

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

September 28, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 28th day of September, 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 September 21, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

No Public Comment was received.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to amend the date of the event application from the ARK Shelter from October 5-9, 2020 to October 26-October 30, 2020. All approved. Motion carried. This will be set up in the Courthouse hall and will be called Empty Shoes and will focus on domestic violence.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to acknowledge the amended letter from the Texas Health and Human Services stating that Comanche County complies with the definition of a rural county for purposes of the rural county waiver and confirms there are two nursing home facilities in Comanche County and they are certified for 163 Medicaid beds. Judge Davis seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried. Application may now be made to establish a new nursing home facility and apply for additional Medicaid beds.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to set November 9, 2020, 1:30 p.m. in the District Court Room as the date for a public hearing to receive comments regarding the establishment of a new Medicaid nursing facility and accept proposals from qualified persons or entities interested in providing additional Medicaid certified beds in Comanche County. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for comments regarding the establishment of a new nursing home facility with additional Medicaid beds. All approved. Motion carried. The notice will also be published in the Texas Register for 30 days and comments may also be made there.

Sheriff Pounds presented information on the STEP, Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant. The grant will pay overtime for Sheriff's Deputies during peak holiday times. The Grant Period runs from November 13, 2020 thru December 2, 2021. The total grant amount is \$2481.22. The total amount eligible for reimbursement is \$1977.60. The match portion is \$503.62.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion and second to approve application for the STEP, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, Grant. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Local Fund Participation-Waiver for Federal Off System Bridge Program Project and equivalent Match Project CSJ 0923-17-088, CR 340, NBI 230470AA0392001 in Precinct #3. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sides and Gillette made the motion and second approving the Resolution for waiver of the 10% Comanche County Local Match Funds for the bridge project on CR 340 Leon River, CSJ 0923-17-088 and approve the equivalent-match projects. 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. 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". The Census deadline to respond has been extended to October 31, 2020. Texas officials are concerned counties will lose federal funding and loss of legislative representation due to the low response to the census.

The Komatsu Architecture Firm has requested any changes that need to be made to the Master Plan for the Comanche County Courthouse and Old Cora be submitted.

Judge Davis and Mike Berry are working with the Texas A & M University Community Planning Group to create applications for the taskforce.

There is no update for Comanche County Annex properties.

There is no update for the Corona Virus Relief Fund.

There is 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.

Covid-19 updates are available on Judge Davis's Face book page.

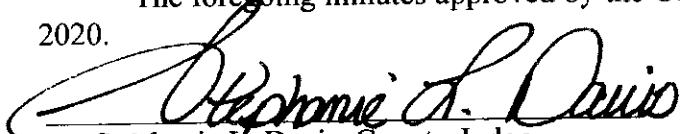
No action was taken to enact the Burn Ban.

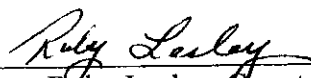
Sheriff Pounds has no additional reporting for Sheriff and Jail operations.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve one amendment to the County Budget. All approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 28th day of September, 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 13th day of October, 2020.


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest: 
Ruby Lesley, County Clerk