

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 27, 2015**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 27th day of July, 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 – 9:04 a.m.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM- all present

3) PROOF OF NOTICE

4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5) FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Kent Reeves informed the court that the audit report will be given by Jeremy Shell with Boucher, Morgan and Young. We will have the 9th budget workshop today and he will post a preliminary budget this week.

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

Commissioner Day made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against county funds in the amount of \$45,514.31. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

8) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to approve the line item transfers. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

9) PRESENTATION BY BOSQUE COUNTY 4-H CLUB

4-H members Hunter Bridgefarrow and Leah Worley told the court what 4-H is about and what activities they have been involved in.

10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO ABANDON A PART OF COUNTY ROAD 1544

Landowner Fred Brown appeared asking the court to abandon CR 1544. Commissioner Day made the motion to accept the petition to abandon a part of CR 1544. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT 2013-2014 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT, PRESENTED BY JEREMY SHELL WITH BOUCHER, MORGAN AND YOUNG A PC

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the 2013-2014 external audit report. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved

12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES FOR 2016

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to approve the 2016 fees at the same rates as 2015. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DONATING AN UNUSED PRISONER CAGE (INMATE DIVIDER) FOR CROWN VICTORIA FROM BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Leach made the motion to donate a prisoner cage to Meridian PD. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF CASH DONATION OF \$900 TO BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR PURCHASE OF SRT EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the donation. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM DENNIS CLARK AT MERIDIAN ACE HARDWARE OF ONE PAIR OF BUSHNELL POWER VIEW BINOCULARS VALUED AT \$80 TO BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the donation from Ace Hardware. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

16) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TCDRS RETIREMENT PLAN ASSESSMENT FOR PLAN YEAR 2016

Commissioner Leach made the motion to accept the report regarding TCDRS Retirement Plan and keeping the match the same. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

17) RECEIVE AND FILE BOSQUE COUNTY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR 2015 FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to receive and file the Investment Report. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

18) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDING A MATERIAL CONTRACT TO RATLIFF READY MIX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1600.00 FOR 2 LOADS OF CONCRETE FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CDBG-DISASTER RELIEF CONTRACT #7214247

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

19) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ROAD OR STREET (LAWSON LANE) LOCATED AT WHITNEY LAKE, BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Day made the motion to take no action on the lease but not to reject the lease. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

20) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE VACATION POLICY

Commissioner Leach made the motion to not pay vacation time if terminated (after separation). Motion died for lack of second. No Action taken.

21) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE PARK POLICE TO CONDUCT HAYRIDES ON PARK ROADS WITHIN MERIDIAN STATE PARK

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to authorize hayrides to be conducted on State Park Roads. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

22) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND CELL PHONE POLICY

Commissioner Leach made the motion to amend the cell phone policy to say that any elected official who elects to receive the reimbursement for their cell phone shall post the cell phone number on the county website. Judge Ratliff amended the motion to add that the Judges that hear criminal cases be exempt from the policy. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

23) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS

None

24) ADJOURN

Commissioner Day made the motion to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. All approved.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT HELD JULY 27, 2015.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK