

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2024**

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; **Skeet Phillips**, Commissioner Precinct 2; **Terry Barber**, Commissioner Precinct 3, Absent; **Tommy Moore**, Commissioner Precinct 4; **Bobbie Bartlett**, Chief Deputy.

**INVOCATION;**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG;**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG;**

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS;**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Accept Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2024.

B. Approve the Deputation of Leslie De La Rosa for the Kaufman County Clerk's Office.

C. Approve reappointing Howard Jones, Ernest Owens and Terry Thomas to ESD 2 for a term of two years.

D. Accept Star Transit Ridership Reports.

E. Accept the Tax Assessor-Collector's Monthly Property Tax Collections Report for November 2023.

F. Accept the Tax Assessor-Collector's Monthly Auto Collections Report for November 2023.

G. Approve entering into a temporary construction agreement to address drainage issues on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Scurry.

H. Approve Hotwire Communications fiber optic installation along the County ROW located along Griffin Lane.

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**

3. There came on to be a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with ESD 2, located in Mabank.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE**

4. There came on to be a motion to approve purchasing a John Deere 333G Skid Steer for Pct. 1 Road & Bridge utilizing Sourcewell Contract #011723-JDC.

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 RESOLUTION**

5. There came on to be a motion to approve adopting a Resolution and authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program.

Motion was made by Judge Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

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

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT**

6. There came on to be a motion to accept the Collections Department Quarterly Report.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.  
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PLAT**

7. There came on to be a motion to approve the Final Plat of Wild Horse Estates Lot 1 located on County Road 4062 in Precinct 4.  
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 PLAT**

8. There came on to be a motion to approve the Final Plat of 3RG Addition located on FM 429 in Precinct 3.  
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 PURCHASE**

9. There came on to be a motion to approve going forward to negotiate the work on this deal for the County to purchase property located at 803 South Elm, Kemp, Texas 75143 adjacent to the Precinct 4 barn.  
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 INVESTMENT POLICY**

10. There came on to be a motion to approve the Kaufman County Investment Policy for 2024 per the requirements in Section 2256.005(e) of the Texas Government Code (also known as the Public Funds Investment Act).  
Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.  
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

**MOTION TO APPROVE LINE-ITEM AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/CORRECTIONS**

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT**

12. There came on to be a motion to approve Claims for Payment in the amount of \$3,732,360.66.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.  
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

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

13. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session.  
13. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, the Commissioners Court will meet in closed session to consult with attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation including but not limited to: Estate of Gabriel Winzer, et al v Kaufman County (Case No. 3:15-CCV-01284-N), Open Infra Fiber, and potential construction litigation for county buildings.  
14. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations between Kaufman County and Project Prime.  
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 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING**

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

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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was held. Judge has certified agenda.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT**

16. There came on to be a motion to approve the county to negotiate and prepare Right of Way Agreement and enhance exiting permit procedures to ensure Open Infra and its contractors and subcontractors are responsible for any damages to Kaufman County and the related entities before Open Infra can continue its operations in Kaufman County.

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 ADJOURN**

17. There came on to be a motion to adjourn.

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

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, County Clerk

