

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

May 8, 2017

Be it remembered that on May 8, 2017 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 Commissioner Charlie Morris, 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 April 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There was a total of 237, 9-1-1 calls, and 138 other calls. There was a total of 8 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. submitted the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for April were 38, and total revenue collected was \$4,705.50.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector Presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$6846.99, delinquent collected \$522.74. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1634.50, delinquent collected, \$153.41.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$2505.00 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 1 criminal case was filed and 2 criminal cases were heard. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, 2 criminal cases were heard, 3 civil cases filed, 6 civil cases heard and 1 delinquent tax case filed.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of April 30, 2017 were: General Fund \$-89,813.90, Road and Bridge, \$10,309.60, dedicated fund balance is \$73,779.17.
- Thomas Boyle, county extension agent, presented his report and presented Judge Kevin Brendle with a certificate of Appreciation from Texas Agri Life.
 - Clint Martin, Wildlife Services presented his report to the court. Thirty four coyotes and 26 swine were destroyed in April. The helicopter should be available the 3rd week of May.
 - County commissioner reported on the road conditions in their precincts. Bladeing done and starting to pull ditches. Lack of gravel still a concern. King County has agreed to furnish loader for road material removal in King County. Dickens County will furnish labor and trucks. Shredding was hired for airport to accommodate wildlife planes and helicopter.
 - Repair of loader at roll off site which exceeded the county spending limit was discussed and approved.
 - Purchase of chemical estimated in the amount of \$2430.00 for Precincts 1 and 2 was discussed and approved.
 - Final invoice from KBL Restoration, LLC in the amount of \$53,656.10 was submitted to the court..

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

HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE REVIEWED

Kathy Davenport, Texas Association of Counties Health & Benefits Services presented information on benefit services and the outlook of Health Insurance Premiums.

No action taken.

AIRCONDITIONING AND HEATING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT PRESENTED

Bill Hayes with Anthony Mechanical presented the court with a maintenance agreement for the addition of the old courthouse. At present the agreement for Courthouse Annex and County Barn is \$5760.00 per year. An additional \$3540.00 would be added with the inclusion of the courthouse.

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the agreement as presented, Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion, with all voting in favor.

APPRAISAL ESTIMATE REVIEWED

Patty Abbott, Dickens County Appraiser, presented the court with preliminary tax values for 2017. No action taken.

INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVED

Darla Thomason presented the court with an updated investment policy for approval. No changes to be made to the policy with the exception of new committee members appointed. Brett Sims, Darla Thomason and Charlie Morris will serve on the committee.

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the changes with Charlie Morris as second. Vote passed unanimous.

IN TRUST PROPERTY BID APPROVED

On a motion by Mike Smith and second by Sheldon Parsons the court voted unanimously to approve the bid submitted to the court as follows:

Jaime Hagar, Lot 8 Blk 3, Gabriel Addition \$ 1301.00

JURY SEATING CONSIDERED

Judge Brendle presented the court with information on new seating options and styles for the jury box in the renovated courtroom.

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to give Judge Brendle permission to select and purchase seating not to exceed \$4000.00. On a second by Mike Smith the vote passed unanimously.

COURTHOUSE FINAL INSPECTION

Judge Brendle presented the court with the final inspection report on the renovations on the courthouse through THC grant. Judge Brendle will submit the correction report with date of completion for the minor violations presented in the report.

THC ROUND VIII

Closure on west and south courthouse doors, moving thermostat, and A/C in clerk's office need to be finished. No action needed or taken.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION WITHOUT THC GRANT MONEY DISCUSSED

The following finishes needed for completion of renovations not funded by THC were discussed i.e. hot water heater for upstairs restrooms, paper towel dispensers, safety bar installed.

No action taken.

No line item transfers
No budget amendments

- ❖ Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve and pay bills with the exclusion of Wyatt Tractor. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Sheldon Parsons to pay Wyatt Tractor invoice. Motion passed with Dennis Wyatt abstaining.
- ❖ Sheldon Parsons made the motion to pay Dickens County Historical Commission bills. Charlie Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Court adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DICKENS §

I, Becky Hill, Dickens County Clerk, attest that 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 8th day of May, 2017.

Becky Hill

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