

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

July 13, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 13th day of July, 2020 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1, Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3 Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4 was present via Zoom.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Judge Davis seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

No public comments.

The purchase of two 2019 Ford F150 super cab 4X4 trucks with brush guards for the sale price of \$30,224.00 each plus tax and title fees of \$387.00 making a total price of \$30,611 per each from Bayer Ford was approved on June 22, 2020.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to authorize Judge Davis and Sheriff Pounds to sign the financing agreement to purchase of two 2019 Ford F150 pickups from Bayer Ford-Mercury Inc. for the purchase price of \$30,611 per each pickup with financing with Spirit of Texas Bank for a term of three years . All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made he motion and second to approve proceeding with the 2020 Help America Vote Act Election Security Sub-Grant to Comanche County. All approved. Motion carried

The HAVA funds are to be used to improve the administration of elections for federal offices, including enhancement to elections related systems and technologies and election security improvement.

No action was taken on the agenda item for Local Fund Participation Waived Federal Off System Bridge Projects & Equivalent Match Project CSJ#0927-17-088, Leon River CR 340.

No action was taken on the certification of county road mileage.

Discussed FEMA Grant Application on behalf of Comanche County Medical Center. The FEMA grant would cover 75% of the cost to renovate the Emergency Operation Center. No action taken.

Judge Davis is encouraging everyone to complete their 2020 Census. Comanche County is below the state average for completion of the responses from residents of Comanche County. It is important to count everyone. This information determines what benefits Comanche County and Comanche County residents may be eligible for. Some rural areas may not have received the census form. Census information will be available at the local food banks and information will be mailed with your water bill. The census can be completed on line or by phone. The telephone number to complete the census by phone is 844-330-2020. The website to complete the form online is "my2020census.gov".

Work is ongoing on the Master Plan for the Courthouse and Old Cora. A representative from Komatsu Architecture will be in court July 20, 2020 to discuss a draft of the proposed Master Plan.

There is no update for the Texas A & M University Community Planning Project.

The County Annex at 215 N. Houston Street and 211 S. Austin were not discussed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve submitting the expense for the renovation of the Emergency Operation Center to the Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant. All approved. Motion carried.

No changes have been made to the Administrative COVID-19 leave policy. Each elected official may grant employee leave due to COVID-19 without Commissioner Court Approval.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to adopt the following policy as formulated by the Local Health Authorities for the return to work after a positive Covid-19 test. "Employees that test positive for Covid-19 may return to work 14 days after the date tested, if they are symptom free and fever free for 72 hours prior to the 14th day. If they continue to have symptoms or fever at or after 14 days, they must be symptom free and fever free for 72 hours before returning to work." All approved. Motion carried.

All entities in the county are in regular meetings to receive updates on COVID-19. Current Comanche County Covid-19 updates are available on Judge Davis's Face book page.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Order to enact the Burn Ban for a 90 day period, effective today, July 13, 2020. All approved. Motion carried.

Sheriff Pounds presented the June, 2020 Sheriff's Report.

The jail had 1049 Inmate Days, 0 Contract days,

39 Book in/Release and 7 Sentenced.

Patrol; 537 Calls for Assistance,

80 Offense Reports and 24 Arrests.

Jail/Patrol; 90 Training Hours.

Employment; Openings; 2 Jailer position and 2 Dispatch positions.

Officer's Reports were not considered.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to enter an Order approving the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of June, 2020 with the total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$9,319,712.41. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Amendments to the Budget. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve an Emergency Amendment to the Budget transferring \$2000 from the HAVA Grant to HAVA Grant Supplies. All approved. Motion carried.

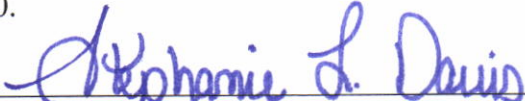
Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Emergency Amendment to transfer \$600 from Emergency Management Fund Balance to Emergency Management Unemployment Insurance \$200 and \$400 to Emergency Management Repairs & Maintenance. All approved. Motion carried.

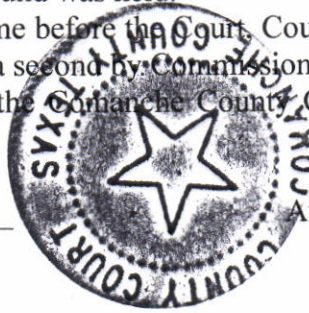
Commissioner Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment thereof in the amount of \$128,854.24. All approved. Motion carried.

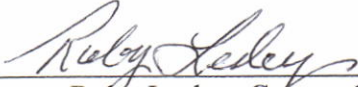
A Budget Workshop for the General Fund was held.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 13th day of July, 2020 with a motion by Commissioner Gillette and a second by Commissioner Sides. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Colman County Commissioners' Court on the 20th day of July, 2020.


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge



Attest: 
Ruby Lesley, County Clerk