

February 8, 2016

Be it remembered that on February 8, 2016, 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, Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, and Becky Hill, 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 Kevin Keltz, 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 January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay Wyatt Tractor Service bill. Motion passed 4-1 with Dennis Wyatt abstaining.

- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 271 9-1-1 calls, and 263 other calls. There were 9 prisoners held a total of 406 days with an average stay of 45.1 days per inmate.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for January was 108, and total revenue collected was \$10,806.00.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$499,075.19 delinquent collected, \$1038.82. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$131,291.19, delinquent collected, \$342.37.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3,069.55 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 1 Criminal cases filed, 1 mental health and 4 criminal cases heard; 1 jail time served, 2 dismissals, 3 days county jail and fine. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 0 civil cases filed: 0 Criminal Cases were heard.
- Chase Witt, Dickens County Extension Agent presented the extension report to the court. Stock shows are still in progress. Chemical Conference was held with 35 citizens in attendance. Shooting sports will begin soon with a District archery contest planned this year for the first time, then the State contest.
- EMS Coordinator Wes Abbott was not present. Judge Brendle presented information to the court on Mr. Abbott's behalf. An account has been established with Northern Tool. Mr. Abbott requested that the court consider enacting the burn ban while condition are dry and windy. The court discussed the needed spare tires and other maintenance for the Hummer.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court by Clint Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he is hopeful on getting a helicopter the first part of March and that he is needing a barn or facility which has concrete flooring and entrance to keep the helicopter in overnight. In the month of January 13 coyotes, 1 swine, 2 armadillos, 4 skunks, and 2 raccoons were killed.

- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer was unable to attend, but presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of January 2016 were: General Fund \$-12,122.26, Road and Bridge, \$3,858.61, dedicated fund balance \$57,299.91.
- L. G. Little was unable to attend to give the TxDot report.
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts. All roads are being graded and hauling some gravel. Commissioners Court will attending the Conference Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference in Austin on April 26th through April 29th. Work is finished on the nuisance lot, cost is \$2125.00 to be billed to owner. Repairs to Precinct #4 dump truck was higher than expected due to additional work needed. Precinct #3 truck is in need of new brakes. Fire brakes can be cut around building and county roads if needed free of charge. Brazos Electric has requested gravel to repair roads, they will furnish the trucks.
- Renewal Bond for County Attorney ProTem was submitted to the court.
- Invoice in the amount of \$1,330.86 from Komatsu Architecture was submitted to the court for approval
- Dickens County Treasurer submitted request to pay KBL Restoration invoice in the amount of \$47,975.00.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to approve all consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.

ROOF BIDS CONSIDERED FOR JAIL

One bid was submitted for approval on roof repairs to the jail by Adams Construction in the amount of \$4,800.00. Charlie Morris made the motion to accept the bid as presented. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Sheldon Parsons voting against.

IN-TRUST PROPERTY BIDS ACCEPTED

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to accept all bids on In-Trust property as submitted to the court and are as follows. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Blk 5, Lot 17 Gabriel Addition – David Oram \$500.00
- Blk 12, Lot 15 Freeman Addition – Reba Parker \$500.00
- Blk 11, Lot 13 Freeman Addition – Reba Parker \$500.00

OLD SPUR BANK BUILDING DISCUSSED

The Dickens County Historical Committee made a proposal concerning the Counties acquisition of the Old Bank Building in Spur as a donation from the building's owner. No action was taken.

CONCEALED/OPEN CARRY GUN POLICY

No action was taken at this time.

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX FRONT EXTERIOR WALKWAY AND
INTERIOR DÉCOR DISCUSSED**

Courthouse Annex walkway and Interior Décor was discussed by the Court. It was mentioned that local artists and photographers might be interested in displaying their art work inside the hallways of the Annex Building. Sheldon Parsons made the motion to give the Judge authority to decide any action taken concerning the interior décor. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. No action was taken concerning the walkway at this time.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION DISCUSSED

Steel beam in place for upstairs stabilization. KBL about six weeks behind schedule due to the removal of inner wall. Roof patches were made.

PRECISION RECORDING

Precision Recording met with the court to discuss microfiche of the Tax records for preservation and storage issues. Old permanent records are being stored in Sea Containers at this time but are not well maintained. No action taken.

Public Comment.

Rob Hamilton, Republican candidate for District Attorney in the upcoming March 1st election visited with court.

Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Mike Smith to approve and pay bills from WTG Fuel and Inland Truck Parts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay Dickens County Historical Commission bill. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Court adjourned at 12:30 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 8th day of February, 2016.


BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk