

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

BRIAN ROSSON
JOSH ELDER
DAVID MURPHREE
BIZ HOUSTON

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

TERRI BERRY

COUNTY CLERK

9:00 am Regular Meeting:

Call to Order-Judge Cindy Therwhanger

Invocation

Pledge-United States and Texas

1. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Court during Public Comments is required to register your name on the registry prior to the meeting. Speakers may only address items listed on the current agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes speaking time. The Court cannot deliberate or act on matters not listed on the agenda.
 - a) Terri Hughes, with Atmos briefly discussed the importance of dialing 811 and gave her cards to anyone that would like to contact her regarding issues or needing more information.
 - b) Susan Shaw, Tax Assessor stated with Angie Alvarado retiring she would be promoting Tarran Deleon as chief deputy once Angie retires. She stated that Tarran Deleon is a great asset with 12 years tax experience
2. Department Updates:

EMS Service – Carly French

Carly French, EMS Director presented updates and statistics regarding ambulance and a new van purchases, staff, cost of services, mileage, transfers and income brought in. She stated that revenue has increased due in part to these changes and updates. (see attached)
3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
 - a) Discuss consider and/or approve the minutes from last month's meetings November 8, 2023, November 13, 2023 and November 21, 2023.
 - b) Discuss, consider and/or approve payroll payables.
 - c) Discuss, consider and/or act regarding accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the routine administrative items as presented.

Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a contract for inmate housing with Garza County.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the contract with Garza County for inmate housing at \$62 daily as presented by Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on plans with Metro to install manholes to clean out water line in Precinct 3.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to table this item awaiting Metro to make changes as requested by court and Judge Therwhanger to contact them requesting they attend the commissioners court December 20th. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the request to purchase two pickups from Premier of Lamesa for Precinct 1. Total Cost: \$55,432.69 each

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 2024 Ram 2500 pickups from Premier of Lamesa in the amount of \$55,432.69 each for Precinct 1. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 2 to purchase a lawn mower from Watermaster. Total Cost: \$22,996.90

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the purchase of a lawnmower from Watermaster in the amount of \$22,996.90 for Precinct 2. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a policy regarding rebates from vendors.

Following much discussion this item was tabled until further research and a policy can be written and put in place, at this time all employees will receive the policy.

9. Open Request For Qualification; take any necessary action.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a Request for Qualification from JSA to be the architect firm available for the county on certain projects. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the purchase of a manlift from ASCO Equipment for county-wide use. Total Cost: \$93,138.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a BuyBoard purchase of a manlift from Associated Supply Company Inc. (ASCO) Equipment for county wide use at a cost of \$93,138.00 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. Consider approving subdivision application(s), take note of known subdivision exceptions, consider any requests for subdivision variances; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following subdivisions:

- StateLine Estate – Peter & Helena Neustaeter – Precinct 2
- Pecan Hills – Graneleras Corporation – Precinct 1

Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. Consider current road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve 2 road crossings on CR 304 J – John Friessen/ Fred Fehrs – in Precinct 3. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

Judge Therwhanger- She expressed thank you to the precincts involved in the renovations at the Parks and Golf Course. She stated there needed to be a designated cooking area at the Park building as not under the awning at the building, the concrete slab is complete with minor cracks and they are being repaired, the old house has been torn down, leaks fixed and the golf cart paths completed.

Commissioner Rosson- He stated Romero Guerra, Seagraves Police Department Chief had contacted him regarding the part of the building not in use that the tax and JP's office currently are in. He stated this would be something the court would be willing to rent to him for the police department, however, more research and discussions are needed.

Commissioner Elder-He stated he will be using the insurance money to drill water on CR 218 at the caliche pit & placing a tank there and Higginbotham for the fire department use and upgrading his building.

Commissioner Murphree- He stated the power lines have been buried at the walking park and cement will be poured today and will most likely complete the lighting project next week. He stated the old sign at the golf course has been taken down and where there once was an arch at the entrance and it has old slabs that will evidentially be taken down

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. May be acted upon, if appropriate, in open session:

- a. Texas Government Code § 551.129(2): Consultation with attorney

Executive Session began at 10:26a.m.

Open Session began at 10:54a.m. Commissioner Houston made a motion for a temporary suspension of Golf Course privileges be issued. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn;

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for December 6, 2023.



