

**AUGUST 11, 2014**

Be it remembered that on August 11, 2014 the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Ricky West, Precinct #2, Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, 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 a prayer by Lesa Arnold, 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:

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Minutes of the July 14 and July 29, 2014 meetings were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 304 9-1-1 calls, and 379 other calls. There were 18 prisoners held a total of 344 days with an average stay of 19.1 days per inmate.
- Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed for July 2014 was 69, and total revenue collected was \$14,507.09.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$9,375.92 delinquent, \$565.14. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$3,096.87, delinquent, \$318.40.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – No report
- Wildlife Service Report - Aaron Adamson presented report
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$7,823.82 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, there were 8 criminal cases filed: 3 Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1 Driving While License Invalid, 1 Criminal Trespassing, 1 Criminal Mischief, 1 Assault/Family Violence, 1 Violation of a Protective Order and 1 Driving While Intoxicated. There were no criminal cases heard. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there were no criminal cases filed. One criminal case was heard – Hindering a Secured Creditor, dismissed, defendant paid restitution to victim. Four civil cases were filed – 1 Suit for Divorce, 1 Petition for Protection of a Child, 1 Petition for Expunction and 1 Application for Appointment of Receiver. Two civil cases were heard: Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship, Final Order, and Petition for Declaratory Judgment, Order for Non-suit.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of July 31, 2014 were: General Fund \$154,931.38, Road and Bridge, \$43,422.45.
- L.G. Little with TXDOT met with the Court
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- County Treasurer authorized to pay invoices for the Caprock Regional Public Defender Office as presented
- Optional County Road and Bridge Fee of \$10.00 for fiscal year ending 2015 approved
- 2015 Sheriff's Fees set with no changes
- Authorize County Treasurer to pay Invoice #19 from Komatsu Architecture as presented

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Dennis Wyatt the Court voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented, with the exception of Items 6 & 7, which were moved to the regular agenda for discussion

**COURT HIRES COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Miles Dabovich, with Texas Agri-Life Extension, met with the Court to recommend Chase Witt for the position of County Extension Agent. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the hiring of Chase Witt. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR TDI & PTSD APPROVED**

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the resolution in support of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to provide healing treatment for Texas Veterans. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS ADOPTED**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to adopt the Resolution Concerning Unaccompanied Foreign Minors. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**COPIER CONTRACT PROPOSAL APPROVED**

The Court discussed a proposal from Benchmark Office Machines, submitted by Lane Bartley for contracts for copiers. Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve the contract, and to include the "Benchmark Analysis Maintenance Agreement". On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

**UPDATE ON ANNEX AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO COLLIER CONSTRUCTION**

An update on the construction of the Courthouse Annex was discussed. Collier Construction presented a payment application for \$222,795.00 to the Court. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the payment. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

**ADDITIONAL FEE – GENERATOR PAD AND WIRING**

The Court discussed the additional engineering fee associated with the generator pad and wiring at the Courthouse Annex. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the additional fee of \$1500.00. On a second by Ricky West the motion was unanimous.

**REQUEST TO MOVE MONEY FROM D.C.H.C. TO PALACE THEATRE APPROVED**

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the request to move money from the Dickens County Historical Commission account to the Palace Theatre account. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**SHERRY HIL TAX A/C PRESENTED 2014 TAX RATES AND VALUES**

Ricky West made the motion to approve the certification of the 2014 Tax Rates and Taxable Values as presented by Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor/Collector. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

**21% FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES APPROVED**

Ricky West made the motion to approve the 21% Federal Poverty Guidelines minimum income standard as the Dickens Co. Indigent Health Care monthly income statement and to adopt the Dickens Co. Indigent Health Care Programs monthly eligibility standards. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED**

Ricky West made the motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**BILLS APPROVED AND PAID**

On a motion by Dennis Wyatt, and a second by Ricky West the Court voted unanimously to pay all bills as presented.

**RECESS:** The Court recessed at 11:44 a.m. for lunch, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES PROPOSED FOR 2014-2015**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the salary increases for elected officials as presented by the County Judge. Lesa Arnold seconded the motion. Those in favor were Lesa Arnold and Sheldon Parsons. Those opposed were Ricky West, Charlie Morris and Dennis Wyatt. Motion failed by a vote of 3 to 2.

Charlie Morris made the motion to raise all elected officials salaries by 3%, with the exception of the Commissioners. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Those in favor were Charlie Morris and Dennis Wyatt. Those opposed were Ricky West, Sheldon Parsons and Lesa Arnold. Motion failed by a vote of 3 to 2.

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**SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

The following were selected to serve on the salary grievance committee:

Freddy Gonzalez	Rodney Weiser	Steve Drennan	Russ Edinburg
Charles Fulmer	Ben Kautz	Jane Bridge	Gayle Neaves
Zoe Robertson	Alternates: Shane Parsons and Annie Fay Walker		

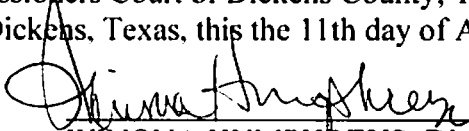
**PROPOSED TAX RATE SET AND TAX HEARING DATES SET**

Ricky West made the motion to set the proposed Tax Rate for 2015 at .14250 for Road and Bridge, and .45 for General, for a combined rate of .59250. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous. The Tax Hearing dates will be on August 21, 2014 and August 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The Budget Hearing will be held on September 8, 2014.

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to adjourn. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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 11th day of August, 2014.

  
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WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk