

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

October 25, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 25th day of October 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 Davis opened the meeting at 9:03 am.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Commissioner Gillette made the motion to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Commissioner Court Meeting as presented. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; None

Sheriff Pounds and Deputy Boyd presented information on a donation of trauma first aid supplies produced by Tactical Medical Solutions and donated by Cops Direct, a 501c3 organization that provides life saving equipment to law enforcement agencies. The trauma supplies are basic life saving supplies to be carried by officers in a back pack. Officers are required to render aid as they are qualified. The donation is for \$7,000 worth of supplies.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge the donation of life saving equipment from Cops Direct. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the application for an event from the Comanche Chamber of Commerce for the Steve Clemons Annual Deer Hunters Chili Supper on the Courthouse Square to be held on November 5, 2021 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

No discussion of speed limits for County Road 392 was made.

Monte Magness presented a final plat with supporting documentation for approval of The Ranches At Deer Crossing, LLC Subdivision. This subdivision is located at the intersection of CR 438 and 444. There are 89 lots in the subdivision and consists of 526.87 acres.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Application for The Ranches At Deer Crossing, LLC Subdivision. All approved. Motion passed.

Frank Reilly with the Law Firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. informed the court of their initial assessment for redistricting in Comanche County. Texas Commissioners' Courts have been required to make a periodic assessment of their political boundaries to determine whether the boundaries retain "one-person-one-vote" balance. Following each federal census each Texas County should conduct an assessment of existing political boundaries. As a general rule, any statistical change in population between the 2010 and 2020 census of more than 3%, plus or minus, will indicate a need for reapportionment. Redistricting would be necessary to comply with 'One-Person-One-Vote' standards if the Total Maximum Deviation between the largest Commissioner Precinct and the smallest Commissioner Precinct (in terms of population) exceeds 10%. Comanche County's Total Maximum Deviation is 2.62%. Therefore, Comanche County is not legally required to redistrict at this time. However, other considerations must be made concerning minority voting rights, assessment of Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts and election precincts (election precincts must contain at least 50 registered voters and not more than 5000 registered voters. Minority population must not be diluted). No action was taken.

Ryan Fisher the Texas Attorney General Representative gave a presentation by video regarding the Comanche County opioid settlement. Texas has been allotted 1.5 billion in settlement funds if they agree not to sue the drug manufacturers. Comanche County could be awarded settlement funds in the amount of \$62,000 if it is agreed not to sue.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge an Order Appointing Debra Guthrie as the Official Court Reporter for the 220th Judicial District Court. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to acknowledge the 2022 final Budget and Allocations for the Comanche Central Appraisal District. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff Pounds reported housing Lubbock County inmates while repairs are being made to the Lubbock County Jail.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office and the Comanche County to temporarily house inmates for an emergency. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to pre-approve the purchase of equipment for Precinct #4 when available. All approved. Motion passed Commissioner Johnson will report to the Court any purchase made

The City of Comanche will hold a public hearing on November 1, at 101 E. Grand to consider a change in planning and zoning of property ID#9480 on Industrial Blvd. The property is currently located in a R2-Multi Family Residence District. The request is for a change to a Hi-Industrial District for the northeastern portion of Property ID#9480, specifically two 75 feet by 120 feet lots south of Industrial and west of the Comanche County Jail.

No action was taken on an appointment to the Cen-Tex Rural Transportation District Board.

Commissioners Gillette and Johnson made the motion to approve the request for Waiver of Local Match fund participation requirement on Federal Off-System Bridge Program Project-CSJ0923-17-0083 County Road 382, NBI Str. No. 230470AA039901. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to approve the Resolution for a waiver of equivalent-match project for a bridge on Resley Creek, on CR 382, NBI#230470AA399001. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion to approve the request for Waiver of Local Match fund participation requirement on Federal Off-System Bridge Program Project-CSJ0923-17-084 County Road 392, NBI Str. No. 230470AA0404002. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Resolution for a waiver of equivalent-match project for a bridge on Resley Creek, on CR 392, NBI#230470AA0404002. All approved. Motion passed

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to request bids for various road materials for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to acknowledge the request from Comanche County Medical Center for grant funds from USDA Emergency Rural Health Care grant program for lost revenue incurred during the pandemic, (January 1, 2021-August 31, 2021) to insure sustainability of operations.

Voting for the motion; Commissioners Underwood, Gillette, Sides and Johnson. Judge Davis abstained. All approved. Motion passed

No action was taken for approval of Comanche County Court Schedule.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to acknowledge Commissioner Sides, Precinct #3, Certification of 17 hours of continuing education credits from the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of Texas A&M Agri-life Extension Service. All approved. Motion passed.

The beginning date to apply for a grant for restoration of the Courthouse and emergency grants from the Texas Historical Commission is November 5, 2021. The deadline to submit grant applications to the Texas Historical Commission is May 13, 2022 at 5 pm.

Comanche County Property: No updates

COVID-19 Update. Covid cases are trending downward.

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. Working on designating funds.

c. Administrative COVID-19 Leave policy; No update

Courthouse COVID-19 Policies and procedures. No update.

Emergency Management Operations.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to enter an Order Restricting Outdoor Burning for 90 days effective October 25, 2021. All approved. Motion passed.

Sheriff & Jail Operations: Sheriff Pounds reported two prospective jail employees are in training, 1 has been hired, 1 leaving the jail and 1 patrol deputy leaving.

Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to approve the Amendments to the Budget. All approved. Motion passed. No Emergency Amendments.


Commissioners Gillette and Underwood made the motion and second to enter an Order approving the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the third quarter of the year. All approved. Motion passed.

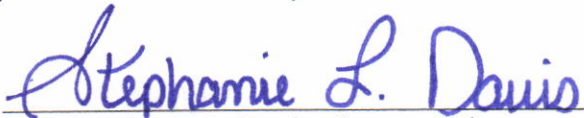
Commissioners Sides and Johnson made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment thereof in the amount of \$153,017.18. All approved. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 25th day of October, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Gillette 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 8th day of November, 2021.

Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk


Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

