

**JULY 13, 2015**

Be it remembered that on July 13, 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, and Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Charlie Morris, Precinct #3, 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 June 8 and Jun 29, 2015 meetings were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 291 9-1-1 calls, and 321 other calls. There were 11 prisoners held a total of 57 days with an average stay of 5.18 days per inmate.
- Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace presented her report to the Court. Total cases filed for June, 2015 was 26, and total revenue collected was \$3,673.59.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$3,250.58 delinquent, \$1,409.76. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$1,028.72, delinquent, \$572.12.
- Emergency Management Coordinator – no report was submitted.
- Wildlife Service Report - Aaron Adamson submitted report
- 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 \$4,298.49 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 4 criminal cases filed: 2 Possession of a Controlled Substance and 2 Possession of Marijuana. Two criminal cases were heard: 1 Driving While License Invalid, 9 months Probation, 1 Driving While License Invalid, 12 months Probation, and 1 Possession of Marijuana, 12 months Probation. There were no Applications for Probate filed. One Probate Hearing was held. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there were no criminal cases filed and no criminal cases were heard One civil case was filed: Petition in Suit Affecting Parent/Child Relationship. Two civil cases were heard: 1 Parent/Child Relationship, Order Establishing and 1 Divorce, Final Decree.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of June 30, 2015 were: General Fund \$96,806.98, Road and Bridge, \$22,468.59.
- L.G. Little with Texas Department of Transportation met with the Court
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- County Treasurer authorized to reimburse Winona Humphreys, for shelves paid for personally, in the amount of \$275.97, to paid out of the County Clerks Record Management Fund
- Authorize window tinting in the Annex at an amount of up to \$1800.00
- Approve Bond for newly appointed Tax Assessor Collector, Rebecca Haney

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

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

**T.H.C. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO D.C.H.C.**

The Court presented the Texas Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award for 2014 to the members of the Dickens County Historical Commission. Harry Bob Martin, Chairman, along with Mary Lena Martin, Beverly Brantley and Linda Hotchco were present to receive the award.

**S.S. BANK APPROVED AS DEPOSITORY**

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the Bank Depository contract with Spur Security Bank for a two year term in accordance with Local Government Code 116.022 and 117.022. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES APPROVED**

On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Mike Smith, the Court voted unanimously to approve the 21% Federal Poverty Guidelines minimum income standard as the Dickens County Indigent Health Care Program monthly income standard and adopt the Dickens County Indigent Health Care Program monthly eligibility standards. On a second by Mike Smith, the motion was unanimous.

**DESIGNATION OF LOCATION FOR FORECLOSURE SALES APPROVED**

Charlie Morris made the motion to designate the portico of the Courthouse Annex, at 508 Crow Street, Dickens, Texas, as the location for foreclosure sales. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

The Court discussed the County Trapper.

**SEALED BIDS FOR FUEL REJECTED**

The Court opened sealed bids for gas, diesel and propane. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to reject all bids received and give the County Judge an opportunity to contact previous bidders for additional bids. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with Mike Smith opposing.

**KOMATSU INVOICE #24 APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the payment of Invoice #24, in the amount of \$20,615.00 to Komatsu Architecture. Kevin Brendle seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with Mike Smith opposing.

**ROUND VIII GRANT DISCUSSED**

The Court held a conference with Gordon Marchant, Komatsu Architecture, and Lee Evans with KBL Restoration to discuss the Texas Historical Commission Round VIII Grant.

**RESIGNATION OF WINONA HUMPHREYS, CO. AND DIST. CLERK ACCEPTED**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to accept the resignation of Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, effective, July 31 2015. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**Executive Session:** At 11:00 a.m. the Court convened in a closed Executive Session in compliance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: No action was taken.

**CO. JUDGE AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WINONA HUMPHREYS, COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK**

No action was taken.

**AUDITING FIRM TO CONDUCT AUDIT OF CLERK'S OFFICE**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to have the firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss conduct an audit of the Clerk's office. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

**PERSONEL POLICY MANUAL UPDATES DISCUSSED**

The Court discussed changes to the Policy Manual concerning sick leave and tobacco use. The changes will be further discussed at next month's regular meeting.

The Court recessed for lunch at 12:12 p.m. and returned at 1:10 p.m.

The Court discussed management of In-Trust Properties. The Court also discussed the insurance claim on the Palace Theatre.

The Court discussed the Dickens County preliminary damage assessment for FEMA funds to be used to repair roads, culverts, ditches, etc., due to damages caused by the recent heavy rains. A FEMA representative will meet with the Commissioner's Court on Friday July 17.

**TAX ATTORNEYS TO BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST TAX A/C WITH TAX RATE**

On a motion by Charlie Morris, and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to approve utilizing the firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott to assist Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector in figuring the effective tax rate and related matters.

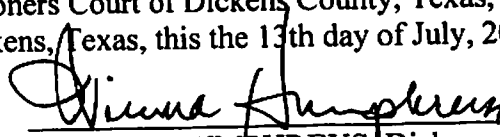
The Court discussed the Annex and the Courthouse. The Court also discussed 2015-2016 budget and budget workshops. The first workshop will be held on July 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**BILLS APPROVED AND PAID**

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to pay the bills as presented, with the exception of Wyatt Tractor Supply. On a second by Mike Smith, the motion was unanimous. Mike Smith made the motion to pay Wyatt Tractor Supply. On a second by Kevin Brendle, the motion passed, with Dennis Wyatt abstaining. Mike Smith made the motion to pay the bills for the Dickens County Historical Commission. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous. On a motion by Sheldon Parsons, and a second by Charlie Morris, the Court voted unanimously to adjourn. Court adjourned at 3:09 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

  
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WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk