

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FALLS COUNTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COUNTY OF FALLS

Commissioner's court minutes for October 9, 2023

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 requested proof of posting, and the same was affirmed by Sharon Scott, Deputy County Clerk, stating that posting of the agenda was on the north and south entrances of the courthouse, as well as the bulletin board.

2. Public comments.

No public Comments.

3. Elected official reports.

Tax Assessor-Collector, Kayci Nehring, noted that tax statements were mailed on Thursday, and that per the "State" the statements were sent with the proposed \$100,000 deduction that is scheduled for the November election. If the proposal is not passed, the tax office will have to send new statements with the additional amount due.

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

No discussion or action.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071F THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO MEET WITH ITS ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT: Road & Bridge uniform agreement.**

After the executive session, the Commissioners Court may consider, in open session, any discussions or any motions one or more of its members wish to make, regarding this item.

The commissioners waited until the end of the session and closed for executive session at 10:02 a.m. They closed the executive session at 10:14 a.m. and returned at 10:15 a.m. with no action taken.

6. Discussion and/or action concerning replacing a/c unit(s) at the Lott tower.

Lightning struck the Lott tower and ruined an air conditioning unit. The deductible is \$25,000, and the cost for the two air conditioners will be approximately \$19,000. Jeff Watkins had discussed the lightning rod with the air conditioning people. The Homeland Security grant is for radios only, so cannot apply to this. Commissioner Albright moved to approve the payment for the air conditioning units provided an invoice of same and pay for the labor when completed. Commissioner Green seconded. Following discussion that the initial amount would come from the rollback funds, and if not sufficient, the remainder would come from courthouse renovation funds, a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and/or action concerning computer system for DA's office.

Second Assistant District Attorney had been approved previously; however, no funds were allocated for a computer for that position. That approximately \$1,225 would have to come from the contingency fund. Commissioner Albright moved to approve the purchase. Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and/or action concerning 2024 county holidays.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Albright moved to approve the holiday schedule for 2024. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried without dissent.

9. Discussion and/or action concerning Constable Pct. 4's Chapter 59 seizure report for 2023.

Commissioner Wuebker moved to accept Constable Wood's report; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and/or action concerning Appraisal District nominations 2023-2024.

Following a discussion, Commissioner Albright moved to approve the nominations; Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and/or action concerning 2024 Falls County Resolution, Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Commissioner Albright moved to approve the resolution; Commissioner Wuebker seconded. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and/or action concerning agreement for temporary closure of state right-of-way for World Triathlon Corporation Ironman Waco.

The commissioners discussed that there would be professionals working the race – no volunteers. Falls County will have no need to provide anything – just agree to permit the race to move. Commissioner Willberg moved. Commissioner Albright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and/or action concerning free trash day.

Jeff Jackson suggested that November 18 would be the optimum day for the free Trash Day. Since we will be collecting trash and tires, he suggested that we make sure to let people know that they must unload their own items, and that no commercial businesses are permitted. Commissioner Wuebker moved to set the date for November 18 in Lott and Marlin. Commissioner Willberg seconded; Motion carried.

14. Administrator's progress report.

Mr. Jackson reported that Road and Bridge is still receiving millings from TxDOT. They will soon be working on Highway 6 in Falls County, and they will be getting those millings also, and TxDOT will help transport them. He noted that he is still awaiting pickups from the Sheriff's Office. Judge Elliott explained that they are waiting on lights from Cap Fleet. Mr. Jackson also said that he has had no applicants for the open CDL positions. Following suggestions from the commissioners, he will check to see what the CDL training will cost, how long it will last, and have a conversation with ADA Sharp regarding what type of offer they might make to current employees regarding such training.

15. 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.

Commissioner Wuebker questioned some of the expenses. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Albright moved to approve the payment of bills. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

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

Change on #15 to be made to add "of bodies: to describe the transportation fee. With correction made, Commissioner Wuebker moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Willberg seconded. Motion carried.

17. Adjournment.

Judge Elliott adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m., after all items had been discussed.

Signed this 23rd day of October 2023.


Jay T. Elliott, County Judge


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


Nita Wuebker, Comm. Pct.#4


Milton Albright, Comm. Pct. #1


Jason Willberg, Comm. Pct. #


Elizabeth Perez, County Clerk