**COMMISSIONERS’ COURT**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 23rd day of February, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom, in Meridian, Texas, the Bosque County Commissioners’ Court convened in Regular Session with the following present:

**Dewey Ratliff, County Judge**

**Douglas Day, Commissioner, Precinct #1**

**Durwood Koonsman, Commissioner, Precinct #2**

**Sammy Leach, Commissioner, Precinct #3**

**Ronny Liardon, Commissioner, Precinct #4**

**Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk**

**1) CALL TO ORDER –** 9:12 a.m.

**2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – all present

**3) PROOF OF NOTICE**

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

***Agenda items are in the order they were taken in the meeting***

**5) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT PETITION FOR OPTIONAL ROAD SYSTEM**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the petition for optional road system. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. Commissioner Leach, Commissioner Liardon and Judge Ratliff voted for.

Commissioner Koonsman and Commissioner Day voted against.

**6) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ORDER SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2015 IN BOSQUE COUNTY FOR AN OPTIONAL ROAD SYSTEM ELECTION**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to approve to order the special election for optional road system. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. Commissioner Liardon, Commissioner Leach and Judge Ratliff voted for. Commissioner Koonsman and Commissioner Day voted against.

**7) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LIMESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS AND BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING HOUSING AND CARE OF CERTAIN INMATES INCARCERATED OR TO BE INCARCERATED IN ITS JAIL**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the modification to add to contract that the rate drops to $38 per person per day above 10 inmates. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**8) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LAKE WHITNEY BOARD OF TOURISM LETTER, PROFIT & LOSS REPORT AND APPROVE AGREEMENT TO DELEGATE MANAGEMENT OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES TO ANOTHER ENTITY**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to table. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**9) PUBLIC HEARING: CREATION OF BOSQUE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1**

Commissioner Day wants the committee to consider, if passes, setting up sales tax for ESD in addition to property tax. Judge Ratliff said that it is part of the statute.

Hearing closed at 9:36 a.m.

**10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PETITION FOR CREATION OF BOSQUE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1**

Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the petition. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ORDER SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 9, 2015 IN BOSQUE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF “CREATING BOSQUE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1”**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to order the special election to be held May 9, 2015 for the purpose of creating Bosque County Emergency Services District #1. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT WITH TECH FRIENDS, INC. AND ARGENT FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the Authorization Agreement with Tech Friends, Inc. and Argent Financial Group, Inc. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**13)** **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN RAPID FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve Bosque County Jail Agreement entered into by and between Rapid Financial Solutions. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BOSQUE COUNTY RURAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to approve the Fire Services Contract with Bosque County Rural Firefighters Association. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DUMPING DEBRIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to table. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**16) RECEIVE AND FILE CERTIFICATES FOR:**

Cheryl Niemeier, Treasurer

Juanita Miller, District Clerk

Douglas Day, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Durwood Koonsman, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Sammy Leach, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ronny Liardon, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Commissioner Leach made the motion to receive and file certificates. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**Meeting recessed a 10:10 a.m. until Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 3:21 p.m., February 25, 2015. Quorum present. Commissioner Koonsman absent.**

**17) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

Auditor Kent Reeves reported that they are cleaning up accounts. He has started the budget process and started getting paperwork together for the audit.

**18) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST COUNTY FUNDS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to pay claims, salaries and wages against county funds in the amount of $152,469.08. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**19) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST PRECINCT FUNDS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to pay claims, salaries and wages against precinct funds. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**20) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the line item transfers. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**21) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS**

Auditor Kent Reeves has implemented tracking on the Voyager Card’s.

Treasurer Cheryl Niemeier announced that employees now have the ability to access their paystubs on line. Any employee that does not have an email address should contact her.

**22) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to adjourn at 3:39 p.m. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT HELD FEBRUARY 23 & 25, 2015.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK