

**MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**September 12, 2016**

Be it remembered that on September 12, 2016, 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, Darla Thomason, Treasurer, and Becky Hill, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Judge Kevin 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 August 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following correction:

Proposed property tax rate of .778421 was approved by the court not adopted.

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- Sheriff Terry Braly presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 285, 9-1-1 calls, and 219 other calls. There was a total of 17 prisoners held. Sheriff Braly presented to the court the need for 2 new video cameras for the Sheriff's county vehicles at a cost of approximately \$3500.00 each.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for August was 116, and total revenue collected was \$13,329.62.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector submitted the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$6,236.22, \$555.70 delinquent collected,. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1640.85, delinquent collected, \$181.63.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$4045.25 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, there was 5 criminal cases filed, 2 Probate cases filed, 1 Probate heard and 1 Civil case filed and 1 civil case heard. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 1 civil case filed, 1 civil case heard, and 7 delinquent tax cases heard.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of August 31, 2016 were: General Fund \$-91,594.01, Road and Bridge, \$-717.90, dedicated fund balance \$65,999.75.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court by Clint Martin. Mr. Martin stated that the county should be getting the use of a helicopter around the last of October.
- Lauren Rodriguez with SPAG-TXCDBG Grant met with the court to discuss the McAdoo Water/ Sewage Grant with the following items to be executed.
  - a. Interlocal agreement executed by Court personnel

- b. Adopt signatory resolution authorizing Judge Brendle, Darla Thomason, Dennis Wyatt and Becky Hill to sign documentation pertaining to the Texas Community Development grant.
- c. Appointment of Lauren Rodriguez as the Labor Standards Officer for the Texas Department of Agriculture CDBG grant.
- d. Designate Becky Hill as Civil Rights Officer for the Texas Department of Agriculture CDBG grant.
- e. Pass Civil rights resolution for the Texas Department of Agriculture CDBG Grant

Ms. Rodriguez will be advertising for bids from engineers. The community of McAdoo will be responsible for any monetary funds not covered by the grant.

- The commissioners gave their reports on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- Set 2016-2017 Commissioner Court meeting calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 9:00 am
- Dickens County Treasurer submitted request to pay invoice to Komatsu, Inc. in the amount of \$1330.86.
- Authorize Mike Smith, Precinct #2 to purchase tires exceeding the county spending policy.
- Authorize Charlie Morris, Precinct #3 to purchase grader blades that exceed county spending policy.
- Approve payment of bonds to Western Surety Company for Marilyn Taylor, Deputy Tax Assessor and Kathy Hughes, Deputy District and County Clerk.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to approve the consent agenda items listed above with the exception of video equipment requested by Sheriff Braly until further investigation into the possibility of grant money available through SPAG for the purpose of obtaining such video equipment. Vote was unanimous.

#### **PRECINCT 2 LOADER REPAIR**

Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Charlie Morris to approve the repair of Loader for Precinct 2 which was possibly struck by lightning. Also under discussion was the research into the cost of obtaining insurance on all precinct loaders, trucks and trailers. Vote was unanimous.

#### **TAX RATE ADOPTED FOR 2017**

Charlie Morris made the motion to adopt the tax rate of .778421 for 2017. Sheldon Parsons seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2 with Dennis Wyatt and Mike Smith voting against.

The Court recessed at 12:00 noon  
The Court reconvened at 1:03 pm

#### **TAX DISCOUNTS TO BE DISCONTINUED**

On a motion by Mike Smith and second by Sheldon Parsons, the Court voted unanimously to discontinue tax discounts for early payment of taxes. As per presentation

by Rebecca Haney, Tax Collector, this will put approximately \$33,000.00 back into the county funds to benefit the taxpayers in other areas.

### **SOS WASTE SERVICES DISCUSSED**

No action taken

### **OVERHEAD DOORS FOR PRECINCTS 1 & 2 APPROVED**

Mike Smith submitted to the court estimates on the cost of overhead doors for Precinct barn. Mike Smith made the motion to accept the bid estimate #1533 of Dunn Door Company in the amount of \$2158.00. Motion was seconded by Dennis Wyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE APPROVED**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the Holiday Schedule as submitted with no changes from the previous year. Charlie Morris seconded, motion passed unanimous.

### **IN TRUST PROPERTY BIDS**

Charlie Morris made the motion to accept all bids on In-Trust property as submitted to the court and are as follows. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Blk 10, Lots 12 , Original Town of Spur – Michelle Martin - \$1000.00
- Blk 23, Lot 3, Original Town of Spur – Michelle Martin - \$1300.00
- Blk 35, Lot 13, Original town of Spur – Dennis Taylor/Stacey Taylor - \$1500.00

### **THC ROUND VIII DISCUSSED**

No action taken.

- ❖ Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve and pay all bills as submitted. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Charlie Morris, seconded by Sheldon Parsons. Motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 3:00 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 12th day of September, 2016.

Becky Hill  
BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk