

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COUNTY OF FALLS

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES FOR October 24, 2022

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 Meeting's Act.

Judge Elliott asked for proof of posting, and the same was affirmed as located on the north north and south doors of the County Courthouse, as well as the bulletin board located on the second floor, by Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk.

2. Public comments.

None.

3. Elected official reports.

None

4. Discussion and/or action concerning American Rescue Plan.

Regarding whether the flood plain study would satisfy the hydrology answers for the bridges, and whether an engineer would be required for the foundation only or if Mr. Yoder's expertise would suffice for some of the requirements. More details will be researched to determine our expenses to meet the requirements necessary.

5. Discussion and/or action concerning burn ban and allowing for exemption for any burns supervised by an authorized Volunteer Fire Department.

The Judge noted that he did not have the fire rating at this time, but that a burn ban was required at 650, and it was well above that point. Following comments by the Golinda Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief, it was agreed to consider an amendment to the order that is not currently being used. Commissioner Green moved to continue the current burn ban; Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and/or action concerning HOTCOG presentation Emergency notice alert system

Harold Ferguson from HOTCOG, presented information regarding the emergency notification system. He noted that citizens could sign up to receive them by cell phone, text, or email. Mr. Ferguson provided some business card-sized handouts for the public regarding sign up.

7. Discussion and/or action concerning order posting of 30-days' notice pursuant to Chap. 312 of the Texas Tax Code to consider amending an existing tax abatement agreement with BT Yixon Solar, LLC.

Following a discussion, no amendment was made on the existing tax abatement. Move to next meeting

8. Discussion and/or action concerning a resolution designating an administration service provider for the 2023 - 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund application and project implementation as recommended by the Board of Directors of Chilton Water Supply and Sewer Service.

Commissioner Wuebker moved to request the grant; Commissioner Albright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and/or action concerning tree removal CR 326A.

Commissioner Willberg requested that this topic be placed on the next agenda.

10. Discussion and/ or action concerning proposal from Falls Community Hospital and Clinic regarding county employee health services.

The commissioners discussed that a contract with the hospital was essential. Commissioner Green moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. The motion carried without dissent.

11. Discussion and/or action concerning adopting resolution authorizing sheriff's public resale of trust properties in December, 2022.

A brief presentation by the tax attorney regarding the sale in December of properties that had already been on the tax sale previously was made. The current schedule is to conduct the sale at 2:00 p.m. F. A. Green moved to approve the sale. Jason Willberg seconded. The motion carried.

12. Discussion and/or action concerning outside auditor.

Georgie Patterson presented information regarding the search for an outside auditor, as well as information regarding the three top responders. Following a motion to accept Park, Fowler & Co. from Corpus Christi made by Commissioner Green, Commissioner Albright seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and/or action concerning paying compensatory time for (Sheriff) Sergeant Deputy.

Following information provided by both the Sheriff and Auditor, Commissioner Green moved to approve the payment. Commissioner Albright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14. Discussion and/or action concerning discussion/approval of county bloodborne policy for sheriff/jail department.

Commissioner Albright moved to approve the policy; Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discussion and/or action concerning body worn cameras and in vehicle systems for Sheriff's Dept.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Green moved to approve the new contract; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and/or action concerning HOTCOG Solid Waste Resolution.

Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried.

17. Discussion and/or action concerning indigent cremation policy.

Brandon Dakroub noted that the law was not explicit regarding where death occurs, regarding payment by county of residence. Commissioner Green remarked that other counties will not pay funeral homes in Falls County for resident of their counties. Before making changes, Commissioner Green will assist Mr. Dakroub in possible amendments.

18. Discussion and/or action concerning Tri-County S.U.D. road cut/bore on CR 249.

Commissioner Green moved to approve. Commissioner Albright seconded. Motion carried.

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

Jeff Jackson presented his report to the Court. He noted that he had some employees on light duty currently. He also noted that the Operator Position would be filled on November 1. He requested that the commissioners consider having an auction of the equipment that was no longer of valuable use to the department in hopes that they could use the proceeds to purchase some replacements. He also discussed the need for an excavator. The last time he checked an "off brand" one cost more than \$200,000. The commissioners suggested that he check on a lease-purchase for an excavator.

- 3) Discussion and/or action concerning the approving of payment of bill . 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.


Following a discussion of expenses, Commissioner Albright moved to pay all bills. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 2) Approval of minutes of prior meetings of Commissioner's Court.

Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

- 2) Adjournment.


The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.



Jay T. Lillio, County Judge



Milton Albright, Comm. Pct. #1



F. A. Green, Comm. Pct. #2



Jason Willberg, Comm. Pct. #3



Nita Wuebker, Comm. Pct. #4



Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk