

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HOPKINS

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BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13th, day of AUGUST 2021, there was conducted a **SPECIAL SESSION** 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:

9:31 A.M.

PRESENT:

JUDGE NEWSOM
COUNTY JUDGE

MICKY BARKER
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

GREG ANGLIN
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

JOE PRICE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

STACY RAGAN **DEPUTY**
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:
WADE BARTLEY

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Newsom. Marshal 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 AUGUST 09, 2021 at 2:55 P.M. County Judge Newsom Declared A Quorum With All Members Being Present Except Commissioner Wade Bartley.

CONSENT AGENDA

i) APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

NO ACTION TAKEN

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 1118 WHICH IS LOCATED 3893 FEET EAST OF FM 2653 IN PRECINCT 1

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker seconded by Commissioner Anglin and carried unanimously. To Consider And Approve A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Road 1118 Which Is Located 3893 Feet East Of FM 2653 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 3563 WHICH IS LOCATED 5200 FEET SOUTH OF CR 3563 IN PRECINCT 3

The Court To Consider And Approve A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Road 3563 Which Is Located 5200 Feet South Of CR 3563 In Precinct 3. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.2](#))

CITIZENS COMMENTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

THE COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THE PRECINCT 2A VOTING CENTER TO THE H.W. GRAYS BUILDING LOCATED AT 413 BECKHAM STREET, SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

Upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, To Consider And Approve The Change Of Location For The Precinct 2A Voting Center To The H.W. Grays Building Located At 413 Beckham Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas. County Judge Newsom Spoke And Stated He Spoke With Harold Nash, The Pastor At Morning Chapel And Also A Member Of The Board, And Stated He Is On Board With The Change. He Stated He Also Spoke With Mark Maxwell And Made Sure The H.W. Gray's Building Was Available For This Election And Future Elections. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex. 3](#))

THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ORDER THE NOVEMBER 2021 SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

Upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Anglin and carried unanimously, For The County Judge To Order The November 2021 Special Constitutional Amendment Election. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex. 4](#))

County Judge Newsom Also Stated Early Voting Will Be Held This Year At The JP2 Court Room Because The ROC Was Not Available. The Commissioners Have Been Working With The Tax Office And The JP1 & JP2 Office To Construct A Door That Will Lead Directly Into The JP2 Courtroom. Commissioner Joe Price Stated They Are Waiting For The Glass To Come In And Will Hopefully Be Starting Construction Next Week.

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

i) COURT TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED TAX RATE AND VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2021

Upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Price and carried unanimously, To Discuss The Proposed Tax rate And Vote On Proposed Tax Rate For 2021. Tax Assessor Debbie Mitchell Spoke And Stated The Comptroller Is Concerned With The No New Revenue Rate And The Voter Approval Rate. The No New Revenue Rate Is .561139 And The Voter Approval Rate Is .54035. The Proposed Tax Rate Is .584035 Which Will Lower The Current Tax Rate By A Little Over \$0.04 Per 100. Commissioners Barker, Anglin, Price And Judge Newsom All Agree On The Proposed Tax Rate. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.5](#))

ii) COURT TO SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED TAX RATE

Upon motion by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Anglin and carried unanimously, To Set Date, Time And Place For A Public Hearing For The Proposed Tax Rate. Tax Assessor Debbie Mitchell Spoke And Stated Because We Are Over The No New Revenue Rate So It Requires 1 Hearing. Debbie Proposed The Hearing To Be August 23, 2021 At 9 A.M. At The Courthouse And Will Want To Adopt The Tax Rate The Same Day. The Tax Rate Will Change In October 2021.

COURT TO CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

CONTRACTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

PERSONNEL MATTERS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

NO ACTION TAKEN

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

NO ACTION TAKEN

THE COURT TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Anglin, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED AT 9:44 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**