

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FANNIN**

**IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this 16th day of September, 2013 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 12th day of September 2013 at 4:44 p.m. with the following members being present:

	Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
	Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
	Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Absent	Jerry Magness	Commissioner, Precinct 3
	Dean Lackey	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Towery, Treasurer

ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Judge Carter declared a quorum has been established, Commissioner Magness is absent.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner Barker stated Commissioner Magness is absent due to the passing of his mother, Family Night will be this evening at 6-8:00 p.m. and the funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. in Telephone on Tuesday.

Nancy Young, District Clerk stated the Volunteer Fire Departments hold fund raisers in the fall, in particular Randolph and Telephone will be having fund raisers in the next few weeks; Commissioner Whitlock stated the Ector VFD will have one this weekend.

ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes were presented for September 9, 2013.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING EMS MONTHLY PROFIT/LOSS REPORT – BONHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Chief Brad Nichols presented the monthly report.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSING THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF CR 2604, LEADING TO LAKE BONHAM PROPERTY – BONHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Judge Carter stated the item will be passed with the exception of Mr. Jason A. Walker who requested an opportunity to speak.

Jason A. Walker stated there is no notice as to what area of the road is to be closed; objection is made to the closure as the public uses the road to access the lake for fishing; adequate notice should also be given.

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR A 48" X 36" ENCLOSED OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD FOR POSTING REQUIRED DOCUMENT(S) AT THE NORTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE AND THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400 AND APPROVE PURCHASE OUT OF COUNTY OFFICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT # 20-449-310 – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated a request was made for an outdoor posting board; the State of Texas contract web site had a price of \$383.53, Office Depot has one for \$565.99; it is requested up to \$400 be approved.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN HOLDING CELL AREAS OF 336TH DISTRICT COURT AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW AND APPROVE REPROGRAMMING THE PANIC ALARM BUTTONS FOR COURTHOUSE SO THAT IT ANNOUNCES THE NAME OF COURT OR DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF SUITE NUMBERS AND APPROVE INSTALLATION OF METAL PLATE OVER ELECTRIC STRIKE PLATE ON ENTRY SIDE OF DOOR AT THE ACCESS TO 336TH DISTRICT COURT HALLWAY FOR SECURITY PURPOSES AND TO BE PAID OUT OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND #11-510-571 – PURCHASING AGENT

Wayne Shouse, Bailiff for the 336th District Court stated a recent incident occurred in which an inmate attempted to make an escape from the holding cell; a camera would permit constant surveillance when the bailiff steps away from the holding cell.

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated the total is \$641; it is requested the Court approve up to \$641 to include labor, cameras at the holding cell and the South Annex and re-program the panic alarms.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$641.00.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CABLE ONE BUSINESS FOR THE INTERNET AND PHONE SERVICE LOCATED AT DERRELL HALL EDUCATION CENTER AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY – PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated the proposed costs are less than those currently being expended at the current location; costs will be \$50 for set up and \$181 per month for phone and internet and has a battery back up.

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PROVEX FOR AGENDA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK

Tammy Biggar, County Clerk stated the program has been previously approved, authorization and signature are needed.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS) FOR REMOTE BIRTH CERTIFICATE ACCESS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK

Tammy Biggar, County Clerk stated this item was approved for this budget year; the funds are being carried over into the coming year due to the length of time it has taken to receive a contract from the State; approval and signature are requested.

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING BURN BAN FOR FANNIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Carter passed the item.

ITEM 13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE COUNTY TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2013 – TREASURER

Mike Towery, Treasurer presented the report.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE TIME PERIODS, PAY DATES, COURT DATES AND HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014 – TREASURER

Mike Towery, Treasurer presented the proposed dates.

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL AND PAY GRADES FOR NEW BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 – COUNTY JUDGE AND AUDITOR

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated an addition of a full time Bond Supervisor is included per the Court with starting pay of \$33,000; a full time person has been added to Precinct 4 with part time positions reduced down to \$26,177; pay grade amendments include the Bond Supervisor and Sheriff's Department including pay grade increases for the Chief Deputy, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Dispatch to Grade 3 Level 2 for starting pay and Transport Officer to Grade 6.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 16. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO ADOPT COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 - COUNTY JUDGE AND AUDITOR

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated the budget reduces taxes by \$125,147 for 2014. Judge Carter stated the reduction is a 1.6% decrease.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the County Budget for [Fiscal Year] 2013-2014.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 4-0 Passed

[Attachment]

ITEM 17. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO ADOPT TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - COUNTY JUDGE AND AUDITOR

Judge Carter stated the Tax Rate is: General Fund .4832, Road & Bridge .1118 for a total of .5950; the Commissioners elected not to permit a discount.

Commissioner Barker moved to adopt the Fiscal Rate for 2013 at General Fund .4832, Road & Bridge .1118 for a total of .5950.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 4-0 Passed

[Attachment]

ITEM 18. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS - AUDITOR

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

[Attachment]

ITEM 19. ADJOURN

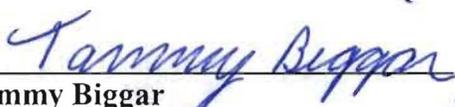
Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Second By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Vote: 3-0 Passed (Judge Carter abstaining)

Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 16th day of September, 2013.

(LGC 81.003)

ATTEST:



Tammy Biggar
Fannin County Clerk

