

OCTOBER 13, 2014

Be it remembered that on October 13, 2014 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 Judge Lesa Arnold, 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 September 8, September 11, September 15, September 29, and October 7, 2014 meetings were reviewed, and corrections were made to the September 8 meeting, and also to the September 11 meeting.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There was a total of 270 9-1-1 calls, and 293 other calls. There were 12 prisoners held a total of 226 days with an average stay of 18.8 days per inmate.
- Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed for September 2014 was 78, and total revenue collected was \$14,356.14.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$.00 delinquent, \$2,751.96. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$.00, delinquent, \$1,005.41.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – No report submitted
- Wildlife Service Report - Aaron Adamson submitted
- County Extension Office – Chase Witt presented report
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3,763.50 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, there were 7 criminal cases filed: 3 Driving While License Invalid, 1 False Identification, 1 Fictitious Inspection, 1 Assault, and 1 Public Intoxication with 3 Priors. One criminal case was heard - Public Intoxication with 3 Priors. One Probate hearing was heard. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there were no criminal cases filed, and no criminal cases were heard. Four civil cases were filed – 2 Suits for Divorce, 1 Petition for Protection of a Child, 1 Petition to Establish Parent/Child Relationship.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of September 30, 2014 were: General Fund \$361,073.94, Road and Bridge, \$67,080.08.
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- Reviewed Auditor's Capital Asset Depreciation worksheet
- Approved bond renewals for Deputy Tax Assessor, Nancy Stone and Deputy Sheriff, Britt Bradford
- Received Jail Inspection Report from Texas Commission on Jail Standards
- Adopted Resolution in support of Proposition One Constitutional Amendment for State Highway Funding
- Harry Bob Martin, Dickens County Farm Bureau president presented information on the new EPA ruling protest

- Authorized County Treasurer to pay invoices for the Caprock Regional Public Defender office for the months of August and September
- Grader blades for Precincts 3 & 4 at a cost of \$3,252.00, which exceeds the spending policy of \$1,000.00
- Authorize County Treasurer to pay Invoice #21 from Komatsu Architecture, and Round VIII Invoice #02, as presented

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

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

REQUEST FROM SHERRY HILL, TAX A/C FOR COPIER

Sherry Hill Tax Assessor Collector presented a request to the Court to amend the contract with Benchmark to add a copier for the Tax Office. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to not amend the contract. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF PICKUP FO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff, Terry Braly, discussed the purchasing of a pickup, as provided for in the 2014-2015 Budget. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the purchase at a cost of \$31,600.00.. On a second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

UPDATE ON ANNEX AND APPROVE PAYMENT TO COLLIER CONSTRUCTION

- An update on the construction of the Courthouse Annex was discussed. Collier Construction presented a payment application for \$110,669.00 to the Court. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the payment. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.
- Review of furniture proposals and authorize purchasing – no action
- Change order for generator electrical wiring – no action

COURTHOUSE ROUND VIII GRANT AND CONSTRUCTION DISCUSSED

- Review of the 95% complete Opinion of Probable Construction Cost – discussed by teleconference with Komatsu representatives, Gordan Marchant and Ann Stimmel
- Finalize the Notice to Proceed Documents - Ricky West made the motion to approve the Notice to Proceed documents. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.
- Bidding – Court agreed to advertise in the Texas Spur, and the Lubbock Avalance Journal
- Construction - discussed

ROAD AND BRIDGE AGING REPORT REVIEWED

The Court reviewed the Road and Bridge Aging Report and what action to take on outstanding debts owed to the county. Ricky West made the motion to have Justice of the Peace, Kathy Hughes file them for collection. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

YEARLY MAINTENANCE OF TREES – NOT APPROVED

The Court discussed the need to approve the yearly maintenance of the trees on the Courthouse lawn by Flores Tree Service. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to discontinue the tree service maintenance at this time. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with Ricky West and Lesa Arnold voting against the motion.

**FEDERAL GRANT AWARD THROUGH THE TEXAS VETERAN'S COMMISSION
CONSIDERED**

The Court considered a federal grant award through the Texas Veteran's Commission for transportation of veterans. Ricky West made the motion to not accept the grant award, due to the lack of need. Sheldon Parsons seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with Dennis Wyatt voting against the motion.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS APPROVED

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous. Ricky West made the motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the motion was unanimous.

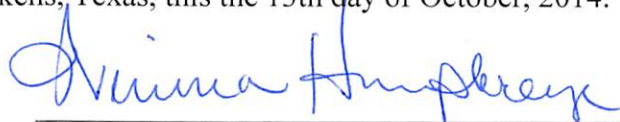
BILLS APPROVED AND PAID

On a motion by Dennis Wyatt, and a second by Charlie Morris, the Court voted unanimously to pay the bills as presented.

The Court recessed at 12:20 for lunch.

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 October, 2014.



WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk