

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Be it remembered that on November 9, 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 C. L. Atkinson, 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 October 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Amendments to the minutes are as follows: Nancy Stone presented the JP report; Core Solar Tax Abatement – Charlie Morris made the motion to adopt the guidelines for October 12, 2015 through October 12, 2017, Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 242 9-1-1 calls, and 269 other calls. There were 9 prisoners held a total of 502 days with an average stay of 56.0 days per inmate.
- Nancy Stone, submitted the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for October, 2015 was 53, and total revenue collected was \$6133.10.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$284,412.64 delinquent, \$7,920.52. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$74808.61, delinquent, \$3526.42.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court in writing by Clint Martin, the New Agent for Dickens County. Mr. Martin reported that with the aid of a helicopter on November 11th they were able to kill 136 wild hogs Southwest of Dickens and 15 wild hogs North of the golf course in Spur all in about 3 hours time. Mr. Martin is in the process of getting more land owners signed up for the wildlife control program.
- Chase Witt, Dickens County Extension Agent presented the extension report to the court. Agent Witt stated an increase in 4-H participation due to recruiting events October was busy with 6 contests with lots of participants from Dickens County and numerous outstanding awards. Chase Witt also stated that the turnout for the banquet this year exceeded all previous years with 94 people attending.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$6804.46 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 4 probate cases filed. 3 probate hearing held. 4 Criminal cases filed and 8 criminal cases heard 5 dismissals and 2 convictions. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there 0 civil cases were filed: 1 Attorney General civil suit, 1 Foreclosure case was heard. 3 Criminal Cases were heard with 3 cases dismissed.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of October, 2015 were: General Fund \$104,073.71, Road and Bridge, \$26,794.08, dedicated fund balance \$52,351.47.
- Department of Transportation – no report
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts. All in the process of grading roads.

- Invoice to Kamatsu Architecture for Round VIII Emergency Stabilization Grant and invoice for iDocket annual fee presented to the court by Sandy Vickrey

On motion by Sheldon Parsons and a second by Dennis Wyatt, all consent agenda items were approved unanimously.

UPDATE ON CORE SOLAR ENERGY ABATEMENT

The Court considered the proposed tax abatement estimate from Core Solar. No action taken.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH SPAG

Discussion was held by the court regarding a Mutual Aid agreement between surrounding counties regarding disaster reimbursement expenses. No action was taken at this time.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO DICKENS COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

A motion was made by Charlie Morris to appoint Kevin Brendle to represent Dickens County Commissioners Court as a voting representative to the Dickens County Appraisal District. On a second by Sheldon Parsons, the vote was unanimous.

MAINTAINER PURCHASE FOR PRECINCT #2

Lance Wells with Warren Caterpillar presented several options for the purchase of a new road grader to the commissioners court. Mike Smith made the motion to purchase an all wheel drive 12M3. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned for lunch 12:25 pm
Reconvened at 1:45 pm

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve Workers Compensation Insurance Contribution and Coverage Proposal to include election workers but with the exclusion of Elected Officials. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BIDS FOR DICKENS COUNTY IN-TRUST PROPERTIES APPROVED

Motion was made by Charlie Morris with a second by Sheldon Parsons to accept all bids as presented to the court and are as follows with the exclusion of Blk 12, Lots 4, 5 & 14. Motion carried unanimously.

- Abs. 200, Blk. 67, Lot 9 – Frances Young and Christopher Young
- Abs. 210, Blk. 12, Lot 4-5 – Melissa Sanchez-Herring

- Abs. 215 Blk. 4, Lot 8 Gabriel Add. – Benjamin Garcia
- Abs. 215 Blk. 4, Lot 5-6 Gabriel Add. – Benjamin Garcia
- Lots 1-2 Blk. 3 Freeman Add. – Ashley Andrews
- Abs. 210 Blk. 2, Lot 11 Freeman Add. – Stefanie Andrews
- Abs. 210 Blk. 4, West ½ Lot 1 Freeman Add. – Stefanie Andrews
- Abs. 210 Blk. 8, Lots 3 & 4 Freeman Add. – Cory Witters
- Abs/ 215 Blk. 4, Lot 3 Gabriel Add. – Courtney Lee Rye

Judge Brendle made the motion to accept the bid for Lots 4 and 5 only in Block 12 OT of Spur. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Sheldon Parsons opposed.

PURCHASE OF Block 63, Lots 9-12 CONSIDERED

On motion by Sheldon Parsons and a second by Charlie Morris the court voted not to purchased Lots 9-12, Block 63 in the Original Town of Dickens. Motion passes 3-2 with Kevin Brendle and Mike Smith opposing.

MACK TRUCK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT DISCUSSED

Sheldon Parsons made a motion to allow Dennis Wyatt up to \$40,000.00 to find a replacement truck for his precinct. Mike Smith Seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

FOLDING TABLES FOR MULTI PURPOSE ROOM APPROVED

Charlie Morris made a motion to approve the purchase of 8 folding tables for the multi purpose room use. Mike Smith seconded, motion passed.

GRANT TO PALACE THEATER APPROVED

Dennis made the motion to accept the Ed Rachal Foundation Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 and dedicate those funds to the Palace Theater for repairs as presented to the court. With a second from Charlie Morris, the motion passed unanimously.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTED UPON

A motion was made by Judge Brendle to approve action for clean up of property that was turned in as a nuisance for up to \$3000.00. Dennis seconded the motion. Court voted unanimously.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT RESCINDED

The court reviewed the nuisance abatement program and voted 4-1 to rescind the program after motion made by Mike Smith and seconded by Charlie Morris. Sheldon Parsons voted nay.

SOLID WASTE GRANT

The Court reviewed the Solid Waste application submitted by SPAG. No action taken.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Sheldon made the motion to forgo the usual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the county and the Christmas Dinner for this year, due to lack of participation in the previous year. Dennis Seconded. Vote carried unanimously

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ROUND VIII GRANT REVIEWED

Revised drawing for the Round VIII Grant were reviewed and discussed to include emergency exit stairwell. Discussion tabled.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ROUND IX GRANT REVIEWED

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve Kamatsu updating plans as originally approved to continue with Round IX grant application. Sheldon Parsons seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Mike Smith opposed.

No line item transfers or budget amendments were presented.

No public comments.

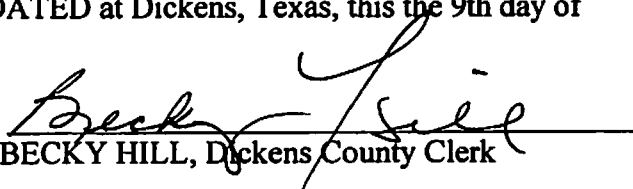
Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay bills as presented by Sandy Vickrey. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Dennis Wyatt. Motion passed.

Court adjourned at 4:55 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 9th day of November, 2015.


BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk