

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

January 24, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on the 24th day of January, 2022 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 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting with the following addition, A subdivision workshop was conducted. Chance Mazurek, CIMA Abstract, and Riley Hilliard representing the Comanche Co-Op, presented information concerning establishment of utility easements by developers in subdivisions. Comanche County wants to encourage developers to work with the Co-Op and county to benefit the prospective land owners. Developers should be encouraged to be proactive upfront to save cost to land owners and Co-Op. All approved. Motion carried.

Public Comments; None

Commission Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to approve an event application from Revitalize Comanche for a local vendor market on the Courthouse Square to be held each first Saturday of the month beginning March 3, 2022 and ending December 3, 2022. Event set-up to begin at 8 am and end at 1 pm. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Sides made the motion and second to acknowledge the Comanche Central Appraisal District's 2021 Budget Interfund & transfer of surplus funds. All approved. Motion passed.

Discussed designating the Sandhill Cemetery Road as a county road as a correction to the County Road Map Book. No action was taken.

Discussion of County Road 458A. No action was taken.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to acknowledge the successful completion of 1 hour of educational training for Budget Planning Year 2 and completion of 1hour educational training for FSLA, USERRA and sexual harassment (TDLR #23885) Year 2 from V. G. Young Institute of County Government on December 31, 2021 for Precinct #2 Commissioner Russell Gillette. All approved. Motion passed.

Judge Davis made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 to discuss presentations of donations or gifts. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. Motion passed Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to return to open session at 10:00 a. m. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to approve Comanche County Grant allocations for Non-Profit Organizations serving Comanche County, Texas residents from the American Relief Funding. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to allocate \$25,000 to CASA. All approved. Motion passed

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to allocate \$48,000 to Raising Youth Services. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Gillette made the motion and second to allocate \$25,000 to The ARK. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion to allocate \$40,000 to The Whitestone. Commissioners Underwood, Sides and Gillette voted for the motion. Judge Davis abstained. And Commissioner Johnson voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioners Gillette and Sides made the motion and second to allocate \$50,000 to Central Texas Opportunities. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to allocate \$20,000 to Caring for Comanche. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to allocate \$12,000 to Santa's Helpers. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to allocate \$20,000 to the Beattie Quilting Club. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to enter into Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. to discuss the Comanche County Personnel Policy, Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Underwood made the motion and second to return to open session at 11:58 a.m. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion second to approve replacing information in paragraph 1D-5 of the Personnel Policy with the following information:

Comanche County is committed to providing a workplace free of violence. Comanche County will not tolerate or condone violence of any kind in the workplace. The County will also not tolerate or condone any threats or condone any threats of violence, direct or indirect, this includes jokes. All threats will be taken seriously and will be investigated. Employees must refrain from any conduct or comments that are inappropriate or might make another employee suspicious or in fear for their safety. Employees are required to report all suspicious conduct or comments to their immediate supervisor. Employees should be aware of their surroundings at all times and report any suspicious behavior from the public, former employee or current employee to their immediate supervisor or the sheriff's office.

All employees are required to attend the Civil Response to Active Shooting Event ("CRASE") training biannually.

No employee may possess a firearm or weapon in any county office, other than those authorized for law enforcement employees, without specific authorization by the employee's supervisor. Employees in offices in which firearms are prohibited under Texas Penal Code §46.03 are also required to get authorization of all Courts which utilize that office. Firearms must be kept in a concealed area that is not assessable to the public.

Firearms possessed by a county employee, other than those authorized for law enforcement employees, are solely for self-defense of that employee. Employees are not to risk their own or other people's safety by attempting unnecessary heroics.

Employees are prohibited from carrying firearms on the premises of a polling place on election day or while early voting is in progress. Employees found in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including, immediate termination.

This policy is effective as of January 24, 2022. All approved. Motion passed.

No action was taken on Comanche County Courthouse/Annex Security Policies and Procedures.

There are no updates for the Annex at 215 N. Houston or the CCMC property at 211 S. Austin.

There is no update for the Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant (Cares Act).

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

Under Emergency Management Tricia Grimshaw, Emergency Management Coordinator reported she had been appointed to a state Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee will meet February 8, 2022 in San Marcos. The Court expressed their appreciation for Tricia's recognition and for the appointment.

Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to enter an Order to enact a Burn Ban for a period of 90 days beginning January 24, 2022. All approved. Motion passed.

The sale of fireworks during the Texas Independence Day period, February 25 until midnight, March 2, 2022 is not prohibited by Comanche County. Drought conditions are not extreme enough to prohibit the sale of fireworks in the unincorporated area of the county.

Sheriff Pounds will present his Comanche County Sheriff's Office 2021 Year in Review and Racial Profiling report at the next meeting.

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

Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to enter an Order Approving the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021 with a total of \$10,306,923.94 in cash and investments. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Underwood made the motion and second to approve one budget amendment for Precinct #4. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Johnson and Gillette made the motion and second to audit accounts due and owing and approve payment in the amount of \$210,712.30. All approved. Motion passed.

Court was recessed for a lunch break and will resume at 1:30 p.m.

Court resumed at 1:30 p.m. with a presentation by Marie Oehlerking, Historic Preservation Specialist with the Komatsu Architecture Firm to give information on Planning and Emergency Grants thru the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Program. Application for grants need to be submitted by May 13, 2022 to be eligible for this round of grants. Oehlerking recommended the Comanche Courthouse be restored rather than build a new structure. The building has solid construction and would be a new building after the restoration as well as preserving the history of the building. Emergency repairs to the electric, plumbing, internet wiring and wheelchair lift are needed. All grants are with a 30% matching funds from the county. Oehlerking also reported it would take \$60,000 to restore the back wall and porch of Old Cora. The grant could provide \$30,000 and the remainder would be county funded.

Oehlerking also presented several floor plans for the Annex at 215 N. Houston St. which would allow the county offices presently housed in the Comanche County Hospital District Building at 211 S. Austin to be relocated to the Annex at 215 N. Houston St.

Judge Davis made aa motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss value or transfer of real property at 1:57 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconds the motion. All approved.

Court resumed in open session at 3:51 p.m. with a motion by Judge Davis and a second by Commissioner Johnson. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Underwood and Johnson made the motion and second to authorize Komatsu Architecture to complete an application on behalf of Comanche County to apply for a Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant for Planning and Restoration for Old Cora. All approved. Motion passed.

Commissioners Sides and Gillette made the motion and second to authorize Komatsu Architecture to complete a grant application to the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program for Restoration Planning and Emergency grant funds. All approved. Motion passed.

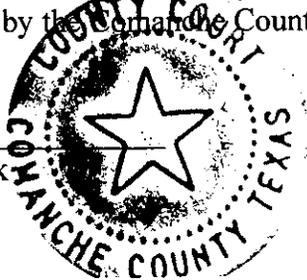
Commissioners Underwood and Sides made the motion and second to authorize Komatsu Architecture to submit a proposal for Renovation of the Annex at 215 N. Houston, the Ranger Building. All approved. Motion passed.

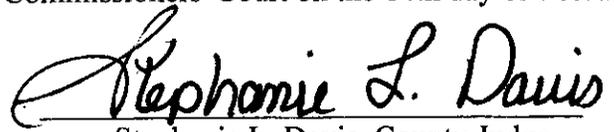
There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 24th day of January 2022 with a motion by Commissioner Sides and a second by Commissioner Gillette. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 14th day of February, 2022

Attest:


Ruby Lesley, County Clerk




Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge