

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT
December 12, 2016

Be it remembered that on December 12, 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, Darla Thomason, Treasurer, and Becky Hill, County and District Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Rebecca Haney, 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 November 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Sheriff Terry Braly presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 239, 9-1-1 calls, and 109 other calls. There was a total of 8 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for November was 20, and total revenue collected was \$7928.44.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector Presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$355929.37, delinquent collected \$1439.89. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$84,961.95, delinquent collected, \$505.91.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3,063.81 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 5 criminal cases were heard. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 1 civil case filed, 1 civil case heard, 1 Attorney General and 1 CPS cases heard.
- Wes Abbott, Emergency Management Coordinator presented his quarterly report to the court. In discussion were new procedures of flagging vehicles that have been checked by emergency personnel during an emergency situation that can be seen by aerial or ground crews.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of November 30, 2016 were: General Fund \$-138,357.50, Road and Bridge, \$-6,981.01, dedicated fund balance \$68,087.43.
- Randy Martin the newly appointed superintendent for Texas Department of Transportation met with court.
- Clint Martin, Wildlife Services presented his report to the court. Fifteen coyotes, eight pigs, one skunk and two possums were destroyed. Four cases of predation were reported and numerous reports of swine destruction were reported for the month of November/
 - Each commissioner reported on the road conditions in their precincts. All precincts are grading roads.
 - Surety Bond for Nathan Jay Allen was presented to the court for approval.
 - Invoices presented to court for approval included KBL in the amount of \$73,475.52 and Kamatsu Architecture in the amount of \$2441.54.

- Court considered the request from Precinct #3 Charlie Morris to exceed the county spending budget for pushing gravel.
 - 16 names were presented to the court to serve on the County Historical Committee for approval.
 - Commissioner Continuing Education Certificates were discussed. Certificates should be turned in to the County Treasurer for filing.
- Motion was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Mike Smith to approve all the consent agenda items as presented. Vote carried unanimously.

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT HIRED

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons, and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to accept the application of Thomas Boyle as County Extension Agent for Dickens County. Mr. Boyle came highly recommended by Miles Dabovich, Texas AgriLife Extension District Administrator, Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Boyle will begin January 1, 2016.

FRONT END LOADER TO BE PURCHASED

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to move forward with the purchase of a 926M Caterpillar from Warren Cat for \$54,974.82 for Precinct #2. Vote passed 3/2 with Sheldon Parsons and Dennis Wyatt voting against.

DATE SET FOR SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Swearing in ceremony will be held on December 22, 2016 since all elected officials are incumbents.

ALLIED COMPLIANCE SERVICES, INC. APPROVED

The court voted unanimously to accept the renewal agreement with Allied Compliance Services, Inc. for DOT required testing for employees with CDL licenses. Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Charlie Morris.

SOS WASTE CONTRACT APPROVED

Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the contract with SOS Waste for the disposal of roll-off site materials. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

IN-TRUST PROPERTIES DISCUSSED

Rebecca Haney, Dickens County Tax Assessor met with the court to discuss In-Trust Properties and bidding processes on property acquired by the county through tax sales. No action taken

COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Dickens County employees will meet on December 22nd for the employee Christmas get together. It will be come and go. Refreshments provided by County Employees to coincide with swearing in ceremony.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ROUND VIII REVIEWED

Plumbing and supply lines, paint, plaster repairs, phone lines and internet, ramp and courtroom seating were discussed regarding the old courthouse repairs. Judge Brendle informed the court that the application has been received by the Texas Historical Commission for the approval of repairs not funded by the Historical Commission, but not yet approved. A special meeting of the commissioners court has been set for December 22nd at 8:30 am to further discuss improvements on courthouse. Swearing in ceremony will be held at 9:00 am and an owner/architect meeting will be held at 9:30 am.

- ❖ Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve and pay all bills with the exclusion of Wyatt Tractor. Mike Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously..
- ❖ Mike Smith made motion to pay Wyatt Tractor invoice, motion seconded by Sheldon Parsons, motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Charlie Morris to pay Dickens County Historical Committee invoice as submitted. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Charlie Morris, on second by Sheldon Parsons. Motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 12:38 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 December, 2016.

Becky Hill
BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk