

At a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, held in the Edd B. Keyes Office Building in San Angelo, Texas, on February 22, 2000, the following were present:

Clayton Friend, Commissioner Precinct #1
Karl Bookter, Commissioner Precinct #2
Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner Precinct #3
Richard S. Easingwood, Jr., Commissioner Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge
Judith Hawkins, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the Commissioners' Court

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. and immediately recessed to go into Closed/Executive Session to discuss matters listed on today's agenda.

The Closed/Executive Session adjourned and the Open Session reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was delivered by Fredd Adams, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weeks, seconded by Commissioner Bookter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2000 meeting.
- B. Accept the Minutes of Accounts Allowed, approve bills in the amount of \$557,645.93 and approve purchase orders in the amount of \$33,366.81.
- C. Approve the following salary expenditures:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Grade & Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Monico, Gary M.	County Clerk	Rehire	02/21/00	Temp	\$ 6.50 /HR

and acknowledge the following as a matter of record:

Davis, Beverly J.	CSCD (218)	Salary Inc.	03/01/00	N/A	\$ 659.80 S/M
Faz, Jerry N.	CSCD (218)	Salary Inc.	03/01/00	N/A	\$1104.92 S/M
Hunt, C. Kay	CSCD (218)	Salary Inc.	03/01/00	N/A	\$ 929.50 S/M
Kilpatrick, Matthew J.	CSCD (255)	Salary Inc.	03/01/00	N/A	\$ 705.75 S/M

McKee, Helen M. CSCD (218) Salary Inc. 03/01/00 N/A \$ 705.75S/M

Floyd, Leslie L. CSCD (151) Salary Inc. 03/01/00 N/A \$1123.84 S/M

The County Judge and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

There was no action on any matter(s) from the Closed/Executive Session.

George Morris, Construction Manager for the New Tom Green County Jail Project had no items for the Courts consideration. He briefly reported on the status of the project. No action was taken.

Mr. Morris asked for the Court's direction on installing 220 outlets at the Roy K. Robb Post Adjudication Facility so the clothes dryers can be used. Upon his recommendation, Commissioner Weeks made a motion to approve installing two electrical outlets for \$745. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion. After some discussion concerning appropriated funding and installation of four outlets rather than two, the motion and second were withdrawn, respectively. Commissioner Weeks restated the motion, "that we install all four for \$2000 (and it is coming out of dollars that we don't have to spend out of our budget. Right?)." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friend. The County Judge and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

Agenda item number 11 (consider County Court Complex) was passed.

Administrative Assistant Anne Bramble presented the County Upgrade Update. She informed the Court of the duties assigned to Mr. Fryer to be completed before he leaves county employment.

County Treasurer Dianna Spieker asked for clarification relating to payment of overtime in the Information Technology Department. She said that it is unusual for part-time employees to acquire overtime and with time sheets turned in twice a month there doesn't appear to be any control over their hours. She also said this item is not outlined in the budget. Mrs. Bramble and County Auditor Ed Sturdivant were part of the discussion. Motion was made by Judge Brown, seconded by Commissioner Friend to, "adopt the schedule of hours (recorded with these minutes) for these people with the provision that the overtime hours be actually paid instead of comp time, not to exceed the hours." The motion was unanimously approved.

Purchasing Administrator Sandy Bradley reported that the County normally bids with the City on janitorial supplies but this year one of the main County vendors did not receive their bid packet. She said that after price comparison she felt it was worth our while to go out for bids on our own. Commissioner Friend moved to approve mailing bids for RFB 00-015 "Janitorial Supplies" and set the bid opening date for March 13, 2000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bookter.

There was lengthy discussion with Realtor Larry Behrens about a discrepancy with some lots in Carlsbad, a former dump ground and the Clegg property all in Precinct #3. Tom Green County owns some the acreage involved and Mr. Behrens would like to exchange properties with the County. It seems there was some action in 1958 and Commissioner Weeks started to make a motion but withdrew it. The agenda item was tabled until next week after more information can be obtained.

There was some discussing concerning reinstating the County burn ban and how it might serve to remind citizens to be more aware of the extremely dry conditions in West Texas. Judge Brown read portions from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission handbook on outdoor burning. The news media was asked to emphasize the importance of being watchful and careful during this critical period. Motion was made by Commissioner Weeks, seconded by Commissioner Friend to reinstate the County burn ban consistent with the State Rules. The Court voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

After some discussion concerning County-wide clean-up the decision was made to set that date for May 6, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and to use the city dump on the Old Ballinger Highway rather than have each precinct be responsible for unloading, then reloading all the trash to haul to the city dump. County residents will have to show proof of residency. The Court may set a fee for this service on that date.

After a short question and answer period with County Auditor Ed Sturdivant, motion was made by Commissioner Weeks to accept the Auditor's January Monthly Report (recorded with these minutes). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friend. All court members voted in favor of the motion.

There was no action concerning issues relating to the Tom Green County Subdivision and Manufactured Home Rental Community Development Regulations.

There were no line item transfers for FY '99 and FY '2000.

Future agenda items were discussed.

Announcements were made.

The meeting adjourned.

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