

**Tom Green County Commissioners' Court
June 29th, 2004**

The Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, met in Regular Session June 29th, 2004 in the Edd B. Keyes Building, with the following members present:

Clayton Friend, Commissioner of Precinct #1
Karl Bookter, Commissioner of Precinct #2
Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner of Precinct #3 (**Absent**)
Richard Easingwood, Commissioner of Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge

1. County Judge, Michael Brown, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags was recited. Commissioner Easingwood offered the invocation.

4. Commissioner Friend moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Bookter seconded the motion. The following items were presented:

- A. Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15th, 2004.
- B. Approved the Minutes of Accounts Allowable (Bills) from June 16th – 29th, 2004 in the amount of \$1,221,103.32.
Purchase Orders from June 14th- 18th, 2004 in the amount of \$15,399.56 and from June 21st – 25th, 2004 in the amount of \$ 33,964.16.
- C. Accepted Personnel Actions as presented:

The following salary expenditures are being presented for your *Approval*:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>	<u>GRADE/STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>SUPP/CAR ALLOW</u>
Hernandez, Daniel	RKR	Promotion	6-16-04	N/A	\$1333.34 S/M	
Sanchez, Sam	RKR	Promotion	6-16-04	N/A	\$755.08 S/M	
Tijerina, Roland	RKR	Promotion	6-16-04	N/A	\$755.08 S/M	
Torres, Michael	RKR	Promotion	6-16-04	N/A	\$854.16 S/M	\$192.70 S/M
Smith, Garrett	RKR	New Hire	6-23-04	N/A	\$7.50/Hour	
Randle, Donte	RKR	New Hire	6-21-04	N/A	\$7.50/Hour	
Lewis, Ronald	RKR	New Hire	6-21-04	N/A	\$7.50/Hour	
Jetton, Cash	RKR	Promotion	6-12-04	N/A	\$1708.34 S/M	
Mitchell, Eva	Housekeeping	Promotion	7-01-04	9/1	\$604.14 S/M	

The following personnel actions are presented for *Acknowledgement* and as a matter of record:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EFF. DATE</u>	<u>GRADE/STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>SUPP/CAR ALLOW</u>
Asbill, Scott	RKR	Dropped	6-16-04	N/A	\$7.50/Hour	
Badillo, David	County Shop	Resignation	6-18-04	17/2	\$918.58 S/M	
Jennings, Pamela	CRTC	Transfer	6-16-04	N/A	\$1200.00 S/M	
Doyle, Megan	Vehicle Registration	Resignation	6-30-04	N/A	\$5.15/Hour	
Riles, George	District Court	Retirement	6-30-04	N/A	\$194.23 S/M	
Cotton, Lauren M.	CSCD	Promotion	7-01-04	N/A	\$1207.83 S/M	
Favila, Elva M.	CSCD	Salary Increase	6-01-04	N/A	\$1381.00 S/M	

- D. Accepted the Amended Indigent Health Care 105 Report of Expenditures as presented. (Recorded with these minutes.)
- E. Accepted the Extension Services Monthly Schedule of Travel Report for May 2004, as a matter of record. (Recorded with these minutes.)
- F. Accepted the Solid Waste Report for May 2004 as a matter of record. (Recorded with these minutes.)

All present voted in favor of the motion.

5. Judge Brown moved to Order a Special Election for the purpose of voting For or Against the Legalizing of the sale of beer and wine within the incorporated city of San Angelo, to be held September 11th, 2004, based on the certification by Margaret "Molly" Taylor, Election Administrator of 7,866 valid registered voters which is in excess of the 6,870 (35%) that is required and based upon Sec. 251.11 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code

which states that the Commissioners' Court "Shall" Order an Election when the petition requirements are met. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Certification, Orders and list of names on Petition recorded with these minutes.)

10. Jeri Sloan, with Bluebonnet Homes, addressed the Court in support of freezing property taxes for the elderly and disabled.

Robert "Bob" Porter, Lighthouse for the Blind, addressed the Court with his concerns for the disabled and stated that they did not receive the same assistance from the County as the programs supported for the elderly. He was also supportive of the freeze because of the limited incomes of the disabled.

Bridgett R. Rodgers, Silver Haired Legislator, explained to the Court that they could not make a choice between the elderly and the disabled, but that in order to proceed, she needed a decision by the Court today, if possible. She also stated that if the Court denied the request, she would seek the other option of petitioning the Court for a Special Election to allow the voters to make the decision.

