

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

August 16, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 16th day of August 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 9:01 a.m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Commissioner Court as presented. Commissioner Gillette seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; Jon Awbrey asked if the Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan could be used to fund items in the County General Fund Budget and thus reduce taxes. The funds from the American Rescue Plan can only be used for certain areas related to the Corona Virus impact on Counties.

Randy Magers made the request to place two wagon wheels in the Royal King Display on the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square. The wagon wheels will be anchored with cement to add support and safety. Magers was cautioned to be careful not to damage the irrigation lines in that area. Magers was also asked if the wheels would be painted and the response was no, they will be in their natural condition.

Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the installation of the two wagon wheels at the Royal King Display on the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square. All approved. Motion passed.

Dan Rivera and Andrew Paschal with Granite Government Solutions, a private company that offers to provide wholesale voice data. They propose to assume billing from Frontier and provide a single point of contact for Customer Service with Frontier. Granite proposed to provide the same service as Frontier and at a lower cost. Estimated savings could be \$3644 annually. Granite proposes to be the billing agent and customer service agent for the County phone service. Granite offers one consolidated bill for all county offices served by Frontier. Granite was asked to provide a list of other entities served by Granite. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to approve an Order calling for the Constitutional Amendment Election to be held November 2, 2021 All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the Order Consolidating Voting Precincts for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Election. All approved. Motion passed. The Consolidated precincts are as follows;

Comanche County Annex

215 N. Houston Street, Comanche

Voting Precincts 1-Comanche 14-Sipe Springs

4-Soda Springs 15-Sidney

Eastside Baptist Church

207 FM 3381, Comanche

Voting Precincts 5-Comanche 10-Proctor

Comanche Community Center

100 Indian Trail, Comanche

Voting Precincts 2-Comanche

DeLeon City Hall

125 S. Texas, DeLeon

Voting Precincts 11-DeLeon 12-DeLeon 13-Downing 16-Beattie

Gustine Community Center

208 W. Main, Gustine

Voting Precincts 6-Gustine 7-Gustine 9-Lamkin

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve the UniFirst Customer Service Agreement for Precinct #1, #2 and #3 for precinct uniforms. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff Pounds discussed cancelling the contract with Cummins Sales and Service to service the generator at the Jail. And requested to contract with Hunter Generator Service, LLC of Stephenville for generator maintenance and service in order to provide more timely service.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to approve cancelling the contract with Cummins Sales and Service and then contracting with Hunter Generator Service, LLC. For a term of one year at the price of \$938.00 All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioner Underwood made the motion to set \$0.625729 as the proposed 2021 Tax Rate for the 2022 Budget. Commissioner Sides seconds the motion. A Record Vote was taken.

Commissioner Underwood-For; Commissioner Gillette-For; Commissioner Sides-For; Commissioner Johnson-Against; Judge Stephanie Davis-For. Motion passed.

Commissioner Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to schedule a Public Hearing on August 30, 2021 in the County Court Room at 10:00 a.m. to receive public comments on the proposed 2021 Tax Rate of \$0.625729 for Budget Year 2022. All approved. Motion passed.

The Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.625729 is the Tax Rate that cannot be exceed without voter approval.

Comanche County Planning,

No update to the Courthouse & Old Cora Master Plans.

a. The Texas A & M University Community Planning Core Group gave assignments to the Cities of Comanche and DeLeon for information concerning their respective Cities.

Comanche County Property:

215 North Houston Street, Comanche. No update.

a. 211 S. Austin Street (CCMC Property); No update

COVID-19 cases are on the increase in Comanche County and every one is encouraged to get vaccinated.

a. Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant (Cares Act) No update.

Interlocal Agreement with City of DeLeon for CARES Act Grant. No Update.

b. American Rescue Plan. Comanche County has been approved to receive Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan. Comanche County will receive \$1,324,219.50 this year. Guidelines for the use of these funds are not fully developed. A committee has been established to determine qualifying distribution of these funds. Three categories were established to consider distribution under; Public Health, entities with a negative economic impact due to Covid and Public Safety or vulnerable populations.

c. Administrative COVID-19 Leave. No update.

Courthouse COVID-19 Policies and procedures. No update.

Emergency Management Operations.

a. Emergency Management, Homeland Security, FEMA Grants. No update.

b. Burn Ban; the Burn remains in effect.

Sheriff & Jail Operations:

Sheriff Pounds reported a meeting with Doctor Miller and Doctor Troxell has been scheduled for Thursday, August 19, from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. to give information on Covid to Sheriff and Jail Staff or any county employee wishing to attend. A Question-and-Answer time will be held.

Commissioner's Court was recessed for a lunch break at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner's Court reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Budget Workshop was conducted for all budgets/departments.

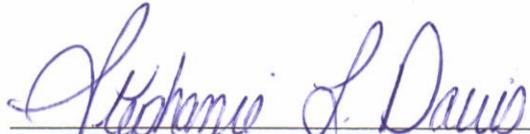
There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 16th day of August, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Sides and a second by Commissioner Johnson. All approved. Motion passed.

The foregoing minutes will be considered for approval by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 23rd day of August, 2021.

Attest:



Ruby Lesley, County Clerk



Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

