

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 8th day of September, 2014 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
Jimmy Schmidt, Commissioner, Precinct #4
Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:09 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) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST COUNTY FUNDS

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve to pay claims, salaries and wages of \$157,202.81
Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion. All approved.

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

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

7) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

8) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM MICHAEL HABERN, FOR THE COURT TO ABANDON, VACATE AND CLOSE THAT PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD MARKED BY A ROAD SIGN AS 2358 (identified as CR 2362 on page of the Official County Road Map)

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to close a portion of CR 2358 also known as CR 2362 on the county road map. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

9) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE (9:30)

Public Hearing opened at 9:31. Judge Ratliff announced that the tax rate will be set at the same rate as last year and opened the floor for public comment. No comments made by the public. Hearing closed.

10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT 2014-2015 BUDGET

Commissioner Schmidt made the motion to set the date and time for the Public Hearing for September 22, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TAX RATE

Commissioner Day made the motion to set the date and time for the Public Hearing for September 22, 2014 9:40. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC, ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the Election Systems Software Agreement. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion. All approved.

13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE CONSTRUCTION ALONG COUNTY ROAD 2480 IN BOSQUE COUNTY BY UNITED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SERVICES, INC.

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to approve the construction. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH NORTH BOSQUE EMS

Johnny Haverland, Meridian Mayor spoke to the Court on behalf of all the cities regarding concerns and suggestions. Commissioner Leach made the motion to approve the contract as presented and authorize Judge Ratliff to sign the contract and commit up to \$237,000 towards the subsidy. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

15) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE NEW COUNTY OFFICES BEING BUILT IN CLIFTON, TX

Commissioner Day reported that the framing is near finished. Will meet with the electrician and plumber later this week. They are adding additional electric outlets in some offices. They are adding the extra guarantee for the A/C unit. Change orders are to come before the Commissioners Court for approval before they get done and will be paid at next draw closest to payment.

16) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BURN BAN

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to leave the burn ban off. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

17) ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS

Judge Ratliff announced the Annual 9-11 Memorial at 8:30. Commissioner Koonsman announced a fish fry in Walnut Springs Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Auditor Kent Reeves announce a group is looking at the insurance proposals and will have a meeting to go over the options with the employees on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Floyd Rains a resident on CR 1708 spoke regarding the drugs, potholes, trash and tall grass along that road. Gary Orfield spoke regarding the bird issue in Morgan.

18) ADJOURN

Commissioner Leach made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Day 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2014.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK