

JANUARY 11, 2016

Be it remembered that on January 11, 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 Marvin West, 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 December 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff was not present, but submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 271 9-1-1 calls, and 248 other calls. There were 8 prisoners held a total of 312 days with an average stay of 39 days per inmate.
- Nancy Stone, was not present due to scheduled judges school in Austin, but submitted the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for December, 2015 was 43, and total revenue collected was \$4599.30.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$94,105.52 delinquent collected, \$1086.80. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$24,743.33, delinquent collected, \$379.48.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$2766.66 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Kevin Brendle, presiding, there were 2 Criminal cases filed and 7 criminal cases heard; 1 jail time served, 5 dismissals, 5 days county jail.. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 1 civil cases filed: 1 Attorney General civil suit, 1 Divorce case was heard. 1 Criminal Cases were heard with 1 deferred adjudication.
- Chase Witt, Dickens County Extension Agent presented the extension report to the court. Agent Witt has been making project visits and getting ready for the upcoming stock shows. A meeting for chemical licensing is scheduled for January 18th.
- Wildlife Service Report was presented to the court by Clint Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he is still waiting to get a helicopter. In the month of December 55 coyotes and 22 swine were killed.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer was unable to attend, but presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of December, 2015 were: General Fund \$615,289.85, Road and Bridge, \$9497.85, dedicated fund balance \$55,710.66.
- Department of Transportation report was presented to the court by L. G. Little. Roads have been sealed in Spur. Road conditions have been keeping personnel busy snow plowing. Mr. Little requested the assistance of the court to be kept notified of any fires, wrecks or any other events happening on the highways.
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts. All roads in the county are in bad condition due to weather.
- CEU's/Certificates for Tax Collector Rebecca Haney and Nancy Stone, Justice of the Peace submitted.

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

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION DISCUSSED

Rebecca Haney presented the court with information regarding scheduling of a meeting with Precision Recording to discuss document archiving and preservation. Meeting will be scheduled for February 8, 2016 during regular Commissioners Court.

BIDS FOR TREE TRIMMING REVIEWED

Sealed bids were opened and reviewed for the trimming and removal of trees and limbs at the Courthouse which were damaged by the recent ice storm. Four bids were submitted. Rick Collett was awarded the contract with a motion made by Charlie Morris and a second by Mike Smith. Vote was unanimous.

OPEN CARRY GUN LAW VISITED

The Court discussed the open carry gun law and how it might affect Courthouse Policy and security. No action was taken at this time.

CHANGES TO PERSONNEL POLICY

Proposed changes to the County personnel policy were submitted to the court to include Administrative Leave for inclement weather and other administrative days used. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the addition of Administrative Leave, Mike Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IN TRUST PROPERTY BIDS CONSIDERED

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons with a second by Dennis Wyatt to accept all bids as presented to the court and are as follows. Motion carried unanimously.

- Blk 5, Lot 12 Gabriel Addition – Andrew Doucet
- Blk 1, Lot 12 Freeman Addition – Andrew Doucet
- Blk 7, Lot 8 Gabriel Addition – Stephen Kempel
- Blk 3, Lot 1 & 2 Freeman Addition – Cory Witters

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION GRANT ROUND VIII DISCUSSED

Stabilization on the Courthouse is almost complete except for the East side. Footing for elevator shaft will be starting.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION GRANT ROUND IV DISCUSSED

Application for full restoration submitted to Texas Historical Commission by Kamatsu and Associates. If approved, out of pocket expenses remaining is estimated at \$107,000.00.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mike Smith made the motion to approve the budget amendment submitted by Sandy Vickrey to move \$600.00 of the money earned by the County employees for participating in the County Wellness program to budget item Revenue and Expense. On a second by Charlie Morris the court voted in favor.

Public Comment.

Shelly Drennan republican candidate for District Attorney in the upcoming March 1st election visited with court.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Dennis Wyatt approve and pay bills as presented by Sandy Vickrey with the exception of Wyatt Tractor Service. Motion passed unanimously.

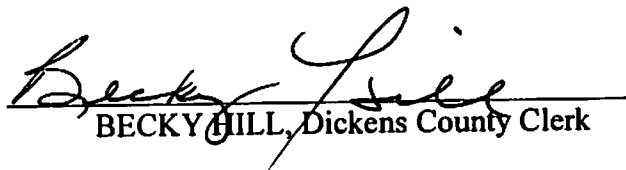
Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Mike Smith to pay Dickens County Historical Commission bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Dennis Wyatt and seconded by Charlie Morris. Motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 12:50 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 11th day of January, 2016.


BECKY HILL, Dickens County Clerk