

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

October 13, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 13th day of October, 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 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting correcting the NBI #230470AA0392001 for the Local Fund Participation-Waiver for Federal Off System Bridge Program Equivalent Match Fund for Bridge on CR 340, Precinct #3. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 Special Meeting as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

William Wallman made the following public comments. It was stated he thought the Commissioners' Court should be more concerned about how it appears when events on the square have participants going back and forth to the beer garden. He was concerned for the image it creates for Comanche and for safety.

Judge Davis made the motion to approve advertising for bids for road material for Precincts #1, #2, #3 and #4. Commissioner Underwood made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Deputation of Dary Boyd as Deputy Sheriff. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Deputation of James Williams as Deputy Sheriff. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Application from Janet Garner for an event on the Courthouse Square. The event is to be a Prayer Gathering for Comanche County and elections. The event is to be held on October 15, 2020, 6-7 pm. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2021 for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meals Grant Program. The Resolution certifies Comanche County has made a grant to the organization in the amount of \$41,000 to be used between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. All approved. Motion carried.

Comanche County Agency on Aging was the first county in the area to provide drop and go meals during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Court commended Sherry Ward and Katrina Smith for their work on the program.

Bids for road material for all four precincts were not considered. Bids will be advertised again to correct an error to the original notice of bids.

The Abilene Recovery Council Memorandum of Understanding with Comanche County in an effort to assist individuals and families with substance misuse issues was considered. The program consists of intervention, treatment and recovery programs for any substance misuse.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Abilene Recovery Council. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made motion and second to approve Precinct #4 placing a 1982 GMC Brigadier Dump Truck VIN#1GDT9C4J4CV589614, License TX 771-833 and Cargo Trailer #W81MKE41180205 in the Blue's Auction. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to give pre-approve for the purchase of equipment not to exceed \$49,999 each for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. All approved. Motion carried.

A grant from Center for Tech and Civic Life for the conduct of a safe General Election was considered. The grant funds cost of personal protective supplies for election workers and voters, cleaning supplies training for workers and recruiting workers. The Grant is in the amount of \$8,887.50 and does not have a match portion.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to approve application for the Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant. All approved. Motion carried.

Sheriff Pounds reported the Sheriff's Office has a 2010 Ford Pickup, last four digits of VIN# 7747, which needs repairs that can be transferred to one of the Precincts. Commissioner Sides agreed to accept the pickup.

The approval of the 2021 Comanche County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program was considered. Counties are eligible to receive grants from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to provide improvements in indigent defense services in Comanche County.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the 2021 Comanche County Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program and designate the County Judge as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify or cancel the grant application and also designate the County Auditor as the Financial Officer for this grant. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to appoint Dr. Paul Livingston as the County Local Health Authority for a two year term. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to appoint Dr. Dwayne Miller as County Deputy Local Health Authority for a two year term. All approved. Motion carried.

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. 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

"www.my2020census.gov". Texas officials are concerned counties will lose federal funding and loss of legislative representation due to the under counting of county residents.

The Komatsu Architecture Firm reported the Master Plan for the Comanche County Courthouse and Old Cora has been submitted to the Texas State Historical Commission for approval.

Applications from Stakeholders for the Texas A&M University Community Planning Project are being accepted. Representation from the north part of the county are needed.

The Komatsu Architecture Firm presented a letter of proposal to provide guidance to the County with an architectural assessment of the County Annex, known as the Ranger Building instead of services for a full plan and specification construction package, for \$7500.00. No engineering to be provided. Essentially, Komatsu would provide a "go by" layout for the Ranger Building space, and the County acting as its own general contractor, will obtain labor and material to execute the necessary improvements. Komatsu will provide guidance to the County for compliance with the accessibility accommodations to the entrance and interior of the building. This agreement is not part of the Master Plan for the Courthouse.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion to accept the proposal from the Komatsu Firm. All approved. Motion carried.

There are no additional updates to the Annex at 211 S. Austin in Comanche.

The Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant has \$17,000 remaining. Adding video equipment to the courtrooms was discussed. No action was taken.

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.

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 Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to enact a Burn Ban in the unincorporated areas of the County for a period of 90 days beginning October 13, 2020. All approved. Motion carried.

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

The jail had 1093 Inmate Days, 40/8 Contract days,

57 Book in/Release and 16 Sentenced,

Patrol; 427 Calls for Service,

41 Offense Reports and 18 Arrests,

Jail/Patrol; 1705/217 Training Hours,

Employment; Openings; 1 Jailer position and 1 Dispatch positions Hired 2 Jailers.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

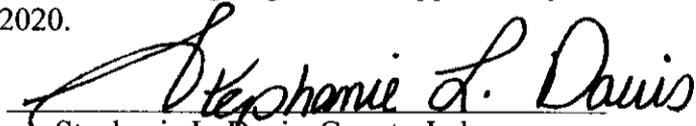
Commissioner Underwood made the motion to enter an Order approving the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of September, 2020 with the total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$7,887,288.94. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried

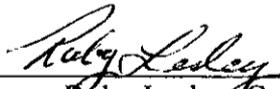
Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve two Amendments to the Budget. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment thereof in the amount of \$166,466.53. All approved. Motion carried.

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

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 26th day of October, 2020.


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest: 
Ruby Lesley, County Clerk