

MAY 13, 2013

Be it remembered that on May 13, 2013, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Ricky West, Precinct #2, Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, and Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Lesa Arnold. The meeting opened with a prayer by County Extension Agent, 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 April 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 270 9-1-1 calls, and 276 other calls. There were 4 prisoners held a total of 80 days with an average stay of 20.0 days per inmate.
- Gayle Taylor, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed by Judge Taylor for April, 2013 was 51, and total revenue collected was \$5,883.78. Judge Taylor also submitted her letter of resignation effective June 30, 2013.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$3,584.89, delinquent, \$935.30. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1,778.96, delinquent, \$570.93.
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$4,068.56 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, one criminal case was filed, Driving While Intoxicated-2nd. There were no criminal cases heard. There were no applications for probate filed, and one probate hearing was held. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there were no criminal cases filed, and no criminal cases were heard. One Tax Case was filed. Two civil cases were heard, one divorce final decree, one suit on debt, default judgment.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. The General Fund Account balance as of April 30, 2013 was \$159,309.28. The Road and Bridge Account balance as of April 30, 2013 was \$41,794.34.
- Kevin Brendle, County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources, presented the monthly Extension Report.
- Wes Abbott, Emergency Management Coordinator presented his quarterly report.
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- Approve the purchase of grader blades for Precincts 3 & 4 that exceeds the spending policy of \$1,000.00.
- CEU's/Certificates for County Sheriff, Terry Braly
- County Treasurer authorized to pay invoices for Caprock Regional Public Defender Office
- County Treasurer authorized to pay \$92.36 out of the J.P. Technology Fund for computer network equipment charges
- County Judge to advertise for bids for fuel
- Approve Road and Bridge department employee job descriptions as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

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

Jay Hurt, with the Texas Department of Transportation paid a visit to the Court

Bristi Cure, on behalf of Wake Energy, LLC, a division of Invenergy, LLC met with the Court to request a Tax Abatement for a transmission line project. Evan Horn, with Ryan LLC, also met with the Court to discuss the Tax Abatement.

COURT ADOPTS MODIFICATION OF TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES

The Court reviewed the modifications of the existing Guidelines and Criteria for granting Tax Abatements. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to adopt the modifications. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

ORDER DESIGNATING RE-INVESTMENT ZONE

The Court discussed the Re-investment Zone. No Action was taken.

COURT APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH WETSEL & CARMICHAEL, L.L.P.

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the Engagement Agreement with Wetzel & Carmichael, L.L.P., for negotiations of a tax abatement request from Wake Energy, L.L.C. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous. The fee will be paid by the applicant.

UPDATE ON COURTHOUSE RESTORATION AND PLANNING

County Judge, Lesa Arnold, brought an update to the Court on the Courthouse restoration project and the grant application.

- The county received an Emergency Grant Award in the amount of \$69,000.00
- Discussed type of HVAC system to be included in the plans for the Annex
- Discussed whether to make the multi-purpose room in the annex to be a hardened or soft Emergency Operation Center space.
- Charlie Morris made the motion to begin the application process to hire a grant writer. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

The Court discussed with Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor/Collector, different ways to advertise properties for sale that are held in the Dickens Co. In-Trust properties.

BID FOR IN-TRUST PROPERTIES APPROVED

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the bids from Cruz Olivarez, Jr. on Lot 11, less 50'x 50' in N/W Corner, Block 9 Gabriel Addition, and also Lot 13, Block 9 Gabriel Addition. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

SEALED BID ON SURPLUS PROPERTY OPENED

A bid of \$302.99 for one lot of bridge timbers was received from Wes Abbott. Charlie Morris made the motion to accept the bid. Ricky West seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 2, with Sheldon Parsons and Dennis Wyatt opposed.

BURN BAN ORDER APPROVED

Ricky West made the motion to adopt a County-wide burn ban, effective immediately. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

The Court discussed the Courthouse Social, which will be held on the first Thursday in June each year.

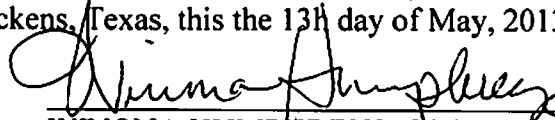
BILLS APPROVED AND PAID

On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Charlie Morris, the Court voted unanimously to approve all bills as presented.

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to adjourn at 12:38 p.m. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

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 13th day of May, 2013.


WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk

COMMISSIONER'S COURT AFFIDAVIT

In compliance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioner's Court of Dickens County on this date has compared and examined the Monthly Report of Sandy Vickrey, Dickens County Treasurer. Every account is reported as required by Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code and the Commissioners' inspection was made in accordance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code.

In this regular session of Commissioner's Court of Dickens County, the requirements of Section 114.026, Subsection C of the Local Government Code has been met and \$7,299,278.33 remains in custody of Sandy Vickrey, Dickens County Treasurer.

Approved in open Court, this the 13th day of May, 2013.

/s/ Dennis Wyatt, Com. Pct. 1
/s/ Charlie Morris, Com. Pct. 3

/s/ Lesa Arnold, County Judge, Dickens
/s/ Ricky West, Com. Pct 2
/s/ Sheldon Parsons, Com. Pct. 4

ATTEST: Winona Humphreys, County Clerk