

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 13, 2025 @8:00 AM

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of January 2025 the following members were present: Elsa Fierro, Pct. 1; G L Bunger, Pct. 2; Wesley Bean, Pct. 3; Mike Medina, Pct.4 and Frank Tambunga, County Judge where the following proceedings were had

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no open forum/public comments in this meeting.

MINUTES

The Court read the minutes from previous meetings. Mike Medina made a motion to approve the minutes. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

The Court examined accounts for approval and direct payment of those approved on the Treasurer's Claim Report. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve and pay bills as presented. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Wesley Bean and Mike Medina abstained from voting on any of their business and family bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT "EXHIBIT B"

Laura Conner was present to give the Treasurer's Report. G L Bunger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT "EXHIBIT C"

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT "EXHIBIT D"

Eddie Martin was present to give the Fire Department Report. He did recommend the Court keeps the burn ban.

EMS REPORT "EXHIBIT D"

Eddie Martin was present to give the EMS Report.

ROAD DEPARTMENT "EXHIBIT E"

Jeffrey Stuart was present to give the Road Department Report on all the work completed and anticipated in the department.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT "EXHIBIT F"

Victor DeLaGarza, Sheriff was present to give the Sheriff's Office Report.

CIVIC AND YOUTH CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT G"

Allen Williams was present to give the Civic Center Report on all activities taken at the center. Mr. Williams said the board is recommending Victoria Treto to be added as board member.

CARE CENTER REPORT

John Hellman was present to give the Care Center Report.

LIBRARY REPORT "EXHIBIT H"

Jennifer Holmsley was present to give the Library Report.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT "EXHIBIT I"

Emily Marsh was present to give the Senior Center Report.

AIRPORT REPORT

Charles McCleary was present to give the Airport Report.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT "EXHIBIT J"

Rebecca Taylor was present to give the Extension Office Report.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Judge Tambunga gave the Technology Committee Report. He did announce that the Committee did agree to purchase computers for the Care Center and that has been completed. The next office that needs them is the Sheriff's Office. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve the purchase of computers by the Committee. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Wesley Bean amended the motion to add, the purchase approval of 20 computers for the Sheriff's Office. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

AI POLICY FOR THE COUNTY "EXHIBIT K"

Judge Tambunga also stated that the AI Policy has been reviewed and is ready for the Court to take action. G L Bunger made a motion to approve the AI Policy. Elsa Fierro seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.

JOINING OTHER COUNTIES ON THE ALAMO LETTER PROJECT

This is a letter that will get the project going and the plaque ordered. Wesley Bean made a motion to approve the purchase of the Plaque for Alamo Letter Project to be paid out of Contingency. Mike Medina seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

MAKING A CHANGE TO THE 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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

**RESOLUTION IN DESIGNATING A SECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY
163 AS A MEMORIAL DESIGNATION TO HONOR THE CROCKETT
COUNTY VETERANS WITHIN JURISDICTION OF CROCKETT
COUNTY “EXHIBIT L”**

Judge Tambunga stated he checked with TXDOT on this matter to see what needed to be done and he was told to pass a resolution. The area designated for the Veteran’s Memorial Highway is the section of SH 163 within Crockett County, specifically from Intersection on NH 163 and 1st Street to the Intersection of South Hwy 163 and Chandler Road. Elsa Fierro made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Crockett County Commissioners Court Designating a Section of State Highway 163 as a Memorial Designation to Honor the Crockett County Veterans within the Jurisdiction of Crockett County. G L Bunger seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**MOVING FORWARD WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE EMERALD
HOUSE**

Jesus Najar with Preservation Texas visited with the Court via Zoom about options to consider for the Emerald House. Jim Fish and Jefferson Spillman made the call and spoke with Mr. Najar about this project. Wesley Bean stated he will donate the \$500.00 to have Preservation Texas come to Ozona and examine the Emerald House and submit a report. Wesley Bean made a motion to give Preservation Texas a chance to provide a report by June 1, 2025 and if the Court doesn’t receive anything by that date they will proceed with the demolition. G L Bunger seconded. Mike Medina voted against.

OPENING A POSITION AND HIRING A PERSON TO BE A GRANT WRITER “EXHIBIT M”

Judge Tambunga announced if the County hires its own grant writer it would help Laura Conner, County Treasurer and Stephanie Galindo, Sheriff’s Office Administrator a lot, plus the County would take advantage of more grants available. The County is paying Michelle Martinez with Grant Works approximately \$48,000.00 a year. Elsa Fierro made a motion to start the process to open a position and hire a person to be a Grant Writer for the County. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND DISCUSS APPLYING FOR SB-22 PROSECUTOR GRANT BY OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stephen Dodd, 112th District Attorney informed Judge Tambunga he would like to apply for the SB-22 Prosecutor Grant and the deadline is January 31, 2025. Mike Medina made a motion to allow the District Attorney to apply for SB-22 prosecutor grant. Wesley Bean seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF CABINETS FROM SOUTHWEST SOLUTIONS GROUP “EXHIBIT N”

Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk stated she needs the Court’s permission any time she wants to use funds from the Records Management Account. Wesley Bean made a motion to allow the purchase of the cabinets to be paid out of Records Management Account. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVING RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SHAMROCK ENERGY STORAGE TO COMMENCE TAX ABATEMENT “EXHIBIT O”

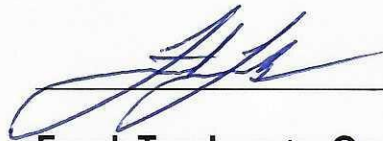
Judge Tambunga stated the last time this was brought up they forgot to send in the letter to start the abatement and the County collected approximately \$49,000.00 from the Shamrock Energy Storage. This year the same thing happened on the battery abatement. The Court would like to review the abatement and will take no action at this time on this agenda line item.

COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN

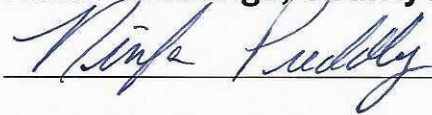
Mike Medina made a motion to put in place the CountyWide Burn Ban. Elsa Fierro seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Frank Tambunga, County Judge



Ninfa Preddy, County Clerk