

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in Regular Meeting with the following members present to wit: **Bruce Wood**, County Judge; **Jimmy Joe Vrzalik**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **Skeet Phillips**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **Kenneth Schoen**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; **Jakie Allen**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; **Laura Hughes**, County Clerk.

**INVOCATION;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG;
REMARKS FROM VISITORS;**

ITEM 1.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 9:30 a.m.

ITEM 2.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING
AND ENTERING INTO PUBLIC HEARING**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Regular Meeting and entering into a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jean Kolar, Robert Cocco and James Kolar spoke on property taxes and roads. John Cook spoke on the proposed raises.

ITEM 3.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING PUBLIC HEARING
AND ENTERING INTO REGULAR MEETING**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Public Hearing and entering into the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 4.

MOTION TO APPROVE DATE TO ADOPT TAX RATE

There came on to be considered a motion to approve setting date, time and location of meeting to adopt the Budget and Tax Rate as Wednesday, September 2, 2105 at 9:30 a.m. in the Kaufman County Commissioners Court Meeting Room, 100 N. Washington Street, Kaufman, Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 5.

ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 6.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A.) Approve Deputation of Jacob Forman and Kathryn Mansfield as deputies for the Kaufman County Sheriff's Department.

See Attachments.

B.) Approve Project Agreement with the City of Crandall for pot hole repairs, Kaufman County Precinct 4. *See Attachment.*

C.) Approve Deputations of Patricia Robinson, Tammy Windham, Hollie Scargall and Itzel Gonzalez-Stiles for the Kaufman County Clerk's office. *See Attachments.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 7.

MOTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS

There came on to be considered a motion to accept Local Initiative Project (LIP) Grant Funds (Emissions Enforcement Grant) for \$4003.00 for 2014-2015 and \$34,544.00 for 2015-2016, as presented by Pam Corder, Project Manager. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 8.

MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT SUBMISSION

There came on to be a considered a motion to approve submission of grant application for the Constable's Safety Equipment Grant with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, as presented by Pam Corder, Project Manager. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 9.

PRESENTATION

There came on to be a discussion on the statutory procedures used by Emissions Control Officer in Kaufman County, stationed in Precinct 2, as presented by Deputy Constable Jerry Kitchens, Precinct 2. *See Attachment.*

ITEM 10.

MOTION TO APPROVE POSITION

There came on to be a considered a motion to approve Constable Precinct 2 position for Emissions Control Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 11.

MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES

There came on to be a considered a motion to approve Election Judges for the next year, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 12.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATED POLLING SITES

There came on to be considered a motion to approve the Consolidated Polling Sites for the November 2015 election, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 13.

MOTION TO APPROVE EARLY VOTING HOURS

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Early Voting hours, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 14.

MOTION TO APPROVE PETITION AND ORDERING ELECTION

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Petition for a November election to legalize the Sale of Beer and Wine for Off-Premise Consumption Only, in Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, and ordering election for same, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 15.

MOTION TO APPROVE PETITION AND ORDERING ELECTION

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Petition for a November election to legalize the Sale of Mixed Beverages in Restaurants by Food and Beverage Certificate Holders Only, in Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, and ordering election for same, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 16.

MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTRONIC VOTING

There came on to be considered a motion to approve voting by electronic machines only for the November election, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 17.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT

There came on to be considered a motion to accept the Tax Assessor-Collector's Monthly Report for July 2015, as presented by Tonya Ratcliff, Tax Assessor-Collector. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 18.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT

There came on to be considered a motion to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2015, as presented by Ronnie Oldfield, Treasurer. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 19.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AMENDED REPORT

There came on to be considered a motion to accept Amended Road Report for Kaufman County Road and Bridge Precinct 4. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 20.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT AND BOND

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Road Use Agreement, Contract and Permit and \$1,000,000.00 Construction Bond for Holloman Corporation – Atmos Energy Pipeline Project. *See Attachments.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 21.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROAD AND BRIDGE VOLUNTEERS

There came on to be considered a motion to approve allowing citizens to volunteer to Work with the Precinct 4 Road and Bridge Commissioner, every Tuesday during the month of September.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 22.

MOTION TO APPROVE REPAIRS

There came on to be considered a motion to approve repairs to transmission for motor grader by RDO in the amount of \$30,500 for Road and Bridge Precinct 4.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 23.

MOTION TO TABLE POLICY CHANGES

There came on to be considered a motion to table changes to the Kaufman County Cell Phone Policy, as presented by Jack Sebastian, Purchasing Agent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 24.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BID

There came on to be considered a motion to approve advertising a bid for a Wheel Loader for Precinct 1 Road and Bridge, as presented by Jack Sebastian, Purchasing Agent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 25.

**MOTION TO TABLE EXITING REGULAR MEETING
AND ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There came on to be considered a motion to table exiting the Regular Meeting and entering into an Executive Session, pursuant to §551.087(1)(2) of the Government Code; Re: Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations with Kaufman Economic Development Corporation (EDC) officials concerning an existing industry located in the City of Kaufman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 26.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not held.

ITEM 27.

**MOTION TO TABLE EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND ENTERING INTO REGULAR MEETING**

There came on to be considered a motion to table exiting the Executive Session and entering into the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 28.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 28

ITEM 29.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Budget Amendments for Road and Bridge Precinct 1-4 in the amount of \$292,028.00, as presented by Karen MacLeod, Auditor. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 30.

MOTION TO APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Line Item Transfers, as presented by Karen MacLeod, Auditor. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 31.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Claims for Payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 32.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There came on to be considered a motion to adjourn Regular Meeting.

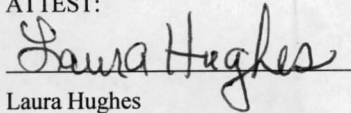
A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT 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

County Clerk

