

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

April 9, 2018

Be it remembered that on April 9, 2018 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 9:12 a.m. by County Judge, Kevin Brendle. The meeting opened with a prayer by P. J. Schmidt, 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 March 19, 2018 Commissioners court were reviewed, with the following addition: "On motion by Sheldon Parsons, and second by Charlie Morris the court voted unanimously to decline payment of the invoice from Yellowhouse Machinery since the new machine has not been delivered."

- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There was a total of 264, 9-1-1 calls, and 142 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 March were 124, and total revenue collected was \$14,698.07.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$11,409.84, delinquent collected \$683.89. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$2,445.08, delinquent collected \$189.09.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$4067.70 for fines, fees and court costs was collected.
- In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 2 criminal cases were heard, 1 probate was filed and 3 probates were heard.. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, 1 civil case was heard and 1 tax case was filed.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of March 31, 2018 were: General Fund \$-33,494.81, Road and Bridge, \$108,071.20, dedicated fund balance is \$81,825.54. The court discussed the need of policy regarding funeral home decisions when emergency personnel are called for inquests.
- Thomas Boyle, County Extension Agent presented his report to the court. There will be 4-H events have begun and are scheduled through the summer months.
 - County commissioners reported on the road conditions in their precincts. All precincts working on roads, Precinct #3 motor on road grader is out, Precinct #2 belly dump is in shop.
 - Approval of invoice from Government Forms and Supplies of \$503.45 for County Clerk recording paper.

Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons with second by Mike Smith to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Vote passed unanimously.

NEW OWNERS OF TEXAS SPUR NEWSPAPER

Kay Ellington, Publisher, and Barbara Brannon, Business Partner of the Texas Spur met with the court. Ms. Ellington has worked for numerous news companies, such as the New York Times, Hearst and as a Vice President of Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Ms. Brannon has worked in book publishing and is now the Executive Director of The Plains Trail Region.

2017 COUNTY AUDIT PRESENTED

Tyler Canady of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP met with the court to present the 2017 audit report. No deficiencies were reported.

DICKENS COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

Darla Thomason, Treasurer, presented the court with a Resolution to the Investment Policy for the courts approval. Charlie Morris made the motion to accept the Resolution as presented to the court. Dennis Wyatt seconded the motion. The court voted all in favor.

GRANT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE

An application for a grant to purchase a vehicle for the Sheriff's office was submitted to the Office of the Governor through the Criminal Justice Program.

No action item.

FERAL HOG ABATEMENT GRANT DISCUSSED

Judge Brendle presented an update on the Feral Hog Abatement Grant that has been submitted to V.G. Young through TX Agri-Life. The grant will purchase 1 complete trapping system with remote gate, panels, feeder and feed. A second gate and feeder will also be included in the grant. The county should hear if it received the grant in April.

No action required.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS DISCUSSED

Noise reduction for the air conditioning and heating in the courtroom was discussed with Hammonds Heating with no solutions available. Hot water heaters have been purchased but need installing, elevator inspection has been performed and no longer under warranty.

No action required.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS

The County Judge and County commissioners will be attending the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference in Frisco, TX April 24th through the 26th.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: The court entered into Executive Session at 11:05 AM. And reconvened at 11:35 AM.

No line item transfers
No budget amendments

- ❖ Motion was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Sheldon Parsons to approve action on all claims and accounts against the county incurred from last Commissioners Court. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion was made by Charlie Morris and seconded by Mike Smith to settle all other claims and accounts against the County. Motion passed unanimously
- ❖ Motion was made by Sheldon Parsons and seconded by Dennis Wyatt to pay Dickens County Historical Commission bills. Motion passed unanimously.

No Public Comment

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

Court adjourned at 11:58 am.

STATE OF TEXAS §
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 9th day of April, 2018.



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