

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HOPKINS

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BE IT REMEMBERED on the 9th, day of SEPTEMBER 2019, there was conducted a **REGULAR MEETING** Public Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County, Texas, on the 1st Floor, Commissioners' Courtroom, in the Courthouse, 118 Church Street, City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT:

9:03 A.M.

PRESENT:

ROBERT NEWSON
COUNTY JUDGE

MICKEY BARKER
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

GREG ANGLIN
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

WADE BARTLEY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

JOE PRICE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

STACY RAGAN **DEPUTY**
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Newsom. Andy Endsley, offered an invocation and County Judge Newsom lead the court and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to The American Flag & Texas Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 at 4:17 P.M. County Judge Newsom Declared A Quorum With All Members Being Present.

CONSENT AGENDA

i) APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held JULY 29, 2019, In Meeting Room One On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held AUGUST 5, 2019, In Meeting Room One On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held AUGUST 12, 2019, In Meeting Room One On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held AUGUST 26, 2019, In Meeting Room One On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Special Meeting** Held JULY 29, 2019, In Commissioners' Courtroom Located On The First Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

ii) APPROVAL OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, BURIAL OF TELEPHONE CABLES AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES:

a) APPROVE A REQUEST FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WHICH WILL CROSS COUNTY ROAD 3545 WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR FEC POLE #092616 ON CR 3545 IN PRECINCT 3

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Price, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Road 3545 Which Is Located Near FEC Pole #092616 On CR 3545 In Precinct 3. Wade Bartley Stated The Request Meets His Approval. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.1\)](#)

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

i) PROCLAMATION-RECOGNIZE THE BRINKER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hopkins County Commissioners Court Urges All Citizens Of Hopkins County To Celebrate The Outstanding Efforts Of The Firemen Of The Brinker Volunteer Fire Department, To Recognize The Dedication For The Citizens Of Hopkins County And Their Property And Offer Sincere Appreciation For The Servanthood Of Each One. The First Brinker Fire Department Was Established On March 24, 1994 By Chief Carl Nix, President Lee Huff, Secretary Of Treasurer Teresa Hudd, Brian Noles, Brian Story, Max Redford And Several Others. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.2\)](#)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

JoAnn Kelly Hunter Came Before The Court And Thanked Wade Bartley For Fixing The Road In Front Of East Caney Baptist Church. She Also Made A Plea For The Road On The East Side Of CR 2310 Be Fixed Better As The Citizen Believes The Way The Road Is Now Will Not Hold. Mack Pitts Came Before The Court And Thanked His Commissioner, Greg Anglin, For Fixing CR 2448.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

i) A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 118.01(e) AND SEC. 118.025 ON THE PLAN FOR FUNDING THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ARCHIVE

The County Clerk Presented The Plan For Funding The Preservation And Restoration Of The County Clerk's Records Archive. County Clerk, Tracy Smith, Stated The County Clerk's Office Collects a \$10 fee On All Marriage Licenses, Brands And Official Public Records Recordings. The County Clerk's Office Also Collects a \$1 fee On All Birth Certificates, Death Certificates And Marriage Licenses. The Money Collected Is Set Aside For The Preservation And Restoration Of The County Clerk's Records.

ii) APPROVING THE PLAN FOR FUNDING THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS ARCHIVE AND ADOPTING INTO THE 2020 BUDGET

Upon Motion By Commissioner Barker, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve The Plan For Funding The Preservation And Restoration Of The County Clerk's Records Archive And Adopting Into The 2020 Budget. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.3\)](#)

iii) APPROVE ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Barker, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Elected Official's Salary. The Raise For All Elected Official's Is 5%. The Sheriff Will Also Get An Additional Supplement On Top Of 5% Raise. The \$75.00 Longevity Bonus Per Year Will Stay The Same.

iv) PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

The 2020 Budget Will Prepare The County For The Upcoming Year. The Whole County Will Be Getting a 5% Raise As Per Judge Newsome, It Is Important To Have Citizens Stay In Hopkins County.

v) CONSIDER ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2020

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Price, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve The Proposed 2020 Budget. The Whole County Will Be Getting a 5% Raise.

vi) CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2019 PROPERTY TAX RATE

Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Bartley, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve The 2019 Property Tax Rate. The Tax Rate Will Stay The Same As The Previous Year At .624892 Of This .539655 Will Be Used For Maintenance And Operations And .085237 Will Be Used For Principal & Interests On Debts. The County Is Above The Effective Rate At .577457 And Below The Roll Back Rate At .62556. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.4\)](#)

vii) APPROVING PAYING ELECTION WORKERS AT THE RATE OF \$12.00 PER HOUR

Upon Motion By Commissioner Price, Seconded By Commissioner Bartley, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Paying Election Workers At The Rate Of \$12.00 Per Hour. Per County Clerk Tracy Smith During The 86th Legislative Session The State Raised Their Pay To \$12.00 For Election Workers. The Pay Raise Will Be For The General Elections As The State Pays For The Primary Elections.

viii) APPROVING PAYING ELECTION WORKERS FOR TRAINING AT THE RATE OF \$12.00 PER HOUR UP TO FOUR (4) HOURS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Paying Election Workers For Training At The Rate Of \$12.00 Per Hour Up To Four Hours.

ix) ACKNOWLEDGE KRISTY SPRINGFIELD FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING OSSF-DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, TCEQ PROVIDER CODE/COURSE CODE 0193/0420 HELD BY TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE ON AUGUST 13-16, 2019

Acknowledge Kristy Springfield For Successfully Completing OSSF-Designated Representative, TCEQ Provider Code/Course Code 0193/0420 Held By Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service On August 13-16, 2019. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.5](#))

x) RECOGNIZED KRISTY SPRINGFIELD FOR SUCCESSFULLY FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR OSSF DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, ISSUED LICENSE NUMBER OS0034831 BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON AUGUST 29, 2019

Recognized Kristy Springfield For Successfully Fulfilling The Requirements In Accordance With The Laws Of The State Of Texas For OSSF Designated Representative, Issued License Number OS0034831 By The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality On August 29, 2019. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.6](#))

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Price, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Budget Amendments And Line Item Transfers. Budget Amendments For All Precincts For Scrap Metal Receipts Totaling \$15,271.02 In Revenue. Precinct 1 Received \$1,787.12, Precinct 2 Received \$998.10, Precinct 3 Received \$2,023.20 And Precinct 4 Received \$10,462.60. Precinct 3 Financing Came In For Capital Lease Of \$188,672.00 Which Was Moved To Machinery And Equipment To Cover The Purchase. Precinct 3 Also Had A Payment Come In For Scrap Metal For \$1,231.10 Which Will Be Moved To Dumpster Expense. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.7](#))

BILLS, REVENUES AND EXPENSES PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Barker, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve The Payment Of Bills, Revenues, Expenses Payroll And Financial Statements.

GRANTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DONATIONS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Price, Seconded By Commissioner Barker, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Donations. Precinct 4 Received A Donation Of A Tamco Roller Packer From AK Gillis.

CONTRACTS

i) APPROVE A PLANNED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CLIFFORD POWER FOR THE NORTH COOPER COMMUNICATION TOWER AND THE MARTIN SPRING/COAL MINE TOWER

Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Barker, And Carried Unanimously, To Approve A Planned Maintenance Agreement With Clifford Power For The North Cooper Communication Tower And The Martin Spring/Coal Mine Tower. Per Andy Endsley, The Towers Will Keep Track And Monitor The Systems Generators And They Will Run On Propane. The Contract Is For 3 Years And Will Cost \$400 Per Tower Per Year. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.8](#))

PERSONNEL MATTERS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

NO ACTION TAKEN

THE COURT TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Bartley, and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED AT 9:41 A.M.**

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 14, 2019:

County Judge

Commissioner #1

Commissioner #2

Commissioner #3

Commissioner #4

ATTEST:

**County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
Of the Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County, Texas**