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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
March 22, 2011

On Tuesday, March 22, 2011 the Honorable Commissioners Court of Smith County, Texas, met for a special meeting in the Smith County Commissioners Courtroom at the Smith County Courthouse Annex in the City of Tyler, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Joel P. Baker, County Judge, called the meeting to order with members present:

County Judge: Joel P. Baker	Presiding
Commissioner: Precinct 1 Jeff Warr	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 2 Cary Nix	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 3 Terry Phillips	Present
Commissioner: Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton	Present

II. INVOCATION

Harvy Tanner led the invocation.

III. OPEN SESSION

1. Presentation: Smith County Clean Up Committee

Commissioners Court received a presentation from the Smith County Clean up Committee. Presentation attached.

8. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to approve Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process with formation of CIP committee, including appointment of Commissioner Cary Nix as Commissioners Court representative to the Capital Improvement Program committee. Presentation and Capital Improvement Program policy attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

10. Resolution: Early Retirement Debt – Jail Project

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve resolution pledging future revenue to early retirement of debt related to jail project. Resolution attached.
Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

9. Consulting Service Contract: Smith County Operations

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Judge Joel Baker to approve the Consulting Service Contract with Les Smith. Consulting service contract attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

2. Facilities Projects Update

Commissioners Court received facilities projects update. Spring Street Park Project update attached.

3. Contract: Smith County Jail – Continental Prison Systems, Inc.

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve contract with Continental Prison Systems, Inc to provide kiosks at the Smith County Jail. Agreement attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

4. Bid: Smith County Sheriff's Office, RFP-03-11 Uniforms

Motion made by Commissioner - Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to authorize Purchasing Director to advertise and request sealed proposals for uniforms for the Smith County Sheriff's Office, RFP-03-11. Bid proposal attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

6. Application: Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG)

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve submission of a Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) application to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Crime Victim Services Division, for Smith County District Attorney's Office-Victim Services Division. Resolution of Governing Body attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

7. Agreement: ETMC-EMS Tower Site Lease

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to approve request by ETMC-EMS for a tower site lease agreement for equipment to be located at the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, 11325 University Drive Tyler, Texas. Agreement attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

11. Smith County Tax Office

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to authorize County Judge to sign Smith County Tax Office form approving refund in excess of \$2,500.00.

Refund form and copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

12. Resolution: Joseph Warren Day February 14, 2011

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 3 Terry Phillips to ratify a resolution declaring February 14, 2011 as Joseph Warren Day in Smith County.

Resolution attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

13. Commissioners Court Minutes: February 2011

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr to accept Commissioners Court minutes for February 2011. Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

14. Commissioners Court Recordings: February 2011

Commissioners Court received Commissioners Court recordings for February 2011.

15. Payment of Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 2 Cary Nix to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, and transfer of funds, amendments and health claims. Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

16. Plat: Emerald Bay Lake Subdivision Unit 4, Precinct # 1

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 1 Jeff Warr and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize County Judge to sign resubdivision plat Emerald Bay Lake subdivision unit 4, Precinct # 1.

Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

17. Report: Road and Bridge Department

Commissioners Court received status report from the Road and Bridge Department.

18. Report: Smith County Jail Inmate Status

\$460,360.00 spent this fiscal year housing inmates in other Counties

733 Total Population, 596 Male, 137 Female

679 in Smith County Jail and 54 transferred to other Counties.

27 Federal Prisoners, 11 scheduled to TDC, 64 paper ready.

19 Parole violations and 31 Parole violations with new charges.

64 Total child support cases, 36 non-payment of child support and

28 non-payment of child support with new charges.

Average stay for non-payment of child support: 77 days.

4 open jailer positions

Smith County Jail Population Summary attached. No action.

19. Smith County Jail Overcrowding: Facility Additions/Improvements

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 19 to discuss and consider solutions to jail overcrowding, including facility additions improvements.

Commissioners Court recessed Open Session at 10:09 a.m. and went into Closed Session at 10:22 a.m.

IV. CLOSED SESSION: To consult, receive, and seek advice from attorney pursuant to sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.073 of the Texas Government Code.

20. Receive consultation and seek legal advice regarding available options for general real estate and lease matters concerning County facilities.

21. Receive legal briefing, consultation, and seek legal advice regarding interpreter services and available options.

Commissioners Court recessed Closed Session at 10:43 a.m. and went directly into Open Session.

V. OPEN SESSION

22. Smith County Facilities

Commissioners Court took no action on agenda item 22 to discuss, consider, and approve action regarding available options for general real estate and lease matters concerning County facilities.

23. Bid: Interpreters for Smith County, RFP-04-11

Motion made by Judge Joel Baker and seconded by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton to authorize Purchasing Director to advertise and request sealed proposals for interpreters for Smith County, RFP-04-11.

Copies attached.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

5. Health and Wellness Program: Smith County Employees

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Judge Joel Baker to take any necessary action to initiate a health and wellness program for Smith County Employees. Letter attached.

Passed 4-1; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None) Commissioner Terry Phillips Voted "No".

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.


VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner – Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Judge Joel Baker that Commissioners Court adjourn.

Passed 5-0; Abstain: (None); Absent: (None).

Approved: 
Chairman Commissioners Court

ATTESTED:
Karen Phillips, County Clerk
Smith County Texas

By: 
Deana Miller, Deputy

