

DECEMBER 14, 2015

Be it remembered that on December 14, 2015, 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, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, Sandy Vickrey, Treasurer and Becky Hill, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Judge Brendle, 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 November 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff was not present, but submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 259 9-1-1 calls, and 295 other calls. There were 11 prisoners held a total of 579 days with an average stay of 52.6 days per inmate.
- Nancy Stone, submitted the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for November, 2015 was 33, and total revenue collected was \$8,076.10.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$597,983.77 delinquent collected, \$1638.95. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$157,302.49, delinquent collected, \$716.75.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court by Clint Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he should be getting helicopter for hopefully several days after December. Wild hogs are not responding well to the traps.
- Chase Witt, Dickens County Extension Agent presented the extension report to the court. Janna Smith was awarded the Texas A & M AgriLife Superior Performance Award for her many years of distinguished work. Agent Witt reported on the outstanding jobs the 4-H kids are doing on contests. Agent Witt also stated that everyone was busy getting in their animals for the upcoming stock shows.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$2766.66 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 2 Criminal cases filed and 7 criminal cases heard; 1 jail time served, 5 dismissals, 5 days county jail.. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 1 civil cases filed: 1 Attorney General civil suit, 1 Divorce case was heard. 1 Criminal Cases were heard with 1 deferred adjudication.
- Emergency Management Coordinator, Wes Abbott presented his report to the court with the following recommendations. Mutual Aid Agreement is being revised by attorney Joe Heflin. Sleeping bags and cots need to be distributed throughout the county for emergency weather situations, the generator at the courthouse annex needs to have a cover over it due to the fact that it was hard to get to with the ice buildup during the last storm, a list is needed of all special needs persons in the county who's health and welfare might be compromised by severe weather conditions, a plan for feeding of livestock in severe weather conditions need to be implemented.

- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of November, 2015 were: General Fund \$60,683.37, Road and Bridge, \$9465.00, dedicated fund balance \$54,203.40.
- Department of Transportation – no report
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts. All in the process of grading roads. Grant projects almost completed. New maintainer received for Precinct 2. Grader blades approved
- Bonds renewal for Deputy Sheriff Ramiro Rodriguez submitted.
- Invoice for Wes-Tex Graphics for \$334.17 from Clerk's office submitted.
- CEU's/Certificates for Judge Brendle and commissioners submitted to the court.

On motion by Dennis Wyatt and a second by Sheldon Parsons, all consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

UPDATE ON CORE SOLAR ENERGY

Judge Brendle informed the court that no action was needed at this time. Construction has been postponed at this time.

HISTORICAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Bridge has been removed at this time. Waiting on truck to remove old bridge from the site.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH FULL RESTORATION OF COURTHOUSE

Charlie Morris made the motion to adopt the resolution supporting the effort to execute a full restoration of the Dickens County Courthouse. Sheldon Parson's seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Mike Smith voting against.

TCDRS RENEWAL

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to maintain the employee retirement plan at the present rate as presented to the court by Sandy Vickrey. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion . Motion passed unanimously.

BIDS FOR CLEANUP OF COURTHOUSE TREES

Bids will be taken for the cleanup and removal of broken tree limbs from the Courthouse property.

IN TRUST PROPERTY BIDS CONSIDERED

Motion was made by Charlie Morris with a second by Mike Smith to accept all bids as presented to the court and are as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

- Blk 2, Lot 7 Gabriel Addition – Leslie Joe West

- Blk 9, Lot 9-10 Original Town of Spur – Donal Bilberry
- Blk 5, Lot 7 Gabriel Addition – David Riensche
- Blk 42, Lot 14 Original Town of Spur – David Riensche
- Blk 11, Lot 1, Lot 13 and Lot 2 Freeman Addition Spur – Henry Boerema
- Blk 69, Lot 12 Original Town of Spur – Iain Buchanan
- Blk 2, W/2 Lot 1 Hill Addition Spur – Belva Ishmael

ALLIED COMPLIANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWED

On motion by Charlie Morris and a second by Mike Smith the court voted unanimously to renew the agreement with Allied Compliance Service, Inc for DOT required testing.

SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT WATER PLANNING

Charlie Morris made a motion to approve financial support increase in administrative fee increase to participate in the water planning program through SPAG. On a second by Mike Smith the court voted in favor.

ROUND IIIV AND IX OF COURTHOUSE RESTORATION GRANTS

No action taken.

No line item transfers or budget amendments were presented.

Wade Jackson introduced himself to the court as a candidate for District Attorney in the upcoming election.

Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Mike Smith to pay bills as presented by Sandy Vickrey with the exception of Wyatt Tractor Service. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Sheldon Parsons to pay Wyatt Tractor Service bill for. Motion passed unanimously with Dennis Wyatt abstaining.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Dennis Wyatt. Motion passed.

Court adjourned at 12:10 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 14th day of December, 2015.

BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk