

MARCH 9, 2015

Be it remembered that on March 9, 2015, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Mike Smith, Precinct #2, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, and Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Tommy Bailey, Pastor, Highway 70, Church of Christ, Spur, Texas, 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 February 9 and February 24, 2015 meetings were reviewed. The minutes of February 9 were corrected concerning the Spur Clinic. ***The County will agree to continue to pay to the City the sum of \$200.00 per month toward utilities for the building.***
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 209 9-1-1 calls, and 229 other calls. There were 13 prisoners held a total of 139 days with an average stay of 10.69days per inmate.
- Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed for February 2015 was 26, and total revenue collected was \$9,078.90.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$117,574.86 delinquent, \$1,588.47. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$37,239.72, delinquent, \$561.39.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – No report submitted
- Wildlife Service Report - No report submitted
- County Extension Office – Chase Witt submitted report
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$2,717.80 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 12 criminal cases filed: 2 Possession of Marijuana, 2 Possession of a Dangerous Drug, 1 Deadly Conduct, 4 Driving While License Invalid, 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1 Evading Arrest and 1 Public Intoxication W/Priors. Fourteen criminal cases were heard. Several old cases were disposed of: 1 Driving While Intoxicated, 7 Appeals from J.P. Court, 2 Driving While License Invalid, and 1 Violation of a Protective Order. 1 charge of Criminal Mischief, received 120 days in jail, 1 Driving While License Invalid, 2 days in jail plus fine and court costs, and 1 Possession of Marijuana, 15 days in Jail plus fine and court costs. There were no Applications for Probate filed, and no Probate Hearings were held. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, no criminal cases were filed. One criminal case was heard: 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance – 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. There were no civil cases filed, and no civil cases were heard.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of February 28, 2015 were: General Fund \$25,977.31, Road and Bridge, \$17,094.88.
- 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 invoice of \$398.73 from Wes-Tex Graphics out of Clerk's Records Management Fund
- Purchase for truck repair, Precinct 3, which exceeds spending policy, approved
- Purchase for a shuttle of Roundup, Precincts 1 & 2 which exceeds spending policy approved

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

BURN BAN

The Court discussed the Burn Ban. No action was taken

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROCEDURES APPROVED

The Court discussed Emergency Shelter Procedures. Residents who wish to register their shelter, such as a basement, cellar or a hardened above ground shelter may pick up a form in the County Judge's office. This information will help first responders in rescue efforts if a disaster strikes. The information will not be shared with anyone, except emergency services. Mike Smith made the motion to approve the procedures. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

DISCUSION OF ACCESS TO ANNEX

The Court discussed temporary Emergency Procedures for access to the Dickens County Annex. No action was taken.

USE OF E.O.C. AS COUNTY/DISTRICT COURTROOM DISCUSSED

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to use the Emergency Operations Center at the County Annex building as a County/District Courtroom. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion was tied, with Dennis Wyatt and Mike Smith voting for, and Sheldon Parson and County Judge Kevin Brendle, voting against.

POLICY FOR USE OF E.O.C. BY COUNTY AND/OR GENERAL PUBLIC

Judge Brendle presented a policy for use of the E.O.C. at the County Annex building. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to adopt the policy with the exception of the item, "No food or drinks allowed in the E.O.C. Bottled water is the only exception. Food and drinks may be served in the foyer and halls of the Annex." On a second by Judge Brendle, the motion tied, with Sheldon Parsons and Judge Brendle, voting for and Dennis Wyatt and Mike Smith, voting against.

OPEN HOUSE FOR DICKENS COUNTY ANNEX

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to set the open house for Friday, April 10, 2015 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

E-VERIFY CONTRACT AMMENDMENT APPROVED

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve the E-verifying Contract Amendment as presented. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous. The E-verifying contract is to require the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (which governs the Child Welfare Board) to do background checks on new members, by using the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-verify system.

CONTRACT WITH COBRA SYSTEM NOT APPROVED

Mike Smith made the motion to not approve the contract with Cobra System for an alarm monitoring system. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

RETAINAGE APPLICATION PAYMENT TO COLLIER CONTRUCTION APPROVED

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to pay one-half of the final payment of \$88,552.00 now, and the remainder next month. On a second by Mike Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON ROUND VIII GRANT

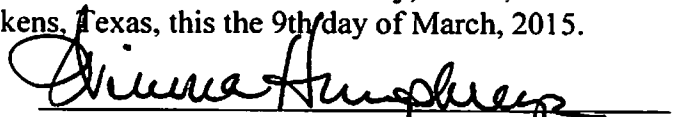
The Court discussed the Round VIII Grant from the Texas Historical Commission. No action was taken.

BILLS APPROVED AND PAID

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of West Texas Gas, until further clarification, and Wyatt Tractor Supply. On a second by Sheldon, the motion was unanimous. Mike Smith made the motion to pay Wyatt Tractor Supply. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion passed, with Dennis Wyatt abstaining. On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:24 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 9th day of March, 2015.


WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk