

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023**

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: **Jakie Allen**, County Judge; **Mike Hunt**, Commissioner Precinct 1: Absent; **Skeet Phillips**, Commissioner Precinct 2; **Terry Barber**, Commissioner Precinct 3; **Tommy Moore**, 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 accept the Consent Agenda.

A. Accept Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2023.

B. Approve the Contractor's Notice of Project Completion and Warranty for bridge repair on County Road 153.

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.

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

C. Accept the Tax Assessor/Collector's Monthly Report for Property Tax Collections for February 2023.

D. Accept the Tax Assessor/Collector's Monthly Auto Collections Report for February 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST

3. There came on to be an Update and Financial Request from Susan Gulig with the Humane Society of North Texas regarding the daily operations of the Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center.

MOTION TO TABLE FINANCIAL REQUEST

3. There came on to be a motion to table an additional \$5000 a month for April through September 2023 to the Human Society of North Texas to help offset staffing and operational expenses.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE COURT ORDER

4. There came on to be a motion to approve a Court Order for Resolution to Establish an Advisory Committee for the Kaufman County Animal Services and Pet Adoption Center, as required in Health and Safety Code Title 10, Health and Safety of Animals, Chapter 823 Animal Shelters (Section 823.005).

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

5. There came on to a Presentation of the Fire Marshal's Office Quarterly Report.

MOTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN GRANT APPLICATION

6. There came on to be a motion to approve the opportunity to participate in Texas Consortium of Counties EASE Grant Application in conjunction with the Defense Human Resources Activity Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) with funding under the Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) 3.0 Grant.

Motion was made by County Judge Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR AND CLOSING OF OFFICE

7. There came on to be a motion to approve the Elections Department staff to attend the 41st Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials to be held July 30-August 2, 2023, in Austin, Texas, and the closure of the Elections Office during business days in this time period.

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 ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE AND CLOSING OF OFFICE

8. There came on to be a motion to approve the Elections Department staff to attend the 6th Annual International Association of Government Officials (IGO) Conference, Trade Show, and CPL Education Sessions to be held June 22-28, 2023, in Ft Worth, Texas and the closure of the Elections Office during business days in this time period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT

9. There came on to be a motion to approve a Contract between Kaufman County District Clerk's Office and Kofile for a preservation project, using TXMAS Contract Number 18-3602. Project to be paid for using Clerk's Records Management Preservation Funds.

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 PURCHASE OF SERVICE WEAPON

10. There came on to be a motion to approve retiring Investigator Charles Sexton to purchase his service weapon, pursuant to HB 1379 and Kaufman County Policy signed by Kaufman County Judge on December 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF SERVICE WEAPON

11. There came on to be a motion to approve retiring Investigator George York to purchase his service weapon, pursuant to HB 1379 and Kaufman County Policy signed by Kaufman County Judge on December 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

12. There came on to be a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kaufman County Sheriff's Office and the City of Kaufman for the use and payment of the Flock Camera System.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

13. There came on to be a motion to approve the Purchasing Department personnel restructuring, as presented. 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 AGREEMENT

14. There came on to be a motion to approve Project Agreements between Pct. 4 and the City of Gray's Prairie for ditch cleaning on the city's portion of County Road 4062, work totaling \$160.86; and adding material and blading to County Road 4062, repairs totaling \$616.91.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT

15. There came on to be a motion to approve a Project Agreement between Pct. 4 and the City of Gray's Prairie for patching County Road 4061, repair totaling \$395.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION

16. There came on to be a motion to accept a donation of road materials for County Road 4106 from Certified Recycling, 100 yards of recycled shingles.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD BOND FUNDING TRANSFERS

17. There came on to be a motion to approve Precinct 1 2019 Road Bond funding transfers in the amount of \$656,521.19.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT

18. There came on to be a motion to approve the Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Agreement with Hilltop Securities, LLC.

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 AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/CORRECTIONS

19. There came on to be a motion to approve Line-Item and Budget Transfers/Corrections

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 \$2,821,911.98.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

21. There came on to be a motion to approve a Resolution Opposing Developers Special Districts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore. Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING
AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

22. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: Discussion on real estate negotiations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held. Judge has certified agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING**

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

24. **NO ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

25. 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

