

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

December 28, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 28th day of December, 2020 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3 and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4. Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2 was not present.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

No Public Comment was received.

Frank Bussey representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans made a request for an event on the Courthouse Square. The event would be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm, on the south side of the Courthouse near the Confederate Monument. The event is to pass out information on Confederate Heroes in recognition of Texas Confederate Heroes Day.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the request from Frank Bussey. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve Officials Bonds for Christopher Pounds, Sheriff; Grace Everhart, Tax Assessor/Collector; Gary Underwood, Commissioner, Precinct #1; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3; Craig Willingham, County Attorney; Ruby Lesley, County Clerk; Surety Bond/Tax Assessor/Collector of the State of Texas, Grace Everhart. Judge Davis seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the sale, transfer or merger of Texas-New Mexico Power Company, NM Green, Inc., and Avangrid, Inc. Approval of this application would result in the ownership and control of Texas-New Mexico Power Company being transferred through various subsidiaries to Avangrid. Public comment may be made to the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to acknowledge the Notice filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Commissioner Underwood made the second to the motion. Commissioners Sides, Underwood and Judge Davis voted for the motion. Commissioner Johnson voted against the motion. Motion passed.

The Texas Association of Counties Health and Employees Benefit Pool Board of Election Ballot was presented. There are three positions and one nominee for each position. Each position is for a three-year term.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to vote for Donna Eccleston, Comal County Commissioner, Place One; Lane Akin, Wise County Sheriff, Place Two; Joshua Tackett, Navarro County District Clerk, Place Three. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Marie Oehlerking with the Komatsu Architecture Firm has sent a survey to all offices that may require office space at 215 North Houston Street, County Annex. This survey will aid in the preparation of a floor plan for the Annex.

The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group is having meetings. There are fifteen taskforce members and they have had two meetings. The taskforce is composed of members representing all areas of the county.

There is no update for Comanche County Annex properties.

There is \$30,000 in the Corona Virus Relief Fund that has been designated for personal protective equipment; however, the supplier is unable to supply the PPE's. The deadline to expend these funds is December 31, 2020. The funds may be used for technology also. It was suggested some of the funds be applied to the purchase of laptop computers for County Court, Justice Court, County Attorney's Office and Clerk's office.

The City of DeLeon is drafting the Interlocal Agreement between the City of DeLeon and Comanche County for the administration of the Cares Act Grant designated for the City of DeLeon.

There are 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.

The Burn Ban remains in effect. Rain and snow are expected for the area. Judge Davis may lift the Burn Ban if the moisture is received.

Work is ongoing to document and close out FEMA projects DR-4223, DR-4272 and DR-4416.

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

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve Officer's Reports. All approved. Motion passed.

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

Commissioner Sides made the motion to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$154,160.69. Commissioner Johnson made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 28th day of December, 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 11th day of January, 2021.


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge



Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk