

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. 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. ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM 2. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Approval of Deputation of Keely Lavin for the District Clerk's Office. *See Attachment.*

B. Acceptance of Kaufman County Children's Shelter Director's Report for September and October 2015. *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 3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement for the SH 34 Main Lanes Project (from Ellis County Line to FM 1388), between Kaufman County and Lina T. Ramey & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$999,971.17, as presented by John Polster, Consultant with Innovative Traffic Solutions. *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 4. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement for the US 80 Intersection Improvements Project (proposed improvements at the intersection of US 80 with SH 205 and FM 148), between Kaufman County and Othon, Inc. in the amount of \$647,983.67, as presented by John Polster, Consultant with Innovative Traffic Solutions. *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 5. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement for the FM 548 Project (proposed improvements to FM 548 from US 80 to SH 205), between Kaufman County and Pacheco Koch in the amount of \$1,299,095.32, as presented by John Polster, Consultant with Innovative Traffic Solutions. *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 6.**

**ROAD BOND STATUS UPDATE**

There came on to be a presentation on the status of the Kaufman County Road Bond Program, presented by John Polster, Consultant with Innovative Traffic Solutions. *See Attachment.*

**ITEM 7.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve the 2016 Kaufman County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program, as presented by Pam Corder, Project Manager. *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 8.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2016 HOLIDAYS**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve the Official 2016 Holidays for Kaufman County Employees. *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 9.**

**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 Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

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

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**ITEM 10.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Claims for Payment for \$1,218,451.08.

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 11.**

**DISCUSSION OF ROAD BONDS AND PASS THROUGH TOLL MONEY**

There came on to be a discussion of Kaufman County Unlimited Tax Road Bonds, Series 2014 and future road bond issues, Interlocal Agreements with the City of Terrell and the City of Kaufman regarding road projects and pass-through toll revenue reimbursements from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). *See Attachment.*

**ITEM 12.**

**SALES TAX DISCUSSION**

There came on to be a discussion and update on local sales and use tax options (County Assistance District Sales Tax), presented David Mendez with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP. *See Attachment.*

**ITEM 13.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING**

**AND ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Regular Meeting and entering into an Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.102; Consultation with County's legal counsel regarding matters protected by the Attorney-Client privilege related to the County road bonds and related matters described in Item 11 and Item 12.

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 14.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session was held. County Judge has Certified Agenda.

**ITEM 15.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**AND ENTERING INTO REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

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

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**ITEM 16.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

**ITEM 17.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

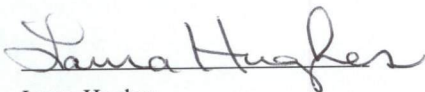
Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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 and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas



Laura Hughes

County Clerk

