

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT
February 13, 2017

Be it remembered that on February 13, 2017 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 9:10 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by Rory Mosely, 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 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 264, 9-1-1 calls, and 164 other calls. There was a total of 11 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for January was 12, and total revenue collected was \$5713.19.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector Presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$505,903.
- 78, delinquent collected \$3272.16. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$120758.69, delinquent collected, \$1115.41.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$5628.55 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 1 resisting arrest was filed, 5 criminal cases were heard, 2 Probate cases were filed and 1 probate was heard. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there was 2 civil cases filed, 3 civil cases heard, 2 Attorney General cases heard.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of January 31, 2017 were: General Fund \$-75,990.33, Road and Bridge, \$10,802.49, dedicated fund balance \$70,726.07.
- Thomas Boyle, county extension agent, was attending stock show and unable to be present.
 - Clint Martin, Wildlife Services presented his report to the court. Thirty four coyotes, eight swine, were destroyed in January as well as other pests.
 - Each commissioner reported on the road conditions in their precincts. All precincts are grading roads, hauling gravel and pulling ditches. Additional gravel pits are needed to continue to supply the counties needs.
 - Invoices presented to court for approval included KBL in the amount of \$37,454.56, Kamatsu Architecture in the amount of \$432.00 for courthouse repairs and ARM Aggregate in the amount of \$3230.97 for large rock for road repairs.
 - Invoice for \$1117.20 was presented to the court from Precinct #3 Charlie Morris and Precinct #4 Sheldon Parsons which exceeded the county spending budget for grader blades.
 - Surety Bond for Trey Poage, County Attorney Pro Tem was presented to the court for approval.

Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to approve all the consent agenda items as presented. Vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons, and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to approve the following resolutions:

Resolution in Opposition to Senate Bill 2 and Revenue Caps
Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates
State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense

Motion passes with all voting in agreement.

CONFERENCE APPROVED

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Charlie Morris to approved the attendance of the County Judge and County Commissioners to the 88th Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference in Lubbock. Vote was unanimous.

HANDCRAFTED TABLE APPROVED

KBL contractor has offered to build a hand crafted table out of timbers removed from the old courthouse in exchange for the vault door removed from the tax office. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve with the stipulation that the table would be a commissioners court sized table. Sheldon Parsons seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT AWARDED

Dickens County was awarded \$6,240.00 from Texas Indigent Defense Commission to help meet the indigent defense costs of Dickens County..

IN TRUST PROPERTY BID ACCEPTED

Two bids were presented before the commissioners court on Lot 5, block 36 of the OT of Spur. First bid was for \$3087.57 and the second for \$4125.00. Motion was made by Charlie Morris to accept bid in the amount of \$4125.00. With a second by Sheldon Parsons the court voted unanimously to accept the bid.

IN TRUST PROPERTY POLICY DISCUSSED

The court discussed the necessity of a policy on handling in trust properties with occupants in residence. Legal advice will be sought before any action taken.

MARCH COMMISSIONER COURT MEETING RESCHEDULED

Commissioners Court is tentively rescheduled for March 6, 2017.

SCHOOL REQUEST APPROVED

Judge Kevin Brendle submitted to the court a request to attend the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy for 2017 through 2018 with the \$2800.00 total cost being paid in two payments, one in 2017 and one in 2018. Charlie Morris made the motion to approve the request, Mike Smith seconded, vote passed unanimously.

EMS TRAINING CLASS APPROVED

EMS training classes will be held at the Courthouse annex multipurpose room beginning February 16th through June 15, 2017 from 6 PM- 10 PM. Anyone interested in taking classes can contact Donna Edinburgh or the County Judges office.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED

An owner/architect meeting will be held on February 23rd. Round VIII grant is scheduled to be completed at that time. Sump pump and fire alarms are not completed in elevator at this time.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN GRANT DISCUSSED

. Church pews have been obtained for the courtroom thanks to the help of Becky Hodges. Stair tread to be installed by Hosch Flooring, who had the cheaper bid. Ceiling grids to go up this week in the east upstairs rooms. Lonestar Electric will donate 10 light fixtures for east upstairs rooms. Handicap availability from street still in progress.

Line Item transfers

Postage Machine \$1849.40 transferred to Tax Office (Charge from Pritchard and Abbott for mailing statements)

- ❖ Dennis Wyatt made the motion to approve and pay all bills with the exclusion of Anthony Mechanical and Wyatt Tractor. Charlie Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously..
- ❖ Mike Smith made motion to pay Wyatt Tractor invoice, motion seconded by Charlie Morris, motion carried unanimously with Dennis Wyatt abstaining.
- ❖ 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 1:00 p.m.

COUNTY OF DICKENS §

I, Becky Hill, Dickens County Clerk, attest that 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 February, 2017.



Becky Hill

