

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners' Court Meeting 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 Star Transit Ridership Reports for August 2022.

B. Approve cable installation and traffic control plans along County Road 309.

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.

**PRESENTATION**

3. There came on to be a presentation on REACH Child Placing Agency, as presented by Tammy Pargoud.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

4. There came on to be a motion to approve Supplemental Information to the Appointment of Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Election Officers, and Early Voting Officers for 2022-2024 Submission Term.

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 PLAT**

5. There came one to be a motion to approve Final Plat of Hilborn Addition, located on CR 253 and FM 1565 in Pct. 3.

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 PURCHASE OF FIREARM**

6. There came on to be a motion to approve the purchase of firearm by retired Sheriff's Department Deputy Bobby Nichols, in accordance with Commissioners Court Policy, pursuant to HB 1379, serial number PPL833.

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 EXITING REGULAR MEETING**

**AND ENTER INTO PUBLIC HEARING**

7. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Public Hearing.

8. Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for FY 2022-2023.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

8. A Public Hearing was held on Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for FY 2022-2023. Many residents spoke for and against Proposed Budget and Tax Rate.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING PUBLIC HEARING**

**AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING**

9. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Public Hearing and enter into Regular Hearing.

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 SETTING SALARIES**

10. There came on to be a motion to approve setting salaries, expenses and other allowances to all Elected County and Precinct Officers, as published.

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

Motion was put to a vote with Commissioner Mike Hunt, Commissioner Skeet Phillips, Commissioner Terry Barber voting 'for' and Commissioner Ken Cates and County Judge Hal Richards voting 'against'.

Motion carried and is so ordered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ADOPTING COUNTY BUDGET FY 2022-2023**

11. There came on to be a motion to approve the Budget of Record for FY 2022-2023 and take record vote. Commissioner Ken Cates and County Judge Hal Richards requested their comments be included in the Minutes, see attached.

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

Motion was put to a vote with Commissioner Mike Hunt, Commissioner Skeet Phillips, Commissioner Terry Barber, voting 'for' and Commissioner Ken Cates and County Judge Hal Richards voting 'against'.

Motion carried and is so ordered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SETTING TAX RATE**

12. There came on to be a motion to approve that the Property Tax Rate be decreased by the adoption of a Tax Rate of 0.416262, which is effectively a 9.74% percent decrease in the Tax Rate: 2022-2023 Debt Service Rate as 0.066558, Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate as 0.279292, and Road & Bridge Tax Rate as 0.070412, for a total Property Tax of 0.416262.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RATIFYING THE PROOPERTY TAX**

13. There came on to be a motion to approve ratifying the Property Tax of 0.416262 reflected in the FY 2022-203 Budget and take a record vote.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEES**

14. There came on to be a motion to approve the Sheriff's and Constables Fees for FY 2023.

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 ORDER SETTING COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING DATES**

15. There came on to be a motion to approve Order designating the Commissioners Court Regular Meeting days for the 2022-2023 Term.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2023 OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS**

16. There came on to be a motion to approve 2023 Official Holidays for Kaufman County Employees.

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 AGREEMENT**

17. There came on to be a motion to approve the FY23 Kaufman County VINE Service Agreement for Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service.

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE DEPUTATION**

18. There came on to be a motion to approve the Deputation of Justin K. Balous for the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office.

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 LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

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 CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT**

20. There came on to be a motion to approve Claims for Payment in the amount of \$2,102,710.23.

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 ADJOURN**

21. 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 true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

*Laura Hughes*

Laura Hughes, County Clerk

