

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Be it remembered that on September 9, 2013 the Honorable Commissioners Court met in Regular Session with these members present, to-wit: Commissioners Dennis Wyatt, Precinct #1, Ricky West, Precinct #2, , Sheldon Parsons, Precinct #4, and County Judge Lesa Arnold. Charlie Morris, Precinct #3 arrived at 11:00 .am. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Judge Lesa Arnold. Darla Thomason took the minutes in the absence of Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk. The meeting opened with a prayer 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 August 12 and 21, 2013 meetings were reviewed. One correction to be made on person presenting motion.
- Terry Braly, County Sheriff presented the Sheriff's Department report. There were a total of 282 9-1-1 calls, and 251 other calls. There were 4 prisoners held a total of 221 days with an average stay of 55.1 days per inmate.
- Kathy Hughes, Justice of the Peace submitted her report to the Court. Total cases filed for August, 2013 was 40, and total revenue collected was \$8,400.76.
- Sherry Hill, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$4,138.91, delinquent, \$2,889.99. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$2,052.86, delinquent, \$1,766.38.
- Winona Humphreys, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3,081.15 for fines, fees and court costs was collected. In County Court, County Judge Lesa Arnold, presiding, there were no criminal cases filed, and no case heard. There were no applications for probate filed, and no probate hearing was held. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, there were 9 indictments handed down by the Grand Jury. One criminal case was heard – Sexual Assault/Child, probation revoked. One civil case was heard, Contract/Fraud, judgment. There were no civil cases filed.
- Sandy Vickrey, County Treasurer submitted the treasurer's report. The General Fund Account balance as of August 31, 2013 was \$108,035.66. The Road and Bridge Account balance as of August 31, 2013 was \$18,219.75.
- Indigent Health Care Program report presented
- The commissioners gave a report on road conditions in their respective precincts.
- Accept grant award from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the Caprock Regional Public Defender office and authorize the County Judge to sign on behalf of Dickens County.
- Approve paying Techsoft, Inc. out of the JP Technology Fund for the CMS Annual Support Fee
- Receive compliance letter from Stahl, Bernal & Davies, L.L.P. on behalf of McAdoo Wind Energy, L.L.C.
- Receive Certificate of Course Completion from Justice of the Peace, Kathy Hughes

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED**

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

**9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK'S RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN.**

None present

**CLERK'S ARCHIVE AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE INCREASE**

The Court discussed the annual plan for the County and District Clerk's Records Archive Fee. On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Sheldon Parsons, the Court voted unanimously to approve the plan. The Court discussed the County and District Clerk's Record Archive fee increase. On a motion by Sheldon Parsons and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to approve the increase. The Court discussed the County Clerk's Records Management and Preservation fee increase. On a motion by Ricky West, and a second by Sheldon Parsons, the Court voted unanimously to approve the increase.

**10:00 BUDGET HEARING**

None Present

**10:10 AM RECONVENED OPEN SESSION**

**BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 APPROVED**

Ricky West made the motion to approve the County Budget for 2013-2014. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ADOPTED.**

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons to adopt the tax rate of .60411 for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Ricky West seconded the motion. Lesa Arnold, Sheldon Parsons, and Ricky West voted for, Dennis Wyatt opposed.

**COUNTY CHOICE SILVER RETIREE MEDICAL PROGRAM RENEWED**

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to renew the County Choice Silver Retiree Medical Program for Fiscal year 2014, on second by Ricky West, the motion was unanimous.

**PURCHASE OF PICKUP FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3 & 4**

On motion made by Sheldon Parsons, and second by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a pickup, not to exceed \$10,000.00, for Commissioner Precincts 3 and 4.

**207K PLAN FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ADOPTED**

Motion was made by Ricky West to adopt a 207K plan for the Dickens County Sheriff's Deputy for a 86 hour, 14 day work week. On second by Sheldon Parsons, the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL FOR FIBER OPTIC LINE ON COUNTY PROPERTY**

On a motion made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to approve a request from Caprock Telephone to run fiber optic line on county owned property.

**PROFESSIONAL TREE TRIMMER HIRED**

Dennis Wyatt made the motion to authorize the County Judge to hire a professional tree trimmer to prune trees on the Courthouse lawn. A second was made by Ricky West, the vote was unanimous.

**EXPENDITURE THAT EXCEEDS POLICY APPROVED**

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons to approve expenditure to recap maintainer tire for Precints 1 and 2 that would exceed the County Spending Policy. On a second by Ricky West, the vote was unanimous.

**LINE ITEM TRANSFERS APPROVED**

Sheldon Parsons made the motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. On a second by Charlie Morris, the motion was unanimous.

**BUDGET AMMENDMENTS APPROVED**

Ricky West made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. On a second by Dennis Wyatt, the motion was unanimous.

**BILLS APPROVED AND PAID**

On a motion by Charlie Morris, and a second by Dennis Wyatt, the Court voted unanimously to the bills as presented, with the exception of Dillard Ranch pending further documentation.

Ricky West made the motion to adjourn. On a second by Charlie Morris and unanimous consent, court was adjourned at 12:05 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 Designee of the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth. DATED at Dickens, Texas, this the 9th day of September, 2013.

WINONA HUMPHREYS, Dickens County Clerk

By Becky Hill Deputy County Clerk

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT AFFIDAVIT**

In compliance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioner's Court of Dickens County on this date has compared and examined the Monthly Report of Sandy Vickrey, Dickens County Treasurer. Every account is reported as required by Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code and the Commissioners' inspection was made in accordance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code.

In this regular session of Commissioner's Court of Dickens County, the requirements of Section 114.026, Subsection C of the Local Government Code has been met and \$6,443,642.36 remains in custody of Sandy Vickrey, Dickens County Treasurer.

Approved in open Court, this the 9th day of September, 2013.

/s/ Dennis Wyatt, Com. Pct. 1

/s/ Charlie Morris, Com. Pct. 3

ATTEST: Winona Humphreys, County Clerk

/s/ Lesa Arnold, County Judge, Dickens

/s/ Ricky West, Com. Pct 2

/s/ Sheldon Parsons, Com. Pct. 4