

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT
November 14, 2016

Be it remembered that on November 14, 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 9:05 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Gary Eggart, 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 October 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Sheriff Terry Braly was not present, but submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 249, 9-1-1 calls, and 126 other calls. There was a total of 11 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for October was 69, and total revenue collected was \$9,461.47.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector was attending training and was unable to attend, but submitted the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, 528,530.61, \$2878.53 delinquent collected,. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$126,159.57, delinquent collected, \$825.18.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$4,400.70 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, there was 6 criminal cases heard and 11 cases filed. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 2 civil case filed, 2 criminal cases heard, 2 Attorney General case heard.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of October 31, 2016 were: General Fund \$-113,781.55, Road and Bridge, \$9,118.52, dedicated fund balance \$66,742.92.
 - Each commissioner reported on the road conditions in their precincts. They will be blading roads and hauling gravel. Precinct 2 loader discussed as possibly trade in for new one.
 - Invoice for recording paper for Clerks Office from Bear Graphics in the amount of \$451.37 was submitted for approval
 - Invoice for Courthouse repairs submitted by KBL in the amount of \$34,841.02 was received for approval by the court.
 - Invoice from architectural firm Komatsu in the amount of \$791.54 was received by the court for approval.
 - Two invoices from South Plains Communications for radio tower repairs in the amount of \$3590.00 and \$1996.50 was submitted for approval with the understanding that King County will reimburse Dickens County \$1500.00 of the repair cost on first invoice and all of the \$1996.50 invoice.
 - .CIRA Service Agreement was submitted for approval which is the contract with Texas Association of Counties to maintain the County website.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to approval all the consent agenda items as presented. Vote carried unanimously.

WAKE ENERGY TAX ABATEMENT REVIEWED

The tax abatement agreement between Dickens County and Wake Wind Energy LLC will commence on January 1, 2017. Wake Wind Energy LLC will pay to Dickens County \$1500.00 per mile of Transmission Lines for 10 years in lieu of taxes.

TAX OFFICE LAWSUIT APPROVED

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to move forward with the lawsuit, e as presented to the court and at the recommendation of Dickens County tax attorney Tony Ellison entitled Toni Snow, et al vs. Dickens County Tax Office. Vote was unanimous.

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT APPROVED

Estimates were submitted to the court for the maintenance of generators, one located at the courthouse annex and one at the Dickens County Sheriff's office. Stewart and Stevenson quoted estimate of \$1582.00 and Clifford Power quoted an estimate of \$1019.00. On Motion by Sheldon Parsons with a second by Dennis Wyatt, the court voted unanimously to accept the bid from Clifford Power.

INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Mike Smith made the motion to adopt the 2017 Indigent Defense Grant Program as presented to the court by Judge Kevin Brendle. Sheldon Parsons seconded the motion. Motion passed will all for.

NEW COMMISSIONER COURT CHAIRS DISCUSSED

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ELECTION WORKERS PAY INCREASE

Becky Hill, Dickens County District Clerk presented request to increase election workers pay from \$8.00 per hour to \$9.00 for Election Workers and \$10.00 per hour for Precinct Judges. The pay increase will only affect the county elections. Primary Elections are paid by the political parties. Charlie Morris made the motion to increase the hourly wage with a second by Dennis Wyatt, motion passed unanimously.

SOS WASTE SERVICES FOR ROLL OFF DISCUSSED

No action taken

COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday activities for county employees will be as follows:
Thanksgiving – lunch provided by county employees on Thursday November 17th at noon.
Christmas – Snack will be provided during the day on December 22nd provided by county employees.

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the holiday festivities as presented, Sheldon Parsons seconded. All in favor.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ROUND VIII REVIEWED

Plumbing and supply lines, paint, plaster repairs, phone lines and internet, ramp and courtroom seating were all discussed regarding the old courthouse repairs.

No action taken

DATE SET FOR CANVASSING GENERAL ELECTION VOTES

The court set Thursday November 17th 2016 as the date for canvassing the votes for the 2016 General Election on a motion made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Charlie Morris. Motion passed.

- ❖ Mike Smith made the motion to approve and pay all bills with the exclusion of Wyatt Tractor. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously..
- ❖ Mike Smith made motion to pay Wyatt Tractor invoice, motion seconded by Charlie Morris, motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay Dickens County Historical Committee invoice as submitted. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sheldon Parsons, on second by Dennis Wyatt. Motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 1:09 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 15th day of November, 2016.

Becky Hill
BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk