

# IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

## THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COUNTY OF FALLS

### COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2021

1. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. 1994) as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Judge Elliott asked for proof of posting. it was affirmed by Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk, that it was posted on the front door of the Courthouse Annex and on the bullet board.

2. Public comments.

No comments were made.

3. Elected official reports.

The County Auditor requested that the commissioners look over the grammatical changes made on the proposed updated Safety Handbook so that they could vote on its approval at the next meeting. Judge Elliott related that he had spoken to the Elections Administrator regarding early voting after offices are moved back to the Courthouse. Voting machines will be housed at the annex, and early voting will be conducted there.

4. Discussion and/or action concerning courthouse renovation, and courthouse annex.

Jim Hanks noted that the woodwork was nearly done. The storm had pushed back some of the electrical work a little. He said that we should be ready mid-July. Commissioner Wuebker questioned some of the tile work that has been done in some of the bathrooms, as well as the amount of things that still needed to be done before completion if that goal is July. She and Judge Elliott will make a visit of the premises after Court today. No action was taken.

5. Discussion and/or action concerning COVID-19.

Judge Elliott indicated that his most recent figures were now two weeks old, but that we had at that time only 22 current cases. No action was taken.

6. Discussion and/or action concerning Indigent Care Affiliation Agreement.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Albright moved to approve the agreement; Commissioner Green seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and/or action concerning indigent cremation.

Commissioner Green moved to approve the cremation requested; Commissioner Albright seconded the motion. The motion was approved without dissent.

8. Discussion and/or action concerning accepting bid contract for Chilton 2020 CDBG WWTP Improvements. Only one bid arrived before the deadline assigned for bidding. The deadline was during the week when the weather was inclement. Chilton checked with the grant people, and they were told the deadline need not be extended. Commissioner Wuebker moved to accept the bid; Commissioner Green seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and/or action concerning racial profiling report for constable Pct. 1 and Pct. 2.

Judge Elliott remarked that this report is strictly with regard to tickets issued. Since some of the Constables do not issue tickets, they are not required to complete this report. F A Green moved to approve the reports; Milton Albright seconded. Motion carried with no dissent.

10. Discussion and/or action concerning donation of road material.

Nita Wuebker has a constituent willing to donate gravel for a road. Ms. Wuebker moved to accept the donation; Jason Willberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and/or action concerning elections extended warranty with Hart.

Commissioner Green moved to accept the extended warranty; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. Discussion and/or action concerning 2020 audit.

The outside auditors will begin on Tuesday, March 9. No action taken.

13. Discussion and/or action concerning county/city's freeze.

Judge Elliott said that we received 120 pallets of potable water. (It can be stored for ten years). The County also received 39 pallets of MRE's. Regarding the water—Reagan VFD received 8 pallets; Rosebud-Lott ISD 5 pallets. The Judge went to Westphalia, Rosebud, Lott, Samaritan House, Golinda and Bremond VFD and delivered over 60 pallets. WE have been fortunate that approximately 20 pallets can be warehoused for us for future emergencies.

14. Discussion and/or action concerning TAC CIRA email/website services.

Engineer Austin has discussed the increased pricing of the email services and will be here at the next Commissioner's Court Meeting on March 22.

15. Review and discussion of Road and Bridge precinct work reports, including Administrator's progress report.

Jeff Jackson reports that there is one case of covid-19 in his department. Two vehicles had expensive repairs, but all vehicles are now back on the road.

16. Discussion and/or action concerning the approving of payment of bills, including reimbursements, late charges, the transfer of cash or funds from any line item or departments to another, book transfers and any budget amendments; including but not limited to discussion and action concerning department or non-departmental items with line items that go past their budgeted amounts.

Flores Roofing was paid half at the beginning, and now they are seeking the second half now. Discussion was that they would not be paid until the work is completed. Joan discussed the automatic receipt of law books that Judge Russ says are not necessary. The judge would rather choose which books to receive, rather than receive random books that won't

be used. Joan will give the information to Judge Russ to discuss with the company. Meanwhile, payment should be made for what has already been sent to us. Commissioner Green moved to approve payment of bills; Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


17. Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner's Court.

Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried/

18. Adjournment.






The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.

  
Jay T. Elliott  
Falls County Judge

**I, ELIZABETH PEREZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY, TEXAS, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY, TEXAS, posted by me at the Courthouse door in Marlin, Texas, where notices are customarily posted in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 551043, Government Code (Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. 1994), on this the 22 day of March, 2021, at \_\_\_\_\_ .M**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL** of office at Marlin Texas, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March

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Elizabeth Perez  
County Clerk - Falls County

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