

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

July 6, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 6th 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 and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Commissioner Gillette gave the invocation.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Annual County Commissioner's Road Reports, pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code, Section 251.005, as presented by Commissioner Russell Gillette, Precinct #2, Commissioner Sherman Sides, Precinct #3 and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Precinct #4. Judge Davis gave the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried. These reports cover road conditions from May 31, 2019 thru June 1, 2020.

The request from the Texas Department of Public Safety Information Technology Team to install an Ultra Wide Band (Cradle Point) Antenna at the Driver License Office at 211 S. Austin. This antenna will provide for support and supplement Drivers License customer service.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the request by Texas Department of Public Safety to install an Ultra Wide Band antenna at the Driver License Office at 211 S. Austin. All approved. Motion carried.

The relocation of the site designated for foreclosure sales was considered. Foreclosure Sales have been held at the South Door of the Comanche County Courthouse since October 12, 1987 as designated by Commissioner's Court pursuant to Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code. Foreclosure sales are held on the first Tuesday of each month between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. The Court considered re-designating the location of Foreclosure Sales to the North Door of the Courthouse since the North door is the only door that is open to the public, the handicapped parking and ramp are on the north side, the traffic noise will be less there and there is ample shade.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Resolution designating all foreclosures sales are to be held at the North Door of the Comanche County Courthouse. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Official Bond and Oath of Hollis McCright as Librarian. All approved. Motion carried. Hollis McCright is the Librarian for the Comanche City County Library.

Commissioner Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve a Joint Election Agreement between Comanche County and the Gorman Independent School District for the conduct of the November 3, 2020 General Election. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to acknowledge the Texas Commission on Jail Standards grant award from the Prisoner Safety Fund to the Comanche County Sheriff's Office. All approved. Motion carried. This grant is for cameras at the Comanche County Jail, however since cameras are already in place the award is designated to upgrade DVR hard drives. Six 10TB hard drives (2 hard drives per DVR) at a cost of \$2418.82 will be reimbursed to the Sheriff's Office.

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 Texas State Historical Commission representative, Komatsu Architecture representative, Sheriff Pounds and Judge Davis made a walk thru of the Courthouse, Old Cora and the County Annex at 215 N. Houston. It was reported the 15% County match on the Courthouse restoration may be lowered to 7% based on the poverty rating of County schools. One of the main areas of focus for the restoration would be returning the courtrooms and halls to the original design.

Judge Davis reported The Texas A & M University Community Planning Project will release press notices in the College Station area paper as well as the Free Press and Comanche Chief regarding the acceptance of Comanche County into the project.

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

All receipts for funds from the Corona Virus Relief Grant must be documented thru the County Treasurer.

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. Currently there are no employees taking this leave.

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.

The Burn Ban remains in effect.

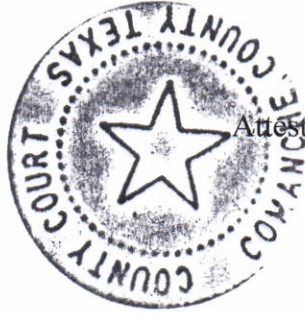
A Budget Workshop for the General Fund was held.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 6th day of July, 2020 with a motion by Judge Davis and a second by Commissioner Johnson. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 13th day of July, 2020.

Stephanie L. Davis

Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge



Ruby Lesley

Ruby Lesley, County Clerk