

On this 11th day of April 2011 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 8th day of April 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members being present:

Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Dewayne Strickland	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Joe Strong	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Carter declared the time to be 9:00a.m.

ITEM 1. INVOCATION

Mike Towery, Treasurer

ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Judge Carter declared a quorum.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dewayne Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/28/2011 Regular Commissioners Court meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE EMS MONTHLY PROFIT/LOSS REPORT – BONHAM FIRE DEPT

Chief Brad Nichols presented the monthly report. No action required.

ITEM 6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH FOR APRIL 2011 AND FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY ON APRIL 13, 2011 – FANNIN COUNTY FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

Judge Carter read the proclamation.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR STEWARDSHIP WEEK FROM APRIL 24, 2011 TO MAY 1, 2011 AND FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2011 – FANNIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Judge Carter read the proclamation.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Joe Strong
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE RELOCATION OF ONE CAMERA IN TAC TAG OFFICE AT SOUTH ANNEX FROM THE NORTH WEST WALL TO CENTER OF OFFICE, FOR PURPOSE OF VIEWING CUSTOMERS ENTERING TAG OFFICE. THE COST TO BE PAID OUT OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND AND FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$635 - TAX/ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

Gail Young, Tax Assessor/Collector stated once the renovations were complete, one of two cameras is no longer in a position to be of use. Ms. Young requested funding to move the camera and wiring to face the front counter. Jill Edwards stated the rate quoted is by the hour at a rate of \$125 per hour. Stan Barker stated the cameras are not part of courthouse security. Scott Dyer, Auditor stated that the money could be taken from the General Fund. Gary Whitlock asked how much money was in the General Fund. Mr. Dyer stated there is \$68,000 in the General Fund. Mr. Dyer offered to print the code so that further research may be done.

Stan Barker made a motion to table the matter until more research could be done.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Tabled

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS OF PRECINCT 2 - PCT. 2

Stan Barker stated he has a 1985 GMC Brigadier Dump Truck, 1985 Mack Dump Truck and a MT250 Harnischfeger 25 ton truck crane to surplus.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TWO (2) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR PRECINCT 4; NUMBER ONE (#1) - FANNIN COUNTY MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX, TOWN OF WINDOM, BOIS D'ARC WATER SUPPLY, BAILEY WOODS WATER SUPPLY AND NUMBER TWO (#2) - BONHAM ISD, DODD CITY ISD, CITY OF DODD CITY, CITY OF BONHAM AND FANNIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD - PCT. #4

Joe Strong stated the Interlocal Agreements have expired. Mr. Strong recommended the ILA's be renewed.

Motion by: Commissioner Joe Strong
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A DELL OPTIPLEX 380 COMPUTER FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OUT OF COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT 20-449-574 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,091.84 - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Donnie Foster stated the need to replace an old computer. Jill Edward's stated the computer is the oldest in use in the County. Dustin Morrow, IT Specialist, stated this particular unit was shipped out to the County 8/20/2005. Judge Carter asked how much money was in the fund and how it is budgeted. Scott Dyer stated \$50,000 is in the fund and explained that typically equipment is budgeted for in advance; otherwise it is addressed as the need comes up. Stan Barker stated that this past year departments were encouraged to keep their budgets low.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT FROM PRECINCT ONE TO SELL ONLINE THROUGH LONE STAR AUCTIONEERS: ONE (1) 1989 G85 FIAT ALLIS MOTOR GRADER, ONE (1) 1984 INTERNATIONAL 2275 DAY CAB TRUCK, ONE (1) VERMEER B0906 3 POINT CHIPPER, ONE (1) SHOP FAN, ONE (1)HEMCO 200 GALLON FIBERGLASS SPRAY RIG, ONE (1) 1992 FORD 6640 TRACTOR W/ALAMO SIDE BOOM MOWER – PCT. 1

Gary Whitlock stated the equipment is mostly in poor condition with the exception of the chipper; the chipper being in good condition but too small for County usage.