Terri Berry

Terri Berry, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
Gaines County, Texas

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2. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
 - a) Discuss, consider and/or approve payroll payables.
 - b) Discuss, consider and/or act regarding accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
 - c) Discuss, consider and/or approve the officer's report reporting all fines imposed and collected for the month of November pursuant to Local Government Code 114.004 and Texas Government Code 51.042.
 - d) Discuss, consider and/or approve renewal contracts:
 - a. CSI - \$658.00
 - b. Motorola Solutions-Sheriff's Department
 - i. \$724.06
 - ii. \$25,377.10

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the renewal contract on CSI in the amount of \$658.00, Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$724.06 & \$25,377.10 and routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on purchasing body cameras from Axon Enterprise for jailers. Total Cost: \$44,108.77

Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff stated the old system used for body cameras is out of date and stated he was going to sign up with Axon Enterprises for 8 body cameras and 16 licenses in the amount of \$44,108.77 to be paid out of inmate commissary funds. No action taken

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a Joint Elections Services Contract for Democratic and Republic Chairs.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the Joint Elections Services Contract for the Democratic and Republic Chairs as presented by Patricia Robertson, Election Administrator. Commissioners Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an Emergency Services Agreement with the City of Seminole for Seminole EMS services.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Emergency Services Agreement with the City of Seminole for Seminole EMS services. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on plans with Metro representatives to install manholes to clean out water line in Precinct 3.

This item was tabled as Commissioner Murphree was not in attendance. This item will be put on the January 17th Agenda.

7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a resolution for a routine airport maintenance program grant.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a Resolution for a routine airport maintenance program 90/10 grant with the county paying 10% of the cost. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on submitting a letter to be included in the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2024 County Assistance Program with TxDot.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion approving Judge Therwhanger to sign the letter to be included in the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2024 County Assistance Program with TxDot. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on casting ballot for Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve casting ballots for Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool Board of Directors as follows: Donna Eccleston, Lane Akin & Tricia Jacks. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a Resolution of the Gaines County Commissioner's Court for Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for Meetings.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the Resolution stating Public Comments are to be 3 minutes and to extend time as seen appropriate, Judge Pro Tem is defined in Section 5 and Commissioner Court meetings will be held every other Wednesday at 9:00a.m. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote from Frontier Dodge for the purchase of two pickups for Precinct 3. Cost: \$51,890 each

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 Ram 2500 pickups from Frontier Dodge for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$51,890.00 each to be paid out of Precinct 3 funds. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request for a BuyBoard purchase for two tractors and shredders for Precinct 2 from South Plains Implement. Cost: Tractor \$126,392.79 each / Shredders \$31,144.04 each

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the BuyBoard purchase from South Plains Implement of 2 tractors in the amount of \$126,392.79 each and 2 shredders at \$31,144.04 each to be paid out of Precinct 2 funds. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request for Precinct 2 to drill a water well at CR 218 pit.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve Precinct 2 to drill a water well at CR 218 pit. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on increasing mileage reimbursement rate to 67 cents per mile to meet IRS standard mileage rates.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement rate increase to .67 cents per mile to meet the IRS standard mileage rates. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an insurance quote from Texas Association of Counties.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the blanket insurance policy presented by Ernesto Galindo with TAC, the amount will be prorated from January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024 with the Liability Contribution & Coverage Declarations-Proposal pages marked accordingly. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

16. Consider approving subdivision application(s), take note of known subdivision exceptions, consider any requests for subdivision variances; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve Mesa Grande Estates subdivision in Precinct 1 by Jeannie Peterson, Tribe Estates in Precinct 3 by John Peters and Cotton Ridge Estates Phase 1 in Precinct 3 by Froese Land LLC. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve South Point Estates subdivision in Precinct 3 by Bernhard Wieler. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve Cotton Ridge Estates Phase 2 subdivision in Precinct 3 by Froese Land LLC. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve Cotton Ridge Estates Phase 3 subdivision in Precinct 3 by Froese Land LLC. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve Cotton Ridge Estates Phase 4 subdivision in Precinct 2 by Froese Land LLC. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

17. Consider approving road crossing request(s); take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following road crossings in Precinct 1 by Todd McKimmey, with ONEOK Texas Gas Storage LLC:

- CR 123-Sections 28 & 13
- CR 123 –Sections 12 & 29
- CR 126-Sections 12 & 13

Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

18. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business; for information purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for a future agenda.

Judge Therwhanger stated the next Commissioners Court, January 3rd will be a smaller agenda with the majority of items being on the January 17th Commissioners court.

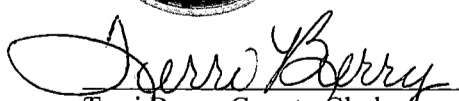
19. Adjourn

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39a.m.

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for December 20, 2023.




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Clerk of Commissioner's Court
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