

## OCTOBER 12, 2015

Be it remembered that on October 12, 2015, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Mike Smith, Precinct #2, Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, Sandy Vickrey, 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 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 September 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 272 9-1-1 calls, and 325 other calls. There were 17 prisoners held a total of 403 days with an average stay of 24.0 days per inmate.
- Nancy Stone, submitted the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for September, 2015 was 19, and total revenue collected was \$2349.10.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$3790.49 delinquent, \$1181.61. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1200.26, delinquent, \$557.95.
- Emergency Management Coordinator, Wes Abbott met with court to discuss South Plains Region Mutual Aid Agreement. No action was taken on the Agreement until further clarification regarding "Statement of Expenses" Wes Abbott stated he would look into and report back to the court at the next meeting.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court in writing by Texas Wildlife Services Program technician for the year beginning October , 2014 through August 31, 2015.
- Chase Witt, Dickens County Extension Agent presented his report. Agent Witt stated an increase in 4-H participation due to recruiting events. He also listed numerous events completed and more scheduled for the month.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3584.10 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 1 probate cases filed. 1 probate hearing held. 5 Criminal cases filed and 3 criminal cases heard 1 dismissal and 2 convictions. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there 2 civil cases were filed: 1 Suit on Attorney General. 1 Divorce, no civil cases were heard.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of September, 2015 were: General Fund 263198.44, Road and Bridge, \$68296.78, dedicated fund balance 55,351.47.
- Department of Transportation – no report
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts. No new news to discuss Finishing up on repairs to roads declared disaster.
- Continuation Bond for Deputy Sheriff Britt Bradford was approved.
- Dickens County Jail received Certificate of Compliance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.
- Invoice approved to Kamatsu Architecture for Round VIII Emergency Stabilization Grant.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT APPROVED**

Motion was made by Mike Smith with a second by Sheldon Parsons to approve the renewal of Interlocal Cooperative Contract for Indigent Defense for capital cases. Motion passed unanimously.

**INDIGENT DEFENSE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The court voted unanimously to adopt the Indigent Defense Formula Grant as presented. Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt.

**SOLAR ENERGY TAX ABATEMENT DISCUSSED**

Randy Sowell representative of Lionshare Advisory Services presented the court guidelines and criteria for granting a tax abatement for solar energy. After discussion the court signed "An Order Adopting Guidelines and Criteria of the Dickens County Commissioner Court for Granting Tax Abatement as a business incentive in Reinvestment Zones Created in Dickens County"

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH SPAG**

No action taken.

**APPOINTMENT OF VOTING  
REPRESENTATIVE TO DICKENS COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD**

No action was taken.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE DEBTS**

Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt with a second by Mike Smith to approve the write off of three uncollectable debts owed to road and bridge. Vote was unanimous.

**BID PROPOSALS ACCEPTED**

The following bids were submitted to the court for approval of In Trust Properties. Sam Little \$525.00 on Lot 4, Blk 6 McAdoo, TX; Carol Haefner \$500.00 Lot 5, Blk 6 Spur, Tx; Carol Haefner \$500.00 Lot 4, Blk 6, Spur; Rose Hanna \$1000.00 Lots 13 & 14, Blk 2, Spur.

On motion by Charlie Morris and a second by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to accept all bids on properties. None opposed.

### **PROPERTY PURCHASE DISCUSSED**

The Court went into executive session to discuss the purchase of lots adjoining the new courthouse annex. No action taken

### **TAX ABATEMENT ON WAKE TRANSMISSION LINE DISCUSSED**

No action taken.

Break at 12:06 PM

Court Reconvened at 1:04 PM

**County Trapper hired** – Clint Martin will begin as county trapper around October 15, 2015

### **INSURANCE FOR COUNTY MAINTAINERS**

Mike Smith made a motion to approve insurance for county maintainers based on a \$5000.00, deductible. Charlie Morris seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**Repairs or replacement of Mack Tractor tabled.**

### **FUEL BIDS DISCUSSED**

Pinacle Fuel has withdrawn their bid on fuel agreement. WTG Fuels will supply the county's fuel needs.

### **STONEWALL MEMEORIAL HOSPITAL PROPOSAL CONSIDERED**

Stonewall Memorial Hospital submitted to the court a proposal regarding indigent health care. No action taken.

### **HART INTERCIVIC WARRANTY AGREEMENT RENEWED**

The Hart Intercivic warranty, support and license agreement for voting machines was taken into consideration. Kevin Brendle made the motion to renew the agreement and with a second from Sheldon Parson, the motion carried 4 to 1 with Mike Smith voting against.

**Texas Historical Commission Round IX Grant discussed. The court would like to revisit cost estimates at a later date.**

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the line item transfers as presented by Sandy Vickrey. On second by Mike Smith the court voted unanimously.

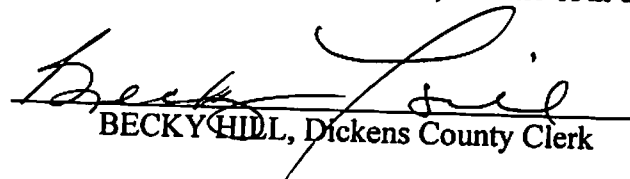
Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to pay bills. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Charlie Morris. Motion passed.

Court adjourned at 2:54 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 13th day of October, 2015.

  
BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk