

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

August 9, 2021

Be it remembered that on August 9, 2021 the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: County Judge Kevin Brendle. Commissioners, Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1; Mike Smith, Precinct 2; Charlie Morris, Precinct #3; Jerry Alexander, Precinct #4, Danay Carnes, Deputy County Clerk and Darla Thomason, Treasurer. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Charlie Morris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

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

The following Consent Agenda Items were submitted to the court for approval:

- Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Commissioners Court meeting were reviewed along with the minutes of the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop of July 26, 2021.
- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. submitted report.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report.
- Rusty Lanier, County Extension Agent, submitted the Extension Office report.
- Clint Martin, presented the wildlife services report. Mr. Martin submitted his letter of resignation to the court.
- County Commissioners reported on road conditions in their precincts.
- Purchase of loader tires for precinct 3 that exceeds county spending limit was submitted to the court.
- Approval request for cost to push material at Hindman gravel pit that exceeds county spending limit was submitted.
- Renewal of Western Surety bond for Marilyn Taylor, Deputy Tax-Collector was submitted for approval.
- The cost of \$1200.00 to maintain gift deed property that exceeds the county spending limit was submitted for approval.
- Completion of Continuing Educational Unit hours for Rebecca Haney, Tax-Assessor-Collector was submitted.
- Cost of \$6000.00 to feed and trim Courthouse and Annex trees that exceeds the county spending policy was submitted for approval.

Jerry Alexander made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as submitted. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda

1. Public Comment – none
2. On a Motion by Mike Smith and second by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously on the Renewal of Texas Association of Counties 2022 Retiree Medical Program as presented to the court.
3. The Covid 19 Grant is completed. No action.
4. Motion was made by Charlie Morris with second by Jerry Alexander to approve Option A regarding the imposition of Optional Fees for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for Calendar Year 2022. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Charlie Morris made the motion to advertise the sale of gift deed property by sealed bids. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Charlie Morris made the motion to renew all programs with SPAG. Jerry Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Charlie Morris reluctantly made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Justice of the Peace, Nancy Stone. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

8. The Court received calculation of No-New Revenue Rate and Voter approved rate for 2021 submitted by Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor-Collector.

Court recessed for lunch at 12:06 pm
Court reconvened at 1:09 pm

Kevin Brendle made the motion that all elected precinct officials and employees keep the same salaries with no increases for 2021-2022. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Vote failed with 1 For and 4 Against.

Mike Smith made the motion for elected officials and precinct employees stay the same and employees get a 3 % raise. Motion failed with no second.

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to give a 2% raise to approved elected officials and employees which included the Tax Assessor and Deputy, JP, Treasurer, County and District Clerk and Deputy, County Judge's Assistant, Extension Office Assistant, Roll Off employee, Roadhands, Sheriff's Deputies and Jailer/Dispatchers. Mike Smith Seconded the motion. Motion carried with Jerry Alexander, Mike Smith and Dennis Wyatt voting For and Kevin Brendle and Charlie Morris voting Nay.

Mike Smith made the motion to set proposed tax rate @ .70 for Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and .15 for Road and Bridge (R&B). Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 4 voting For and Charlie Morris voting Against.

- ❖ Motion was made by Jerry Alexander and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to approve action on claims incurred against the county since the last Commissioner's Court. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion to pay Historical Commission bills was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ No line item Transfers.
- ❖ No budget amendments.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Morris with a second by Mike Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Court adjourned at 3:30 PM.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DICKENS §

I, Becky Hill, Dickens County Clerk, attest that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth as presented to me. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 9th day of August, 2021.



Becky Hill
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FILED FOR RECORD
THIS 10th DAY OF Sept 2021
AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A M
BECKY HILL
COUNTY CLERK, DICKENS CO., TEXAS
BY *Becky Hill* DEPUTY