

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 31, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting in the Annex 2nd Floor Meeting Room (power loss in Commissioners Court room), Kaufman Texas with the following members present: **Hal Richards**, County Judge; **Mike Hunt**, Commissioner Precinct 1; **Skeet Phillips**, Commissioner Precinct 2; **Terry Barber**, Commissioner Precinct 3; **Ken Cates**, Commissioner Precinct 4; **Laura Hughes**, County Clerk.

INVOCATION;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG;

REMARKS FROM VISITORS;

ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

2. There came on to be a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Approve the appointment of Rhonda Hughey to the Kaufman County Children's Shelter Board for a term of three years, commencing August 1, 2021.

B. Accept Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2021.

C. Accept the Official Bond of Teresa Floyd for the Tax Assessor Collector's Office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

PRESENTATION

3. There came on to be a presentation of a Resolution to Ralph Davis, County Extension Agent, for his retirement with Kaufman County.

MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTION FEES

4. There came on to be a motion to approve implementation of new Election Equipment rental fees, services pricing, and establishment of base contracted Election cost.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Ken Cates.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDER

5. There came on to be a motion to approve an Order for 2021 Constitutional Amendment Special Election for November 2, 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Ken Cates.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE DEPUTATION

6. There came on to be a motion to approve the Deputation of John Robert Odom as a Deputy Constable with the Kaufman County Constable Precinct 2.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

7. There came on to be a motion to approve changes to the County Policy Manual regarding County Property assigned to employees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Cates and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

NO MOTION TAKEN ON ITEM 8

8. There came on to be no motion taken on Mental Health Leave Policy under Senate Bill 1359 (SB 1359) and Quarantine Leave Policy under House Bill 2073 (HB 2073).

MOTION TO APPROVE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF TAX ABATEMENT

9. There came on to be a motion to approve Assignment and Assumption of Tax Abatement from Darden Direct Distribution, Inc. to Lineage DR Master RE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED ROAD REPORT

10. There came on to be a motion to approve Amended 2021-2022 Precinct 3 Road Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL

11. There came on to be a motion to approve the second Contract Renewal for Participating Entity Services Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS).

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Ken Cates.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT

12. There came on to be a motion to approve the FY 2022 SAVNS Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General and Kaufman County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMPENSATION INCREASE

13. There came on to be a motion to approve raises (as presented) in the Sheriff's Department, with funds to come out of Sheriff's budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

Motion was put to a vote with Commissioner Mike Hunt, Commissioner Terry Barber, Commissioner Skeet Phillips voting 'for' and Commissioner Ken Cates voting 'against'. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING

14. There came on to be a motion to approve Road Construction Contracts and associated funding for Precinct 1 County Road and Bridge Projects, in the amount of \$1,552,235.16.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE SOLICITING OF RFP 21-26

15. There came on to be a motion to approve solicitation of RFP 21-26: Annual Contract for County Purchase of Various Road Materials, Hauling Materials, and County Road Projects.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AND EXPENSES

16. There came on to be a motion to approve Expenses and estimated Budget related to surplus storage and disposal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

17. There came on to be a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2020 Pneumatic Roller – HAMM GRW180i-15, in the amount of \$90,401.14, utilizing Buyboard Contract #597-19 for Precinct 4.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Cates and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT TERMINATION AND TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS

18. There came on to be a motion to approve permission to initiate termination notification to Forte, Inc. for credit card transactions with the County Tax Assessor's Office; and transfer of transaction accounts to Kaufman County existing Certified Payments contract, beginning October 1, 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSERS

19. There came on to be a motion to approve Line Item Transfers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

20. There came on to be a motion to approve Claims for Payment in the amount of \$1,653,829.30.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Cates and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING
AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session.

22. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071; Consultation with Attorney: Discussion of potential litigation regarding compliance with Kaufman County's Purchasing Policy.

23. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074; Discussion of personnel matters arising out of retirement of Fire Marshal Randy Richards.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ken Cates and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held. County Judge has Certified Agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING

24. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Ken Cates.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE MOVING FIRE MARSHAL UNDER SHERIFF'S OFFICE

25. There came on to be a motion to approve placing the Fire Marshal's office under the direction of the Sheriff's office until a new Fire Marshal is appointed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

25. Commissioner Ken Cates made an amendment to the above motion to include that Fire Marshal's office shall operate under the Policies and Procedures of Sheriff's office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There came on to be a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

I, Laura Hughes, County Clerk of Kaufman County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above Commissioner Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

Laura Hughes

Laura Hughes, County Clerk