The Court expressed that this would be shifting the burden to another generation therefore they felt it would be better to select the second option and go back to the voters since it should be the decision of the voters and not that of the Court.

Commissioner Bookter moved to deny the request to freeze property taxes in reference to Proposition 13 (HJR 16). Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

7. **No Action** was taken regarding the authorization to purchase of property from Scripps Texas Newspapers, LP dba San Angelo Standard Times.
8. **No Action** regarding parking space agreement between Tom Green County and the San Angelo Standard Times.
9. **Judge Brown moved to approve the Agreement between owner and architect regarding the Tom Green County Library in the amount of \$1,036,000.00. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion. Judge Brown amended his motion to include the HV AC (chiller) in the construction cost (paid for from Contingency Fund) changing the total amount in the agreement to \$1,250,000.00. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the amended motion and all voted in favor.** (Recorded with these minutes.)
26. Dennis McKerley, Precinct 3 Resident, addressed the Court regarding creating a 4 way stop at Navaho Road & Apache Trail. He presented pictures of the intersection showing a 60 & 30 degree angled roads instead of the typical 45's and also blocked vision due to brush obstructions and overhangs in the right of way. He requested that jiggle bars be used as a deterrent instead of the 4 way stop. Commissioner Friend informed the Court that the road crew was trimming the overhanging brush, moving the existing signs out for better visibility, adding a stop ahead sign and highway reflective markings and the jiggle bars.
Commissioner Friend moved to table any action regarding the stop signs until the July 13th, 2004 Commissioners' Court Meeting. Judge Brown seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

17. Dianna Spieker, County Treasurer, informed the Court that the new rates received for the Employee's Dental Insurance came in at a 28% increase, which is 3% above the limit that is stated in the contract. Ms. Spieker asked for direction from the Court as to the options available, which are to go out for new bids or try to renegotiate with the current carrier. The Court instructed Ms. Spieker to present them with total dollar figures that the increase would create, based upon the number of employees that would be decreasing from the current total number of employees.

Judge Brown moved to go out for a new RFB for Dental Insurance. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion.

Dee Herring, a local representative, explained to the Court that they were unaware of the limits and would be happy to try to negotiate with the company on the Counties behalf to attempt to have the rates lowered.

Commissioner Friend withdrew his second to the motion. Judge Brown then withdrew his original motion.

Judge Brown moved for the local agent to renegotiate with the carrier and then bring back the results of the negotiation to the Court at one of the last

three sessions of the budget workshops. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

14. Susan Counts, Information Technology Director, and Jenny Dupre, Cal Tech, addressed the Court regarding the loss of signal to the Justice of the Peace #2 Office and the West Branch Library. The options were to raise the existing 75 feet tower to 120 feet, or possibly relay from the dishes on the ASU dorms. The Court questioned the use of the Sheriff's radio tower. They will check on the number of miles between towers to check that possibility. **No Action taken.**
6. Terry Mobley, Human Resource Director, explained to the Court that Section 5.12 is proposed to be deleted and Section 5.06 proposed to be added as a replacement. Both sections deal with refactoring jobs (not personnel), but they are more clearly defined.
Commissioner Easingwood moved to approve the changes in the Tom Green Personnel Policy as presented. Commissioner Bookter seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
- 6 (B) Proposed change in Section 5.08 Pay Plan, is to reflect that new employees must be employed 90 days instead of 60 days to qualify for any increases that may be offered with the new fiscal year budget.
Commissioner Friend moved to approve the policy change in 5.08 Pay Plan with the last sentence to read, "Step increases will not be granted to new employees of 90 days or less". Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (All changes recorded with these minutes.)
15. **Judge Brown moved to award RFP 04-017 "Internet Services for CAT-D Grant" to West Central Wireless. Services are provided for Healthy Families, ICD Family Shelter, Small Schools Co-op and Bluebonnet Homes. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
13. **Commissioner Easingwood moved to approve the decrease of maintenance of head of the River Road in Precinct 4 as a matter of record for the length of the portion of the railroad right-of-way that has been purchased and closed off by the existing landowner, as requested, and changes noted in the list of County Road's Reports. Judge Brown seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
12. **Judge Brown moved to authorize the County Judge to sign the Sub recipient Award for Tom Green County for the 2004 State Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP). Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Recorded with these minutes.) Commissioner Easingwood complimented the Sheriff's Department for utilizing grants and other sources of outside available funds for upgrades in their department.**
11. **Commissioner Friend moved to approve the out of state travel for Ken Land and Steve Mild to attend a "Response to Terrorist Bombings" School in Socorro, New Mexico, July 26th – 30th, 2004 with funding being reimbursed from grant money. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
16. **Commissioner Bookter moved to award RFP 04-024 "One or More Used 2003 Full Size Vehicle" to Golding Motors in the amount of \$14,988.00 per unit for two pre-owned Ford Crown Victoria autos for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Recorded with these minutes.)**
18. **Judge Brown moved to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 2004 as a matter of record. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Recorded with these minutes.)**
19. **Commissioner Easingwood moved to accept the Auditor's May 2004 Monthly Report as a matter of record. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor. (Recorded with these minutes.)**
20. **Passed the consideration of a replat of Tract 2, Revised Pecan Creek Subdivision until July 13th, 2004.**
21. **Passed the consideration of a replat of Tract 24 & 25, Block 5, Section two, Dove Creek until July 13th, 2004.**
22. **Judge Brown moved to approve the request by Judge Eddie Howard (JP #4), to attend the National Child Death Symposium July 29th through August 4, 2004 in St. Louis, Missouri. Funding for the Symposium will come from the Judicial Efficiency Fund. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

23. **Judge Brown moved to adopt the School Crossing Guard fee of \$1.50. Commissioner Easingwood seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Judge Brown amended his motion to add a subsequent motion to approve the annual reinstatement of the Road and Bridge Fee in addition to the School Crossing Guard fee. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and Commissioner Easingwood accepted the amendment. All voted in favor of the amended motion.**
24. **Commissioner Easingwood moved to approve the request by the Christoval Community Chamber to use the north end of Pugh Park for the Annual Christoval 4th of July Celebration. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**
25. Commissioner Easingwood requested guidance for disposing of County Tax Foreclosure Property B-00-0029 in Christoval. **No action taken.**
27. **Commissioner Friend moved to approve the following “base pay for newly elected officials”:**

Commissioner, Precinct #1	\$30,015
Commissioner, Precinct #2	\$30,015
Commissioner, Precinct #3	\$30,015
Commissioner, Precinct #4	\$30,015
County Judge	\$53,820
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1	\$30,015
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2	\$30,015
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3	\$30,015
Justice of the Peace, Precinct #4	\$30,015
Constable, Precinct #1	\$27,945
Constable, Precinct #2	\$27,945
Constable, Precinct #3	\$27,945
Constable, Precinct #4	\$27,945
County Sheriff	\$51,750
County Attorney	\$50,715
District Clerk	\$41,400
County Clerk	\$41,400
County Tax Assessor/Collector	\$41,400
County Treasurer	\$41,400

Judge Brown seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

28. The only issue discussed relating to the Tom Green County Subdivision and Manufactured Home Rental Community Development Regulations was some property in the River Ranch Subdivision that transfers property by metes and bounds. The transfer would create a lot with less than one acre of land and subsequent wording that would need to be notated on the plat. **No action taken.**
29. **Judge Brown moved to approve the following line item transfers:**

Fund: General Fund

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Budget Increase</u>	<u>Budget Decrease</u>
081 Parks	0343 Equipment Parts & Repair	1,000.00	
192 Contingency	0601 Reserves		1,000.00
142 Jail Building	0514 Special Projects		120,000.00
192 Contingency	0601 Reserves	120,000.00	
004 Risk Management	0204 Workers Compensation	7,500.00	
192 Contingency	0601 Reserves		7,500.00

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friend and all voted in favor.

(Recorded with these minutes.)

30. Future Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Consider placing stop signs all four ways at the intersection of Apache Trail and Navaho Road.
2. Consider replat of Tract 2, Revised Pecan Creek Subdivision.
3. Consider replat of Tract 24 & 25, Block 5, Section two, Dove Creek.

31. Announcements:

1. Budget workshops continue.
2. Next Regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court will be July 13th, 2004

32. Judge Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

As per HB 2931, Section 4:

I, Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk of Tom Green County, Texas do hereby attest that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Meeting that met in Regular Session on June 29th, 2004.

I hereby set my hand and seal to this record July 13th, 2004.

Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court