

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

March 8, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 8th day of March, 2021 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 Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to acknowledge the Meeting of the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting of Commissioners' Court was cancelled due to snow event and the Courthouse was closed. Commissioner Sides made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Commissioners' Court Meeting. Commissioner Gillette made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 Special Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Underwood made the second. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; None

Hollis McCright presented the Annual Comanche Public Library Report. McCright reported activity at the library was down due to being closed for six weeks due to Covid. Library visits were down 4000 visits. Staff expenditures were down \$5,600. Subscription to newspapers and magazine cost had increased. There was an increase in operating expense. McCright reported taking a pay cut so her staff would not have to. There was an increase in internet use from outside of the building. Digital downloads were down. Donations were down. Copy fees were down due to being closed six weeks. The library contains 28,151 volumes or physical units and 63 electronic collections. The library is open 36 hours a week.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge the Annual Comanche Public Library Report for 2020. All approved. Motion passed.

Virginia Fleming representing Comanche Chamber of Commerce presented an application for an event on the Courthouse Square March 20, 2021, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event is titled "Sippin in the Sunshine." The goal is to encourage shopping in Comanche. There will be 2 or 3 food trucks, 3-5 vendors and wine tasting located in the businesses. Mask and hand sanitizer will be provided by AccelHealth.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the application for the "Sippin in the Sunshine." Event on the Courthouse Square March 20, 2021. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion to approve an additional application from the Comanche Chamber of Commerce for an event on the Courthouse Square at the N/E corner of the Square on April 3, 2021 named "Explore Comanche Easter Shop and Hop." All approved. Motion passed. The event will have food vendors, bounce house and jelly bean guess. AccelHealth will provide mask and hand sanitizer.

Fain McDaniel thanked the Court for their continued support of the Comanche Historical Commission. McDaniel reported on the annual Historical Commission report submitted to the State. The Commission is composed of 21 members. When members become inactive for what ever reason they are not being replaced in an effort to reduce the number required for their quorum. In 2020 the Commission held two of their required four meetings for the year. One meeting reflected a lack of a quorum. This was due to Covid-19. Some counties were not able to have any meetings. McDaniel reported a balance of \$16,790.56 at the end of 2019. Comanche County contributes \$3000 annually to the Comanche County Historical Commission. The Commission spent 1000 volunteer hours during the year. They continue to maintain sixty historical markers in the county. Historical Markers have been ordered but not received yet for the Old DeLeon Cemetery and Big Eye Cemetery. Markers have been received for Hasse, Cora and Stagg Creek Cemetery. The Boy Scouts assisted with the clean-up of Big Eye and Martin's Creek cemeteries. The State of Texas is working to designate the Penetaka Comanche Trail thru Comanche County from east of DeLeon to Sipe Springs. McDaniel also reported the State Historical Commission is expressing support of the "Cancel Culture Movement" in Texas. This is meeting with resistance from county Historical Commissions. The Texas State Historical Commission has authority to petition the counties to remove historical markers. All markers are the property of the State of Texas.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge the Annual Comanche County Historical Commission Report as presented. All approved. Motion passed.

The Notice for bids for the County Depository has been published with proper signatures.

The Service and Maintenance Agreement between the District Clerk and Kirbos's on a new Canon copier was previously approved.

No action was taken on approval of contract with HART for the purchase of the Verity voting equipment pending contract approval by the Secretary of State.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the purchase of two generator for Proctor Community Center and one for the Proctor Volunteer Fire Department by Precinct #3. These are donations paid for Precinct #3. All approved. Motion carried. Two will replace generators at the Proctor Community Center that burned out during the February winter weather event.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to acknowledge a letter from TXDOT establishing an alternate route during the off-system bridge project on County Road 335. The route will leave Proctor on CR333 east, north on CR343, west on CR341 back to CR 335. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Allison, Bass & McGee, LLP stating the census data to be used for redistricting will be delayed until September 30, 2021. All approved. Motion passed. This delay will likely move the 2022 Primary Election date forward from March to May.

Sheriff Pounds presented a quote for a Maintenance Agreement with SecureTech Systems, Inc. for the panic alarm system. The agreement included a two year warranty extension, all for a cost of \$2000.75.

Commissioner Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Secure Tech Wave Alarm Maintenance Agreement. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff Pounds also presented a contract between the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the Sheriff's Office for increased law enforcement services at Lake Proctor during the period from May 14, 2021 thru September 11, 2021. The County will be reimbursed for an amount of \$18,240.00.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made motion to approve the contract between the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the Comanche County Sheriff's Office for increased law enforcement services at Lake Proctor during the period May 14, 2021-September 11, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff Pounds also discussed the lack of an in-house professional medical attendant at the jail. The service is required by Jail Standards. The prior nurse retired and a replacement service is needed.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second made the motion and second to approve advertising for bids for inmate medical services. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to designate Sheriff Pounds to sign the Request for Proposal for Inmate Medical Services. All approved. Motion passed.

The Komatsu Architecture Firm is in the process of developing a floor plan for the Annex at 215 N. Houston Street, Comanche.

Judge Davis contacted the Komatsu Firm for information to apply for an emergency grant to repair the electrical in the Courthouse. Komatsu is working on an electrical proposal for the Courthouse.

The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group is having meetings. There are fifteen taskforce members. The taskforce is composed of members representing all areas of the county. Letters were sent to 12-13 juniors & seniors in the county to be members of the youth taskforce.

Comanche County will be responsible for day to day maintenance of the portion of the building the county uses at 211 S. Austin in Comanche (CCMC property).

Covid-19 vaccine is being administered in the county.

There are no changes have been made to the Administrative COVID-19 leave policy.

The Courthouse Corona Virus Policies and procedures remain in effect. Mask are mandated.

The Burn Ban remains in effect.

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

Sheriff Pounds had no additional report for Sheriff & Jail operations.

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

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to enter an order approving the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the month of February, 2021 with the total amount of cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer as of the period covered by this report was \$11,178,195.04. All approved. Motion carried.

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

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to approve one Emergency Amendment to the budget. All approved. Motion carried.

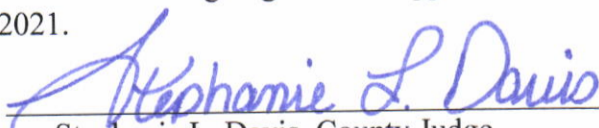
Commissioner Gillette made the motion to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment there of in the amount of \$142,767.34. Commissioner Underwood made the second to the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Court was recessed at 12:30 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:33 pm.

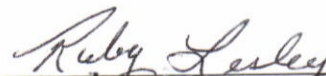
A Subdivision Regulation workshop was conducted. Comanche County's Subdivision Regulations have not been updated since 2002. The county has an obligation to protect the citizens of the county by having policies that regulate water quality, septic systems, roads and drainage in subdivisions. Several regulations from other counties were reviewed. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 8th day of March, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Johnson and a second by Commissioner Underwood. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 22nd day of March, 2021.


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest:



Ruby Lesley, County Clerk

