

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HOPKINS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 22<sup>th</sup>, day of NOVEMBER 2021, there was conducted a **REGULAR MEETING** Public Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County, Texas, on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

**ROBERT 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

**COURTNEY WINSTEAD**  
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

**ABSENT:**

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The meeting was called to order by County Judge Robert Newsom. Mario Villarno from the Argi-Life Extension Office, 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 NOVEMBER 18, 2021 at 4:55 P.M. County Judge Newsom Declared A Quorum With All Members Being Present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **i) APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes Of The **Regular Session** Held OCTOBER 25, 2021, In Commissioners' Courtroom Located On The First Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held OCTOBER 25, 2021, Located On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Special Session** Held NOVEMBER 1, 2021, In Commissioners' Courtroom Located On The First Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held NOVEMBER 1, 2021, Located On The First Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held NOVEMBER 1, 2021, at 6 P.M.EOC/Training Room at the Hopkins County Sheriff Department, located at 298 Rosemont Street Sulphur Springs, Texas.

The Minutes Of The **Regular Meeting** Held NOVEMBER 8, 2021, In Commissioners' Courtroom Located On The First Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

The Minutes Of The **Work Session** Held NOVEMBER 8, 2021, Located On The Third Floor Of The Hopkins County Courthouse Located At 118 Church St., Sulphur Springs, TX.

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

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Bill Pentak, with Hopkins Energy Solar Project Presented Karen Weatherman From Sulphur Springs Senior Citizen Center With A \$1,000 Donation. Commissioner Bartley

Expressed His Gratitude For The Donation And Showed Appreciation For All The Hard Work The Staff Does At The Sulphur Springs Senior Citizen Center. Karen Stated That The Money Will Be Used For Thanksgiving Meals For Local Seniors.

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## **OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS**

### **i) COURT TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THE PURCHASE OF A 1 TON CREW CAB 4X4 FOR HOPKINS COUNTY PRECINCT 3.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, To Accept The Bid For A 1 Ton Crew Cab 4x4 Truck. Shannah Aulsbrook, County Auditor Stated That The Only Bid Came From Jay Hodge Chevrolet Of \$49,995. Commissioner Bartley Stated That Grant Money Will Be Used To Purchase The New Truck.

### **ii) THE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT(S) TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AGRI-LIFE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Mario Villarno Discussed Achievements Agri-Life Has Made In The Past Year. Such As, 42 Newspaper Articles, Beef Day Attendance, And Grassland Tour Day Success. Johanna Hicks Discussed Her Successful With Cooking Well With Diabetes Class, Walk Across Texas And Master Wellness Volunteer Program. [\(Ex. 1\)](#)

### **iii) COURT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHING OF THE REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR BY AND BETWEEN THE HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS ABD BT SOLTERRA SOLAR, LLC.**

#### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:23 AM**

Austin Willis Discussed BT Solterra Solar's Plan To Start Their 140 Million Dollar Project In The Saltillo School District. Austin Stated That The Application Has Been Turned Into The School District In October Of 2021 And Is Currently Under Comptroller Review. Austin Stated That He Plans For The Project To Begin The Second Half On 2022 And Be Fully Functioning By 2023. The Land Owners Are Los Senderos Cattle And Ranch Company And Delbert Tully Jr. [\(Ex. 2\)](#)

#### **CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:26 AM**

### **iv) COURT TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REINVESTMENT ZONE WITH BT SOLTERRA SOLAR LLC.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley, seconded by Commissioner Barker and carried unanimously, To Accept The Resolution Approving The Reinvestment Zone With BT Solterra Solar LLC.

### **v) COURT TO APPROVE CHAPTER 381 AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOPKINS COUNTY AND BT SOLTERRA SOLAR LLC.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**vi) COURT TO MAKE A MATTER OF RECORD THE REPORTS FROM THE 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, Homeland Security- Environmental Division, Homeland Security- Law Enforcement Division, 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. [\(Ex. 3\)](#)

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**COURT TO CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFER.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**BILLS, REVENUES AND EXPENSES PAYROLL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Bartley and carried unanimously, To Approve Payment Of Bills, Revenues And Expenses Payroll And Financial Statements.

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**GRANTS**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**DONATIONS**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**CONTRACTS**

**COURT TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN TARGETSOLUTIONS LEARNING, LLC, d/b/a VECTOR SOLUTIONS AND HOPKINS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Marshall Endsley Stated That The New Project Will Allow The Fire Department To Check Their Equipment, File Electronically, And Allow Them To Join Up With The Sheriff's

Department In Maintaining Their Equipment As Well. Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Barker And Carried Unanimously. [\(Ex. 4\)](#)

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**PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**DISPOSAL OF ASSETS**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**COURT TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF PINE FORREST SOLAR I AND PINE FOREST HYBRID I TO USE CERTAIN ROADS.**

Commissioner Bartley Addressed The Court Stating That The Original Agreement Specified The Use Of County Road 3338 And It Should Have Specified The Use Of 3334. Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin, Carried Unanimously. [\(Ex. 5\)](#)

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**THE COURT TO ADJOURN**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2021:**

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**County Judge**

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**Commissioner #1**

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**Commissioner #2**

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**Commissioner #3**

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**Commissioner #4**

**ATTEST:**

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