

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HOPKINS

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BE IT REMEMBERED on the 26th, day of JULY 2021, 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:

9:01 A.M.

PRESENT:

JUDGE NEWSOM
COUNTY JUDGE

MICKY 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. Bobby Harris 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 JULY 22, 2021 at 2:45 P.M. County Judge Newsom Declared A Quorum With All Members Being Present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Bartley, and carried unanimously, To Approve The Following Consent Agenda Items.

i) APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held JULY 12, 2021, 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 JULY 13, 2021, 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 JULY 14, 2021, 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 JULY 19, 2021, In Meeting Room On The Second Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held JULY 19, 2021 At 5:30 P.M., At The Hopkins County Regional Civic Center, located at 1200 Houston St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held JULY 20, 2021, 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 **Regular Meeting** Held JULY 12, 2021, 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) THE COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A REQUEST FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WHICH WILL CROSS COUNTY ROAD 1130 WHICH IS LOCATED 1.5 MILES EAST OF CR 3216 IN PRECINCT 1

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Approve A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Road 1130 Which Is Located 1.5 Miles East Of CR 3216 In Precinct 1. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.1\)](#)

b) THE COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A REQUEST FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WHICH WILL CROSS COUNTY ROAD 1136 WHICH IS LOCATED 1800 FEET NORTHWEST OF CR 1140 IN PRECINCT 1

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Approve A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Road 1136 Which Is Located 1800 Feet Northwest Of CR 1140 In Precinct 1. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.2](#))

CITIZENS COMMENTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

i) COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE 2022 SHERIFF'S AND CONSTABLES FEES

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Anglin and carried unanimously, To Consider And Approve The 2022 Sheriff And Constables Fees. Constable Precinct 1 Norman Colyer Spoke And Stated The Fees Haven't Been Raised In Several Years And By Raising Them We Will Be More In Line With The Surrounding Counties. Citations Will Go Up To \$75 And Writs Will Go Up To \$100. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.3](#))

ii) COURT TO CONSIDER/DISCUSS AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQS) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) GRANT PROGRAMS-COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Consider/Discuss Authorization To Issue Requests For Proposals (RFP) For Qualifications (RFQS) For Architectural Services Related To The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Programs-Community Safe Room. County Judge Newsom Spoke And Stated They Are Wanting To Build The Safe Room North Of The Jail For The Community. We Are Asking For A Grant From The Federal Government. The Safe Room Will Have Space, Restrooms And A Kitchenette. There Will Be An 80/20 Match. The Federal Government Will Pay 80% And The County Will Pay 20%. Auditor Shannah Aulsbrook Spoke And Stated There Is A Committee In Place That Will Make The Decisions If We Are Approved For The Grant. The Committee Includes The Commissioners Court, Shannah Aulsbrook And Beth Wisenbaker. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.4](#))

iii) COURT TO CONSIDER/DISCUSS AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQS) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS OR STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, CONCERNING THE “TRUSTEE HOUSING FACILITY”

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, To Consider/Discuss Authorization To Issue Requests For Proposals (RFP) For Qualifications (RFQS) For Architectural Services Related To American Rescue Funds Or State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Concerning The “Trustee Housing Facility.” Sheriff Lewis Tatum Spoke And Stated This Housing Is For The Trustee’s And It Will Keep Them Separate From The General Population And It Will Hold 48 Beds. The Female Trustee’s Will Stay In The B Hall Where They Currently Are. This Will Also Create More Room In The Jail. This Building Will Be Located On The North Side Of Houston St. Auditor Shannah Aulsbrook Spoke And Stated We Have Already Been Approved For This Grant And That There Is No Match From The County. We Have Already Received Part Of The Grant. Constable Precinct 1 Norman Colyer Spoke And Asked How Many Additional Jailors Will Be Needed For The New Building. Sheriff Lewis Tatum Spoke And Stated 4 Additional Jailors Would Be Needed. The Grant Does Not Cover The Additional Salaries For The Jailors. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Here Of. [\(Ex.5\)](#)

iv) MONTHLY REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICES

The Monthly Reports From The Following Offices Were Reviewed By The Court And Recorded In The Minutes: Constable, Precinct #1, Constable, Precinct #2, County Clerk, District Clerk, Environmental Inspector, Environmental-Law Enforcement, Agri-Life Extension Office, Fire Department, JP#1, JP#2, Sheriff, Tax Office, And Treasurer. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.6\)](#)

COURT TO CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Price and carried unanimously, To Consider Approving Budget Amendments And Line Item Transfers. Auditor Shannah Aulsbrook Spoke And Stated There Is A Budget Amendment For The Precincts. The Precincts Have Agreed That The Funds They Receive For Their Scrap Metal Will Go To The Volunteer Fire Departments. In 2020 The Precincts Brought In \$19,824.95 From Scrap Metal And In 2021 They Have Brought In \$10,320.29 For A Total Of \$30,145.24 To Be Divided Between 11 Volunteer Fire Departments At \$2,740.48 Per VFD.

BILLS, REVENUES AND EXPENSES PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

All Bills, Revenue, Expenses, Payroll And Financial Statements, On File In The Office Of The County Clerk Were Approved, Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Price, And Carried Unanimously.

GRANTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DONATIONS

Upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Consider Accepting Donations. Sean Pattee And Sean Ohasan With RWE Solar Company Gave A Donation Of \$70,000.00 For The North Hopkins Fire Department To Finish Their Fire Department Building.

CONTRACTS

i) COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SPECIAL ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY ROAD 4760

Upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, To Consider And Approve The Special Road Use Agreement For County Road 4760. Commissioner Joe Price Spoke And Stated RBM Farms LLC Is Doing Some Logging On CR 4760 And Where Issued A Permit For A 90 Day Term. They Have A \$20,000.00 Bond For Any Damages Done To The Roads. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.7](#))

ii) COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOPKINS COUNTY AND LUBBOCK COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES

Upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Price and carried unanimously, To Consider And Approve An Interlocal Agreement Between Hopkins County And Lubbock County For Participation In The Regional Public Defender For Capital Cases. County Judge Newsom Spoke And Stated This Is A Capital Murder Insurance Program And Will Cost The County \$13,199.00 This Year. This Is A Program We Have To Approve Every Year. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.8](#))

iii) COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HOPKINS COUNTY CLERK AND INTERGRATED DATA SERVICES (IDS) FOR DOCKET APPLICATION

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Consider And Approve An Agreement Between The Hopkins County Clerk And Intergrated Data Services (IDS) For Docket Application. County Clerk Tracy Smith Spoke And Stated This Is A Contract With IDS To Put Our Civil, Probate And Criminal Dockets On Our Website And Will Show Court Days 30 Days Out. There Is A \$2,000.00 Initial Fee And A \$500.00 Annual Maintaining Fee. This Will Be Paid For Out Of Records Management. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.9](#))

PERSONNEL MATTERS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

NO ACTION TAKEN

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

i) COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF PINE FOREST HYBRID, LLC TO USE CERTAIN ROADS

Upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, This Item Was **TABLED**.

THE COURT TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Anglin and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED AT 9:31 A.M.**

MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 23, 2021:

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**