bill 2 (SB 2).

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

13. Discuss and take action to approve the County Judge's decision to participate in the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) up to \$16,115.00 with no required funding participation.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner McQueen and It is the Order of the Court to approve the County Judge's decision to participate in the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) up to \$16,115.00 with no required funding participation. Motion passed.

14. Discuss details of potential courthouse restoration.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

15. Discuss and consider purchasing a new computer for County Attorney John Deaver with Budget Contingency Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to approve the purchasing of a new computer for County Attorney John Deaver with budget Contingency Funds. Motion passed.

16. Take action to ratify rehiring of Ed Gentry as Sheriff's Deputy at salary of \$30,000.00 per year.

Motion by Commissioner Glover and second by Commissioner Lindsey and It is the Order of the Court to ratify rehiring of Ed Gentry as Sheriff's Deputy at salary of \$30,000.00 per year. Motion passed.

17. 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.

No action was taken.

#### 18. Public comments.

No public comments.

#### 19. Budget Workshop.

Budget workshop began at 1:35 P.M. Discussion was held and the preliminary budget was reviewed. No action was taken.

# 20. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and second by Commissioner Proffitt and It is the Order of the Court to adjourn at 2:56 P.M. Motion passed.

Olivia M. Duran

Hall County Clerk



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**Public Notice of Meeting** 

TAKE NOTICE THAT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM OF THE HALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MEMPHIS, TEXAS

(Alternate meeting place: District Courtroom on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Courthouse, Memphis, Texas) COMMENCING AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A. M. ON MONDAY, THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020 TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON

ANY LAWFUL SUBJECT WHICH MAY COME BEFORE IT, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING: (ITEMS ON THE AGENDA DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO COME AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA)
Bill signing by Commissioners at 8:30 A. M. before Commissioners' Court meeting at 10:00 A.M.

- 1. OPENING PRAYER.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2020.
- 3. REPORTS OF:
  - A. TREASURER
- D. TAX A/C

G. EXTENSION OFFICE

- B. SHERIFF/EMC
- E. COUNTY CLERK
- H.. TAX APPRAISAL

- C. ROAD & BRIDGE
- F. J. P. REPORTS, PRECINCTS I. JUDGE'S REPORT

- 4. APPROVE REPORTS.
- 5. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS.
- 6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON BURN BAN. (Currently OFF AS OF 1-28-20).
- 7. TXDOT UPDATE ON HALL COUNTY PROJECTS, CURRENT AND FUTURE JEFF WIDENER.
- 8. ANNUAL REPORT OF HALL COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION BY KAREN CRISMAN.
- 9. TAKE ACTION TO RATIFY SALE OF DRUG DOG TO AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT.
- 10. TAKE ACTION TO RATIFY SALARY INCREASE OF STEVEN BARTLEY IN NEW POSITION AS CHIEF DEPUTY.
- 11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SALARIES OF JAILERS/DISPATCHERS.
- 12. DISCUSS NEW REQUIREMENTS OF COUNTY BUDGET PREPARATION UNDER SENATE BILL 2 (SB 2).
- 13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE COUNTY JUDGE'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM) UP TO \$16,115.00 WITH NO REQUIRED FUNDING PARTICIPATION.
- 14. DISCUSS DETAILS OF POTENTIAL COURTHOUSE RESTORATION.
- 15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASING A NEW COMPUTER FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY JOHN DEAVER WITH BUDGET CONTINGENY FUNDS.
- 16. TAKE ACTION TO RATIFY REHIRING OF ED GENTRY AS SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AT SALARY OF \$30,000.00 PER YEAR.
- 17. 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.
- 18. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
- 19. BUDGET WORKSHOP.
- 20. ADJOURNMENT.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

RAY POWELL, CHAIRMAN

HALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT