

COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 14, 2023

8:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14th day of August 2023 Wesley Bean, Pct. 3 was present at 9:35 a.m. and Mike Medina, Pct. 4 was present at 8:59 a.m. the following members were present: Elsa Fierro, Pct. 1; G L Bunger, Pct. 2; and Frank Tambunga, County Judge where the following proceedings were had,

AGENDA POSTING

Judge Tambunga announced agenda to this regular session was posted. All agreed and meeting carried on due to proof of posting.

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meetings were previously read. Mike Medina made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT "EXHIBIT A"

Laura Conner, County Treasurer was present to give the Treasurer's Report.

INVESTING IN TEXAS CLASS

She stated that Texas Class has a better interest rate at 5%. G L Bunger made a motion to invest \$5 million to Texas Class. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

G L Bunger made a motion to approve the Treasurers' Report. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT "EXHIBIT B"

Dolores Ramirez, County Auditor was present to give the Auditor's Report. G L Bunger made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS "EXHIBIT C"

Eddie Martin was present to give the EMS and Fire Department Reports. He is keeping in close contact with Forest Services.

CONSIDER APPROVAL AND DISCUSS LOCAL FUNDING MATCH OF AT LEAST 25%, \$24,743.00 COMMITMENT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM "EXHIBIT D"

If this letter is approved, we would hire a consultant to come to Ozona to look at things like a generator for the Courthouse and EOC, plus the power grid system, our water system and a whole overall infrastructure for our town if there was a disaster. G L Bunger made a motion to sign the Local Funding Match Letter of at least 25%, \$24,743.00 Commitment for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT "EXHIBIT E"

Jeffrey Stuart was present to give the Road Department report on work completed and anticipated by the Department.

RAISING TIRE DISPOSAL FEES AT COLLECTION CENTER

He stated that the Court needed to consider going up on the Tire Disposal Fees at the Collection Center. The Court will take this matter under advisement and table it until the September meeting after Jeffrey checks with surrounding counties on fees.

AWARD TREE BIDS

Two bids were received from Alejandro in the amount of \$28,700.00 and Childress in the amount of \$8,100.00. G L Bunger made a motion to accept no bids. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CONSTABLE REPORT "EXHIBIT F"

Tara Carey was present to give the Constable Report.

CARE CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT C"

John Hellman was not present to give this report. Eddie Martin submitted all Care Center Reports to the Court.

LIBRARY REPORT

Jennifer Holmsely was present to give the Library Report.

CIVIC AND YOUTH CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT G"

Allen Williams was present to give the Civic and Youth Center Report.

RAISING YOUTH MEMBERSHIP FEES

Mr. Williams asked the Court to consider changing membership fees to \$5.00 for all grades at the Civic Center. Mike Medina made a motion to raise the Youth Fees to \$5.00. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT 'EXHIBIT H'

Rebecca Law and Nikki Bishop were present to give the Extension Office Report. They visited with the Court about the "Fill A Bus Project" that went really well. Dolores Ramirez, County Auditor asked Miss Law to try to get a trade in value for the suburban since there will be a new one purchased and the quote was \$4,000.00. She checked with Carvana and that amount was \$7,933.00.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ECKERT & CO. FOR 2022 AUDIT "EXHIBIT I"

Cathy Pitcock was present to give the 2022 Audit Report from Eckert & Co. and review and discuss the report with the Court. G L Bunger made a motion to approve the 2022 Audit submitted by Eckert & Co. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND DISCUSS MERTZ CANYON RANCH PRELIMINARY PLAT

Cory Lehman was present to discuss the Mertz Canyon Ranch Preliminary Plat. Mike Medina made a motion to approve the Mertz Canyon Ranch Preliminary Plat. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT "EXHIBIT J"

Antonio Alejandro was present to give the Sheriff's Office Report.

MASTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, INC. AND COUNTY OF CROCKETT, TEXAS "EXHIBIT K"

Mike Medina made a motion to authorize Purchase agreement between North Carolina Sheriff's Association, Inc. and County of Crockett, Texas. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL AND DISCUSS PURCHASING A SMALL PORTABLE STORAGE
TO USE AS PART OF DOG KENNEL**

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

**SESSION ENDED AT 10:26 A.M. SO THE COURT COULD GO INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION "EXHIBIT L"

**Jake Ledderly was present to visit with the Court about Tax Abatement
Application from Shamrock.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT THE 10:42 A.M.

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO CONSTRUCT A LEAN-TO METAL ROOF
OVER ROPING ARENA ON NORTH SIDE OF ARENA "EXHIBIT M"**

**David McGuire was present to discuss the Estimate with the Court. Mike
Medina made a motion to advertise for bids to construct a lean-to metal roof
over roping arena on north side of arena. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor.
Motion carried.**

**REBUILD NORTH FENCE FURTHER NORTH TOWARDS ROAD AND PARK
AND BACK AROUND BIG OAK TREE AND BACK SOUTH TO ARENA
"EXHIBIT N"**

David McGuire was present to discuss the Estimate with the Court. Mike Medina made a motion to reroute/rebuild North Fence further North towards Road and Park and back around Oak Tree and back South to Arena. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ON VATRE PROPOSAL FROM CCCCSD "EXHIBIT O"

Raul Chavarria was present to give the Court information on VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election). This is an election required by the State Legislature to approve a tax rate increase that generates additional revenue for public schools. The extra funds generated would be used for Fund Programs, Competitive in Teacher and Staff Salaries, Reduce the deficit in our M&O caused by Robin Hood, 100% of the funds generated by a VATRE will stay in Crockett County Schools.

COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN BY ZESCH & PICKETT "EXHIBIT P"

Bobby Zech was present to discuss the Medical Insurance Plan. Mike Medina made a motion to approve Option 1 Non-Grandfather Plan submitted by Zesch & Pickett. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

G L Bunger made a motion to approve Ameritas Dental Current Plan. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CARE CENTER HEALTH REPORT

John Hellman was present to give the Care Center Report.

CONSIDER APPROVAL AND DISCUSS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON GENERATORY FOR CARE CENTER

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

APPROVE 2023 CROCKETT COUNTY PROPOSED TAX RATE “EXHIBIT Q”

The Proposed Tax Rate is \$0.668747 per \$100. Mike Medina made a motion to approve Proposed Tax Rate at \$0.668747. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

CHANGES MADE TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

OPEN AND AWARD ROOF BIDS “EXHIBIT R”

There were no bids received at this time. Judge Tambunga will look into TIPS Groups.

APPLYING FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS FOR COUNTIES FROM STATE COMPTROLLER OFFICE

Judge Tambunga received a call informing him that Crockett County has never applied to receive unclaimed property. Mike Medina made a motion to apply for unclaimed property capital credits. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

ADVANTAGE TOWERS LLC INVOICE

The Court wanted to double check to make sure this invoice has not been duplicated. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve Advantage Towers LLC invoice. Frank Tambunga seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

VENDOR RULES AT TOWN SQUARE OR OTHER COUNTY PROPERTIES

No action until the Court visits with Jody Upham, County Attorney to make rules clearer.

PURCHASING AN AIR COMPRESSOR FOR DPS OFFICE “EXHIBIT S”

Michael Johnson visited with Judge Tambunga and mentioned that DPS Troopers were in need of an air compressor. Wesley Bean made a motion to purchase a DEWALT 26 gal. portable vertical 150 psi Air Compressor in the amount of \$374.99. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

GUARDIAN SECURITY PROPOSALS FOR APPRAISAL DISTRICT, LIBRARY, EXTENSION OFFICE AND PARK

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 “EXHIBIT T”

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

RENEWING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES WITH CONCHO VALLEY “EXHIBIT U”

Wesley Bean made a motion to renew the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services with Concho Valley Council of Governments. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

NGS TRI SHIELD DOUBLE SIDE FILM & SINGLE SIDE ATTACHMENTS

This is a film that is not a bullet type film but it would allow approximately five more minutes if there was someone shooting at the window to give employees more time to react as per Judge Tambunga. No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

**TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROCKETT COUNTY AND
CONCHO VALLEY TRANSIT "EXHIBIT V"**

This is the same agreement that the Court renews every year for the transit. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve Transportation Agreement between Crockett County and Concho Valley Transit. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL AND DISCUSS SEEKING A DEFAULT JUDGMENT
RECOMMENDED BY ATTORNEY DAVID WALLACE ON MCNEIL
ROOFING "EXHIBIT W"**

As per David Wallace, Attorney he has tried to serve the Respondent through the Secretary of State and by private process server. McNeil Roofing is no longer doing business at the address listed on the citation. Mr. Wallace advised to proceed in seeking a default judgment, although the company may have no assets and be out of business. Wesley Bean made a motion to seek Default Judgment. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW UPDATED CONVENTION CENTER RENTAL RULES "EXHIBIT X"

The County's TAC Representative, Cheraun Blankenship, recommended Option 1 to pay through County EIN and payroll as this is the best option for the County's Liability. Mike Medina made a motion to approve Option 1 for Security Rental Events for alcohol events. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW UPDATED CONVENTION CENTER RENTAL RULES

Wesley Bean made a motion to raise rental fees for alcohol events from \$700.00 to \$1000.00 use fee and \$300.00 deposit. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW RETRIEVER FOR CLERK'S OFFICE

Ninfa Preddy stated she had talked to TAC Legal and to Laura Conner and they both agreed she could purchase a retriever for records out of Archive Account. Mike Medina made a motion to approve purchase of new retriever for Clerk's Office. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

REVISING CEMETERY PLOT DEEDS

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

REMOVAL OF ABANDON AIRPLANE WITH NO ENGINE FROM THE COUNTY

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN

Wesley Bean made a motion to reinstate Countywide Burn Ban. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

UPDATING COUNTY SUBDIVISION RULES

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

DRAINAGE ON DEL RIO STREET AND WALNUT STREET

No action taken at this time on this agenda line item.

MINUTES

Minutes from previous meetings were previously read by each member of the Court. Mike Medina made a motion to approve Minutes from previous meetings. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND DIRECT PAYMENT
OF THOSE APPROVED "EXHIBIT Y"**

Commissioners met to examine accounts for approval and direct payment of those approved on Treasurer's Claims Register. Mike Medina made a motion to approve bills. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT Z"


Susie Childress submitted Senior Center Report.


2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Court reviewed and discussed the 2024 Budget and reviewed each account.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Frank Tambunga, County Judge


Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk