

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

May 3, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Special Meeting on the 3rd day of May, 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 1:03 p.m.

Commissioner Sides gave the invocation.

Public comment; Judge Davis acknowledged the National Day of Prayer on the Courthouse Square Thursday May 4, 2021.

A virtual meeting with Robert Bass of Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. was conducted to receive information concerning tax abatements as it relates to solar farms. Judge Davis recommended Comanche County engage professional services to represent Comanche County in negotiations with Core Solar, LLP and Hecate Energy for tax abatements. These solar companies have their expert tax attorneys and Comanche needs to be equally represented...

Judge Davis presented a letter from Craig Willingham, County Attorney, stating his recusal from any representation of Comanche County in negotiations for tax abatements with Core Solar. Willingham's letter stated his family own 1600 acres that borders the north and west sides of the Core Solar project and he feels it would be a conflict of interest for him to represent Comanche County on a project he believes will have a negative affect on their property.

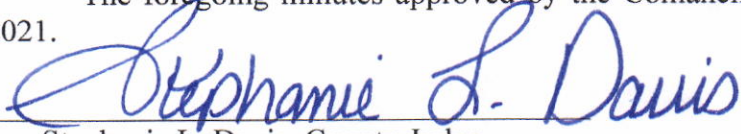
Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to engage the Firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP to advise and represent Comanche County pertaining to legal issues regarding Core Solar Tax Abatement. Services also include drafting and reviewing documents, briefing and any negotiations, legal proceedings or trials/appeals that may be required for resolution of the matter. The motion includes the acceptance of the Retainer Agreement as presented by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. Judge Davis, Commissioners Underwood, Gillette and Johnson voted for the motion. Commissioner Sides voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to engage the Firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP to advise and represent Comanche County pertaining to legal issues regarding Hecate Energy Tax Abatement. Services also include drafting and reviewing documents, briefing and any negotiations, legal proceedings or trials/appeals that may be required for resolution of the matter. The motion includes the acceptance of the Retainer Agreement as presented by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. All approved. Motion carried.

Appointment of a committee for the American Relief Fund Act Funding for Comanche County was considered. It was suggested any appointed or elected official in the Courthouse may serve on the committee.

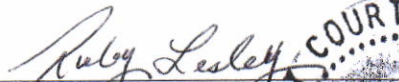
There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 3rd day of May, 2021 with a motion by Commissioner Sides and a second by Commissioner Johnson. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 10th day of May, 2021.



Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk

