

APRIL 12, 2010

Be it remembered that on April 12, 2010, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Wayne Smith, Precinct #1, Ricky West, Precinct #2, Doc Edwards, Precinct #3, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, County Judge Lesa Arnold, and Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Lesa Arnold. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, followed with a prayer by Judge Lesa Arnold.

Whereupon the following business was transacted and is now placed of record in the minutes of said Court:

Minutes of the March 8, 2010 were reviewed.

Departmental Monthly Reports:

Jimmie Land, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report for March, 2010. There were a total of 117 9-1-1 calls, and 87 other calls. There were 17 prisoners held a total of 138 days with an average stay of 8.1 days per inmate

Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Gayle Taylor, filed 109 traffic cases, 0 non-traffic cases, 0 civil suit, and collected revenue totaling \$39,913.05.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3, Norma Roberson presented the J.P.#3 monthly report as follows; 14 new cases filed, 8 Non-Traffic, 6 Traffic Misdemeanor cases filed, 1 small claim hearing, 3 Civil Suits filed, 9 consultations, 3 magistrations, 3 domestic disturbances, and Omni Base and Perdue records audited. Total revenue collected was \$2,619.48.

Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections in March 2010 for Dickens County, current, \$7,082.80, delinquent, 468.61. Tax Collections in March for Road and Bridge, current, \$4,249.79, delinquent, 259.92.

County and District Clerk, Winona Humphreys presented the monthly Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$5,644.63 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, there were 3 criminal cases filed, 2 driving while intoxicated, and 1 assault. Four criminal cases were heard - 1 escape from custody, receiving 12 months probation, 1 resisting arrest, receiving 12 months probation, 1 assault, receiving 25 days in jail, and 1 driving while intoxicated, receiving 12 months probation. There were no applications for probate filed, and no probate hearings held. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, 1 criminal case, possession of a controlled substance, was filed by revocation of probation. Two civil cases were filed, 1 suit for divorce, and 1 petition for confirmation of non-agreed child support review order.

Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report for March, 2010. In the General Fund Account the balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$18,299.90. In the Road and Bridge Account the balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$52,695.92. In the D.C. Correctional Center the balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$4,233.31. In the Special Grant Fund the balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$12,089.09.

Kevin Brendle, County Extension Agent, reported on 4-H activities and gave an update on agriculture programs.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS APPROVED

On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Doc Edwards, the Court voted unanimously to approve the departmental reports as presented.

C.E.U. FOR SHERRY HILL, TAX A/C ACCEPTED

Wayne Smith made the motion to accept the continuing education units for Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector. On a second by Ricky West, the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Hill has successfully completed Course 8, Assessment and Collections, Course 28, Truth in Taxation, and Course 9, Advanced Property Tax Assessment and Collections.

The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.

Warden Alan Ballard, Dickens County Correctional Center, reported to the Court on operations and repairs at the facility.

RECONCILIATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2010 APPROVED

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to certify the reconciliation report from CEC/Civigenics for the month of February, 2010. On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF 2010 COLORECTAL CANCER & PREVENTION AWARENESS YEAR APPROVED

Dr. Davor Urgrin, M.D. FACP, presented facts and information to the Court concerning the need for colorectal cancer and prevention awareness. Doc Edwards made the motion to approve the proclamation in support of 2010 Colorectal Cancer & Prevention Awareness Year. On a second by Ricky West, the motion passed unanimously.

2009 AUDIT REPORT APPROVED

David Copeland, with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss met with the Court to present the 2009 audit report. Wayne Smith made the motion to approve the audit. On a second by Doc Edwards, the motion passed unanimously.

APRIL 27, 2010 PROCLAIMED AS CONSERVATION DAY

On April 27, 2010, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will celebrate its 75th anniversary. On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Wayne Smith, the court voted unanimously to approve a proclamation in recognition of this anniversary. Charlie Morris, with the local Natural Resources Conservation Service was on hand for the signing of the proclamation.

AUTOPSY CONTRACT WITH LUBBOCK CO. APPROVED

The Court discussed contracts presented to the Court for forensic services from South Plains Forensic Pathology and also Lubbock County. After discussing and comparing the contracts, Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the contract from Lubbock County. On a second by Doc Edwards, the motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING LIMIT APPROVED

County and District Clerk, Winona Humphreys requested approval from the Court to purchase a computer at a cost of \$1,180.00, which exceeds the \$1,000.00 spending limit. Sheldon Parsons, Commissioner Precinct #4 requested approval from the Court for tires and repairs for the precinct dump truck, at a cost of \$2100.00, which exceeds the \$1,000.00 spending limit. On a motion by Wayne Smith, and a second by Ricky West, the motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASE OF NEW COUNTY 9-1-1 MAPS APPROVED

Ricky West made the motion to approve the purchase of 9-1-1 maps. On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVED

County Treasurer, Sandy Vickrey sent a proposal to the Court on changes to the County Investment Policy. Wayne Smith made the motion to approval the changes. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS "COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH" APPROVED

Doc Edwards made the motion to approve the resolution declaring April as "County Government Month." On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH APPROVED

Ricky West made the motion to approve the proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month". On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion passed unanimously.

PANIC BUTTON ALARM SYSTEM FOR J.P. #3 APPROVED

Panic Button Alarm Systems were installed in the offices in the Courthouse. Due to an oversight, the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3 office was omitted from receiving the alarm system. A system can be leased for the next 8 months, at a cost of \$1300.00, which would be paid out of Courthouse Security Funds. Doc Edwards made the motion to approve leasing the system. On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

The Court reviewed and discussed the county road inventory for Dickens County. An accurate county road inventory will be certified and submitted to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for disbursement of the title and registration fees in January 2011 and to the State Comptroller's Office for disbursement of the Lateral Road and bridge funds in September 2011. The current county-maintained road mileage is 404.

COURT GIVES APPROVAL TO PAY BALANCE OF ALARM SYSTEM FROM C.H.S. FUNDS

On a motion by Wayne Smith, and a second by Ricky West, the Court voted unanimously to approve paying the balance of the Panic Button Alarm System costs from Courthouse Security funds. A grant was obtained to pay for the system, but the cost had increased since applying for the grant. The balance to be paid is \$475.44.

The Court discussed scheduling a budget workshop after the May Commissioner's Court meeting.

LINE ITEM TRANSFER APPROVED

Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented a request to the Court to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from Tax A/C assistant schools, to Tax A/C schools. Ricky West made the motion to approve the request. On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

The court recessed at 11:40 a.m. for lunch, and went back in session at 12:47 p.m.

The court recessed at 1:30 p.m. for a P.F.C. meeting. The court was called back into session at 1:36 p.m.

Ricky West made the motion to approve and pay all bills as presented. On a second by Wayne Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Smith made the motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. On a second by Doc Edwards, the motion passed unanimously.

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DICKENS §

The above and foregoing is a true and complete transcription of my notes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of April, 2010.

WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk

