

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

March 9, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 9th day of March, 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 9:04 a.m.

Commissioner Gillette gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2020 Special Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Judge Davis made comments in the public comments. Judge Davis reminded Officials who had signed up to attend the Senate Bill 2 training on budget and the new procedures for setting the tax rate that the training is March 11, 2020 at Tarleton State University. Also the Cyber Security Training, as mandated by H. B. 3834, for all county employees is available now.

Lewis Crain, with the firm of Rutledge, Crain & Company, P.C., presented the Comanche County Independent Auditors' Report. This audit of Financial Statements is on a cash basis for the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Comanche County, for the year ending September 30, 2019. The County's total combined cash and cash equivalents were \$6,299,672 at September 30, 2019. During the year the County's disbursements were \$511,490 more than the \$11,074,444 generated in taxes and other receipts for governmental activities. Receipts from governmental types totaled \$11,074,444, a decrease of \$1,131,099 over the preceding year. During the year the County's Budget was revised numerous times. Even with these adjustments, actual disbursements were \$477,622 less than final budget amounts. The total cost of the County's programs increased \$107,976 or 0.9% overall and no new programs were added this year. The general fund reported a cash balance (cash and cash equivalents) this year of \$1,745,063. The County retained a healthy six month cash reserve. The audit reflected an overall good year and was given a clean report.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to acknowledge completion and receipt of the Independent Audit from Rutledge Crain Company, P.C. Commissioner Sides made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Fain McDaniel presented the Annual Historical Commission Report. Applications for historical markers have been submitted for approval on the Big Eye Cemetery, Cora Cemetery and the Comanche Railroad Depot. Approval for markers has been approved for the Old DeLeon Cemetery and Stag Creek Cemetery. An out of state foundry has been located to make the markers. The foundry in Texas closed. Approximately 2000 volunteer man hours were applied to project in the county. The commission started the year with 27 members. Since that time 2 members passed away, 2 resigned and 1 was removed for non-attendance. Two new members were appointed. The commission had a fund balance of \$16,94 at the beginning of the year and an ending balance of \$10,945. McDaniel and all the members of the Comanche County Historical Commission were commended for their work to preserve the history of Comanche County.

Judge Davis made the motion to acknowledge the Annual Historical Commission report. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Frank Bussey & Fain McDaniel with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans made a request to fly the First National Flag at the Courthouse during April, which is Confederate History Month. After some discussion of history and the First National Flag versus the Texas Secession Flag the request was approved.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve flying the First National Flag during the month of April at the Courthouse. All approved. Motion carried.

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission has awarded Comanche County a formula grant in the amount of \$23,037. The grant will be distributed as a single payment. The Commission works with counties to promote innovation and improvement in indigent defense systems statewide.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to acknowledge receipt of the Indigent Defense Grant award. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to approve Precinct #4 placing the following equipment for sale at auction; 1998 Dodge Pickup, VIN# 1B7HC16Y9WS698411; 1997 Ford Pickup Vin# 1FTEF18L3VKB91031; 1991 Peterbilt Truck Model 378 VIN# 1xp-fde9x-x-md307457 and a 1983 GMC Dump Truck VIN# 1GDT9C4J9DV512464. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Judge Davis and Commissioner Johnson made the motion and second to acknowledge completion of required continuing education hours for 2019 for Gary Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1, Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4, Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2 and Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge Completion of continuing education hours for 2019 for Patsy Phifer, County Treasurer. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve continuing education hours for 2019 for Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge. All approved. Motion carried.

Work is ongoing with the Master Plan for the Courthouse and Old Cora. The plan is 60% complete.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to have the electricity and water turned on at the County Annex at 215 N. Houston Street. All approved. Motion carried.

