

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
9:30 a.m.



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COMMISSIONERS COURT
Nathaniel Moran, County Judge
Commissioner Jeff Warr, Precinct 1
Commissioner Cary Nix, Precinct 2
Commissioner Terry Phillips, Precinct 3
Commissioner JoAnn Hampton, Precinct 4



**COUNTY OF SMITH
COMMISSIONERS COURT
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Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, this notice is to advise that a regular meeting of the **Smith County Commissioners Court** will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020**, in the **Smith County Commissioners Courtroom** on the 1st floor of the **Smith County Courthouse Annex**, 200 E. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas.

Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to Commissioners Court Administrative Assistant at 903-590-4605. The agenda is available on the County's website (<http://www.smith-county.com>).

*****NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC*****

Based on guidance from federal, state, and local health officials and under the direction of orders issued by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott*, until further notice, the Smith County Commissioners Court will conduct all meetings utilizing telephonic and/or videoconference. Face-to-face interactions between members of the public and public officials during these meetings will be suspended.

Members of the public are encouraged to view the meetings live from the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/SmithCountyTexas/>
<https://tinyurl.com/sjqj7kw>

To view the meeting live, click on the dropdown link in the middle of the page titled "Streaming Live" and the most current meeting will appear in the box below.

Members of the public may also listen live to the meeting via Smith County's teleconference service. In order to do so, please call the toll free number below and follow the instructions given during the call.

1-866-899-4679

Access Code: 814-415-989

If members of the public want to make a public comment, please fill out the form on the link below and hit submit. All forms must be submitted before the beginning of the Commissioners Court Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

<https://tinyurl.com/wxcbbws>

Please ensure the correct phone number is provided on the form. Smith County Commissioners Court staff will be contacting you during the meeting to provide you with an opportunity to address the Court. Staff will make two attempts to contact the individual, if no contact is made they will move on to the next speaker or agenda item.

**CALL TO ORDER
DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT
DECLARE LEGAL NOTICES POSTED AND COURT DULY CALLED
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public who have previously filled out a participation form have an opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on agenda items. The Court is unable to deliberate on nonagenda items. If you desire to request a matter on a future agenda, you may make the request to a member of Commissioners Court. However, if you would like to make the request during an open meeting of Commissioners Court, you may do so but must confine your comments to your proposed agenda language. Individual comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. If you wish to address the Court, obtain a public participation form at the Commissioners Court entryway and submit the completed form to a staff member before the meeting begins. Please be mindful of the Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum when making your comments and/or attending public meetings.

OPEN SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING-9:30 a.m.:

1. Receive public input regarding the Smith County Fiscal Year 2020 Local Provider Participation Fund.

BRIEFING SESSION/COURT ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

2. Consider and take necessary action concerning:
 - a. The annual amount of the mandatory payments that the Commissioners Court intends to require of all local hospitals in 2020;
 - b. Make necessary revisions to the local rules adopted by the Commissioners Court on October 31, 2017; and
 - c. Take any other necessary actions to comply with Chapter 291A of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documentation.
3. Receive briefing from Judge Moran regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) preparations and status of governmental operations of the County in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; consider and take necessary action to protect the health, safety, and welfare of employees and citizens of Smith County as a result thereof.

COURT ORDERS

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES/SHERIFF'S OFFICE

4. Consider and take necessary action to extend the County Wide Cleanup program in Smith County.

PURCHASING

5. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the County Judge and Purchasing Director to make emergency purchases as needed during the pending COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise, solicit, and receive sealed proposals for RFP-16-20 Comprehensive Liability Insurance for Smith County.
7. Consider and take necessary action to approve submission of Texas Association of Counties renewal questionnaire for Comprehensive Liability Insurance quote for Smith County and authorize the County Judge to sign all related documentation.
8. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise, solicit, and receive sealed bids for the following:
 - a) RB-12-20 Road Improvements to County Road 411B – County Road 471 to I.H. 20;
 - b) RB-13-19 Road Improvements to County Road 2267 and 2249;
 - c) RB-14-20 Road Improvements to County Road 1263 (Cherokee Trail, Virginia Road and Bay Shore Drive); and
 - d) RB-15-20 FY20 Asphalt Pavement Preservation

ROAD AND BRIDGE

9. Consider and take necessary action to accept the completion of the construction contract for Road Improvements to County Road 168 (S.H. 155 to F.M. 2493), and authorize the County Judge to execute the Reconciliation Change Order, and authorize the final payment to Texana Land & Asphalt.
10. Consider and take necessary action to approve an interlocal agreement between Smith County and the City of Winona for Boom-Axe operations to public streets and roadways.
11. Consider and take necessary action to approve an interlocal agreement between Smith County and the City of Winona for Pavement Patching and Basic Repairs to public streets and roadways.

INFORMATION

ROAD AND BRIDGE

12. Receive pipe and/or utility line installation requests (notice only):
 - a. County Road 152W, Southern Utilities, road bore to install new water line, Precinct 1; and
 - b. County Road 196, Southern Utilities, road bore to install new water line, Precinct 1.

RECURRING BUSINESS

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

13. Approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

14. Receive into Commissioner's Court minutes the approved minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting of the Andrews Center Board of Trustees.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

15. Report on Smith County Jail Status and related information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For purposes permitted by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, entitled Open Meetings, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.0745, 551.075, and 551.076. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to exercise its discretion and may convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, et seq., on any of the items listed on its formal or briefing agendas.

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

16. Deliberation and consultation with attorney regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) preparations and responses.

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SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT FOR DISABLED

PERSONS This meeting site is accessible to disabled persons as follows: Entrance to the Courthouse Annex is accessible through the front entrance on the south side of the Courthouse Annex located at 200 E. Ferguson. A wheelchair ramp provides access to the front entrance. The Commissioners Courtroom is on the first floor. If any special assistance or accommodations are needed in order to attend a Commissioners Court meeting, please contact Commissioners Court staff at 903-590-4605, in advance, so accommodations can be arranged.

Date: March 27, 2020

Time: 2:30 p.m.



NATHANIEL MORAN, COUNTY JUDGE

Posted By:

