

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

September 11, 2023

At 8:30 a Public Hearing was offered concerning the Tax Abatements with: Dickens Bess, LLC, Burksol, LLC and HE-Cottonwood Solar, LLC, was Adjourned at 9:00am.

Be it remembered that on September 11, 2023, 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; Greg Arnold, Precinct #4, Danay Carnes, County Clerk and Brandi Abbott, Treasurer. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by 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:

The following Consent Agenda Items were submitted to the court for approval:

- Minutes of the August 14, August 17 and August 21, 2023 were reviewed.
- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report.
- Stella Carter, J.P. presented report.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report.
- Danay Carnes, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report.
- Brandi Abbott, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report.
- Amanda Spiva, County Agent, Presented the County Extension office Report.
- County Commissioners reported on road conditions in their precincts.
- Renewal of Goen and Goen bond for Nathan Allen, Deputy Sherriff was submitted for approval.
- Approve the purchase of maintainer tires for Precinct 1 and 2 that may exceed the county spending policy.

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as submitted. Greg Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda

1. Public Comment – none
2. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Spur ISD regarding security procedures during an emergency event. Greg Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dennis Wyatt moved to adopt a tax rate of \$.76382 for FY 2024, which will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Dickens County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Greg Arnold made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing county grant for the senior citizens home-delivered meals program for the south Dickens County Senior Citizens. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. On a motion made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to approve the planned maintenance agreement renewal with Clifford Power.
6. Charlie Morris made the motion to leave the Sheriff's fees for the 2024 FY the same. Greg Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Mike Smith made the motion to approve the firewall maintenance renewal with CTSI. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the cost to upgrade the phone system in Annex. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Greg Arnold made the motion for the County Judge to advertise for bids for Stabilization of the courthouse foundation. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:23

Court resumed at 10:33

10. Charlie Morris made the motion to renew the Texas Association of Counties 2024 Retiree medical program and stay with the current plan. Greg Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
11. No action was taken on bids for Motor Grader for Pct. 4.
12. Charlie Morris made the motion to purchase the Cat Front-end Loader for Pct. 1. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Mike Smith made the motion to purchase the Kenworth with Wildhorse Dump bed, Dump Truck for Pct. 3. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
14. On a motion made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt and the court voted unanimously to approve the bond for Stella Carter, Justice of the Peace.
15. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the contracts from LGS case management Software for the County/District Clerk's Office, County Judge's Office, and the Justice of the Peace's Office. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION at 11:36

Out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 12:20

16. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the tax abatement agreement with BRP Dickens BESS, LLC. Mike Smith made the second. Motion Passed unanimously.
17. On a motion made by Greg Arnold and seconded by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to approve the tax abatement agreement with Burksol, LLC.
18. Mike Smith made the motion to approve the tax abatement agreement with HE-Cottonwood Solar, LLC. Greg Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 12:25

Court reconvened at 1:44 pm

- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to approve action on claims incurred against the county since the last Commissioner's Court. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion to pay Historical Commission bills was made by Mike Smtih and seconded by Charlie Morris. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ No line-item Transfers.
- ❖ No budget amendments.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Morris with a second by Greg Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.
Court adjourned at 2:29 PM.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DICKENS §

I, Danay Carnes, Dickens County Clerk, attest that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth as presented to me. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of September 2023.



Danay Carnes
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