

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

January 27, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 27th day of January, 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 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Commissioners' Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public comment was received from Greg Woody concerning County Road #4980 in Precinct #4. Mr. Woody requested this road receive road material especially in the spots that get bad when it rains.

P. J. Sumner with West Central Texas Council of Governments addressed the Court regarding the 2020 Tire Collection Grant. The grant is available to the counties in the 19 county region and is aimed at cleaning up the environment. Sumner requested two employees from the City of Comanche and two from the County be made available on the collection day to load the tires into the trailer and he also requested a location be made available. The tire collection is only for passenger vehicle tires. No truck or tractor tires will be accepted. Also no tires with rims will be accepted. Sumner stated WCTCOG will be responsible for advertising the event on social media and in the newspaper. Sumner stated Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill from Abilene may be present on the tire collection date to accept furniture and clothing donations.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the application for the 2020 Tire Collection Grant and designate April 7, 2020 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. as the date and times for the tire collection. The motion also designated the Precinct #2 Yard at 1420 South Austin as the location for the tire collection date. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Brenda Dickey, District Clerk presented a proposal from Kofile for preservation and archiving of volume 608 and 646 of the District Court Minutes. The pages from each book will be cleaned, repaired and encapsulated in an archival mylar film. The pages will be rebound in a custom fitted Disaster Safe County Binder. Images will also be produced in digital and microfilm formats for the District Clerk. The proposal calls for a cost of \$7,330.50 for the two books with the microfilm and digital images included. Dickey also stated this would secure the records as each binder locks.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve agreement with Kofile for the preservation of two District Court Criminal Minute Books from the late 1800's and approve funding the purchase with District Clerk Records Management funds in the amount of \$6,265.00 and the remaining funds from the shared County & District Clerk Records Management Fund in the amount of \$1,065.50. All approved. Motion carried.

Kristi Taylor representing Revitalize Comanche presented an application for a Comanche Market to be held on the first Saturday of each month during the 2020 year. Hours of the event will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the Courthouse Square. Taylor also requested permission to mark the curb to designate the area to be provided to each vendor.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the application for use of the Courthouse Square from Revitalize Comanche for the County Market and give permission to place marks on the curbs designating the area allotted to each vendor. All approved. Motion carried.

An Application for Tax Abatement received from Lone Star Solar, LLC owned by Saturn Power Corporation was discussed. This solar project is to be located within the Comanche Airport Industrial Park, adjacent to the Comanche Electric Cooperative facilities. Comanche Economic Development Corporation is supportive of this project and its location. Lone Star solar, LLC is partnering with Comanche Electric Cooperative to bring clean, natural and affordable solar energy to the local community. It was indicated this project will go forward with or without the tax abatement.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to deny the application for Tax Abatement from Lone Star Solar, LLC. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve a request from Comanche County Water Supply Corporation for a proposed utility line in the right of way of CR 463 in Precinct #4. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made a motion and second to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement with TXDOT for Off System Bridge Agreement CSJ# 0923-17-086 NBI Structure #230470AA0284004 CR 4981 Leon River Draw, Precinct #4. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Failure to Appear Program between the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and the Justice Court of Comanche County. All approved. Motion carried. The contract will automatically renew on the anniversary date of execution for up to 3 years unless terminated earlier.

The Sheriff's Office Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2019 was presented. The report indicated 569 traffic stops. Twenty-Four were Black, Three were Asian, 105 were White, 437 were Hispanic. Sixty-Eight searches were conducted with contraband discovered in 31 stops. Contraband included drugs in 21 stops, alcohol in 13 stops, weapon in one stop and stolen property in one stop. The locations of stops include city street-116, US Highway-222, State Highway-190, County Road-28 and private property or other-13. Written warnings given-152, citations-104, arrest-11. Was race or ethnicity known prior to stop included 15-yes and 554-no? Reason for Stops included-Violation of law-27, Preexisting knowledge-6, Moving traffic violation-380, Vehicle traffic violation-158. This report is submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement by Sheriff Pounds. The report shows compliance with the standards for racial profiling.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to acknowledge the Sheriff's Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2019. All approved. Motion carried.

