

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HOPKINS

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BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13th, day of NOVEMBER, 2023, there was conducted a **REGULAR** 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 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:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Robert Newsom. Fire Marshall, Andy Endsley offered an invocation and 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 9TH, 2023 at 10:35 A.M. Judge Newsom Declared A Quorum With All Members Being Present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon Motion By Commissioner Price, Seconded By Commissioner Barker And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Consent Agenda Items.

i) APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes Of The **Regular Session** Held SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 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 **Regular Session** Held SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, 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) COURT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ALONG COUNTY ROAD 4744.

A Request From Oncor Electric Delivery To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities In The Right Of Way Of County Road 4744. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.1](#))

b) COURT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WHICH WILL CROSS COUNTY ROADS 1174 AND 1443.

A Request From Farmers Electric Cooperative To Construct Electrical Power Distribution Facilities Which Will Cross County Roads 1174 And 1443. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.2](#))

CITIZENS COMMENTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

i) COURT TO ACCEPT LEASE PURCHASE FINANCE QUOTES FOR PCT 2 JOHN DEER 6100 M WITH DIAMOND BOOM MOWER.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Price And Carried Unanimously, To To Accept Lease Purchase Finance Quotes For Pct 2 John Deer 6100 M With Diamond Boom Mower. County Auditor, Shannah Aulsbrook, Stated There Were Two Bids Placed (Or Made?). Alliance Bank Offered 5% Interest Rate And CNB Offered A 5.35% Interest Rate. Shannah Recommended Accepting The Alliance Bank Offer. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.3](#))

ii) COURT TO BRING BACK FROM THE TABLE OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2023 REGULAR MEETING ITEM 4) REGARDING ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CULVERTS FOR HOPKINS COUNTY.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Price And Carried Unanimously, To Bring Back From The Table Of The October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Item 4) Regarding Accepting Bids For The Purchase Of Culverts For Hopkins County. County Auditor, Shannah Aulsbrook, Reported Receiving Bids From Contech Engineered Solutions, Josh Whitlock's Discount Culverts, And Burgin Pipe And Steel. Shannah Recommended Accepting All Bids Because Each Company Offers Different Options.

iii) COURT TO ACCEPT THE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CULVERTS FOR HOPKINS COUNTY.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Barker And Carried Unanimously, To Accept The Bids For The Purchase Of Culverts For Hopkins County.

iv) COURT TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2023 CHEV TAHOES FOR CONSTABLE 1 & 2 THROUGH THE BUYBOARD CONTRACT 698-23 FROM PARKWAY CHEVROLET.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin And Carried Unanimously, Approve The Purchase Of Two 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe For Constable 1 & 2 Through The Buyboard Contract 698-23 From Parkway Chevrolet. Chief Deputy, Tanner Crump Reported It Will Be \$54,037 For Each Tahoe. The Tahoes Will Come With A Spotlight And The Consoles Will Be Upgraded For Law Enforcement At The Dealership. However, There Will Be Additional Cost In The Future For The Light, Sirens, And Computer Being Installed.

v) COURT TO RECOGNIZE COMMISSIONER MICKEY BARKER FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE STUDIES AND SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ADVANCED CURRICULUM.

Judge Newsom Recognized Commissioner Mickey Barker For Having Successfully Completed The Studies And Satisfied The Requirements Of The Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. ([Ex.4](#))

vi) COURT TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR A REPLAT OF LOT 39 AND 40 OF HIGH POINT ESTATES.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Anglin And Carried Unanimously, To Approve The Final Plat For Replat Of Lot 39 And 40 Of High Point Estates. Steve Hudson Stated This Is A Simple Replat And All Requirements Have Been Met. He Recommends Approving The Replat. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.5\)](#)

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Anglin, Seconded By Commissioner Barker And Carried Unanimously, To Approve Line Item Transfers. County Auditor, Shannah Aulsbrook, Received \$310,250.29 Insurance Money From The Storm Damage To The Precinct 2 Barn. Shannah Stated The Funds Will Be Deposited Into The Precinct 2 Miscellaneous Expense Account. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.6\)](#)

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 Bartley, and carried unanimously.

GRANTS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DONATIONS

Upon Motion By Commissioner Barker, Seconded By Commissioner Price And Carried Unanimously, To Approve All Donations.

Agri-Life Extension Agent, Mario Villarino- Gutierrez Reported The Netbio Board Approved A \$11,000.00 Donation To The Civic Center For The Purchase Of A Manual Cattle Chute.

Fire Marshall, Andy Endsley, Reported Celeste Volunteer Fire Department Is Donating A Floatation Pump To The Hopkins County Fire Department.

CONTRACTS

i) COURT TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX ABATEMENT WITH SINGATURE SOLAR AND EG4.

Upon Motion By Commissioner Bartley, Seconded By Commissioner Price And Carried Unanimously, To Table Item 9) i) Court To Approve A Resolution Approving A Tax Abatement With Signature Solar And Eg4. For Further Discussion.

ii) COURT TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND HOPKINS COUNTY.

NO ACTION TAKEN

PERSONNEL MATTERS

NO ACTION TAKEN

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

NO ACTION TAKEN

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

NO ACTION TAKEN

AT 9:22 A.M. JUDGE NEWSOM RECESSED THE COURT UNTIL 5 P.M.

COURT TO RECONVENE AT 5:05 P.M.

With All Members Being Present With The Exception Of Commissioner Greg Anglin.

COUNTY JUDGE, ROBERT NEWSOM TO ORDER THE SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF FOR DECEMBER 9, 2023.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Upon Motion By Commissioner Price, Seconded By Commissioner Bartley To Bring Back Item 9) i) Court To Approve A Resolution Approving A Tax Abatement With Signature Solar And Eg4 From The Table. Chris Brown And Roger Feagley Discussed The Benefits Of The Tax Abatement And Explained The Progression Of The Agreement. A Copy Is Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. [\(Ex.7\)](#)

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 5:29 P.M.**

MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 11, 2023:

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**