Motion by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CUB CADET Z FORCE 48 ZERO TURN MOWER AND CUB CADET CC550 SP SELF-PROPELLED MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,728.16 (FUNDING POSSIBILITIES TO BE DISCUSSED) FOR USE IN KEEPING THE GROUNDS OF ALL COUNTY PROPERTY BY PRECINCT THREE'S JAILER AND INMATE CREW – PCT. 3

Dewayne Strickland stated the current mowers did not have the capacity to cover as much ground as is needed with the exception of the one zero-turn mower that is quickly being worn out. Mr. Strickland is contributing the labor and fuel and asked for shared contributions from the other Precincts to fund the new mower. Stan Barker recommended the funding come from the Courthouse Maintenance Fund. Stan Barker made a motion to fund the mower from the County Repair and Maintenance Fund 10-510-450.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SURPLUS OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT FROM PRECINCT FOUR TO SELL ONLINE THROUGH LONE STAR AUCTIONEERS: ONE (1) 1987 INTERNATIONAL PIER DRILLING TRUCK AND ONE (1) 1994 DAVEY TRAILER WITH AIR COMPRESSOR – PCT. 4

Joe Strong stated parts were no longer available for the truck and it is irreparable.

Motion by: Commissioner Joe Strong
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 15. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CAPACITY CONTROLLER AND CONDENSER PUMP ON THE COURTHOUSE HVAC SYSTEM. – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Edwards stated when Mr. Frymeyer came in to repair the air conditioning; he found two parts that were in need of replacement. Ms. Edwards stated the capacity controller is sticking and not cutting-off and the condenser pump has a slow leak and should be replaced at the same time. Scott Dyer stated the repairs are in the budget but being discussed to advise the Commissioners. No action was required.

ITEM 16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ANIMAL FACILITY DECISION DEADLINE, MOVING FROM MAY 9TH TO MAY 23RD, 2011 – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Carter stated more time is needed to present the shelter options and suggested a motion to have a hard deadline of May 23, 2011.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 17. DISCUSSION REGARDING ANIMAL FACILITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2ND AND MAY 3RD 2011 – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Carter stated he and Commissioner Strong will be at the Commissioners Court Room at the Courthouse at 5:30pm May 2nd to host a town hall meeting followed by one later that evening at the City Hall in Honey Grove at 7:30 pm with Judge Carter and Commissioner Strickland. Judge Carter stated Tuesday, May 3rd he and Commissioner Whitlock will hold a town hall meeting at the Church of Christ in Savoy at 5:30 pm followed by a town hall meeting at the City Hall in Leonard at 7:30 pm hosted by Judge Carter and Commissioner Barker. Judge Carter stated additional discussion will occur on May 23rd at Commissioners Court. No action was required.

ITEM 18. DISCUSSION REGARDING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICE – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Carter stated he received a call from the DPS to say they are closing the Driver's License Office. Judge Carter stated DPS requested leaving their equipment with the hope of reopening in June. Scott Dyer asked Jill Edwards if she had a key to access the room for maintenance purposes. Ms. Edwards said she did. No action was required.

ITEM 19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRANT - HUNTER

Mr. Michael Hunter, Consultant to Paris Living stated they have their first request for low income housing assistance. Mr. Hunter stated the property must first be declared environmentally clear by the County Judge which is done by Mr. Hunter creating maps of the property, attaching a FEMA report declaring whether or not the property is in a flood plane and then given to the County Judge for his approval; the documents are then sent to the State for approval; once approved, the County Judge may give his authorization for the down payment assistance. Gary Whitlock asked about the reimbursement turn around time from the State to the County. Mr. Hunter stated the turn around is expected to be about 30 days once the State has closed the loan.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 20. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE – AUDITOR

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated the report is through March 2011.

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 21. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2011 - AUDITOR

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 5-0 Passed

ITEM 22. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – AUDITOR

Motion by: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Vote: 5-0 Passed


23. ADJOURN

Motion by: Commissioner Dewayne Strickland
Second by: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 5-0 Passed

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 11th day of April 2011.

(LGC 81.003)

ATTEST:



Tammy Biggar

Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk