

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT

March 19, 2018

Be it remembered that on March 19, 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 9:05 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 February 12, 2018 Commissioners court were reviewed.

- Sheriff Terry Braly submitted the Sheriff's Department report. There was a total of 266, 9-1-1 calls, and 108 other calls. There was a total of 5 prisoners held.
- Nancy Stone, J.P. presented the Justice of the Peace report to the Court. Total cases filed for January were 50, and total revenue collected was \$12,357.66.
- Rebecca Haney, Tax Assessor Collector presented the Tax Office report. Tax Collections for Dickens County were: current, \$57,950.65, delinquent collected \$1668.80. Tax Collections for Road and Bridge were: current, \$12,418.52, delinquent collected \$94.09.
- Becky Hill, County and District Clerk, presented the Clerk's office report. Total revenue in the amount of \$3188.09 for fines, fees and court costs was collected.
- In County Court, Kevin Brendle presiding, 4 criminal cases were heard, 1 probates were heard.. In the 110th Judicial District Court, Judge William P. Smith, presiding, 1 civil case was filed and 1 civil case was heard. Two Attorney General Cases were heard and 1 Tax case was heard.
- Darla Thomason, County Treasurer presented the treasurer's report. Fund Balances as of February 28, 2018 were: General Fund \$14,806.30, Road and Bridge, \$117,880.43, dedicated fund balance is \$987,342.27.
- Thomas Boyle, County Extension Agent presented his report to the court, contests are scheduled. There will be a fund raiser for State Roundup, and shooting events are scheduled to begin.
 - Emergency Management Coordinator, Wes Abbott presented his report to the court. In discussion were Highway 70 detour route for EMS personnel, regional dispatch center at Sheriff Office and grant funds that might be available, procedure for Hummer, storm shelter check delays, Emergency center repeater reception, National Weather Services hot spot detection and benefits thereof, grant eligibility, designated dispatcher for multiple emergencies, media personnel for emergency messages.
 - County commissioners reported on the road conditions in their precincts
 - Approval of annual bond for County Attorney Pro Tem.
 - Approval of transmission replacement for Precinct #2.
 - Road Grader maintenance moved to Action Item Agenda.
 - Approve cost for materials from Lubbock Grader Blade that exceeds county spending policy.

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

TAC REPRESENTATIVE TO HOLD TRAINING SESSION

Michelle Arseneau TAC Representative is scheduled to conduct a training session with Elected Officials on March 28, 2018 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Multi-purpose room of the Courthouse Annex.

No action needed.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE AIR CONDITIONING DISCUSSED

New air conditioning for Appraisal District Office was discussed by the court.

No action taken.

SUMMER HELP FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSIDERED

Due to Fair Labor Laws concerning juveniles, the court decided to abandon the idea of hiring summer help to assist Road and Bridge with tree trimming and other outdoor projects.

No action taken.

DICKENS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN ELECTRIC BILLS

Due to rising costs, the court considered adding Dickens County Senior Citizens to the county electrical service plan.

No action taken until more information is available.

ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Merla Watson met with the Judge Brendle to discuss the cost of attending the library conference. This year the library is to receive grants during the conference. On a motion made by Sheldon Parsons and a second by Charlie Morris the court voted unanimously to donate \$500.00 to Friends of Library to assist with travel costs for Merla Watson. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Commissioners Court will attend the WTCJC Association conference in Frisco, Tx from April 23, through April 27th.

No action required.

COUNTY FERAL HOG ABATEMENT GRANT

On a motion by Charlie Morris and second by Dennis Wyatt the court voted unanimously to submit for Feral Hog Abatement grant through Tx Agri-Life.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE DISCUSSED

Judge Brendle presented the court with a list of items that have been completed at the courthouse and the annex and a list of items to be completed i.e. window screens, outside electrical outlets, paint on top and bottom of courthouse.

No action item.

No line item transfers
No budget amendments

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

Public Comment: Tom Stout spoke to the court regarding the lack of lots available for people interested in purchasing for Tiny Houses.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sheldon Parsons. On second by Dennis Wyatt, motion passed unanimously.

Court adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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 19th day of March, 2018.



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