

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 2 , 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.

Terry Millican stated he is active in buying animals for camps and upcoming shows. He stated the South Plains Regular meeting is soon. He stated Erin Snodgrass's upcoming cooking challenges are coming soon. (see attached)

2. 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 July 5, 2023 and July 19, 2023.
 - b) Discuss, consider and/or approve payroll payables.
 - c) Discuss, consider and/or act regarding accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
 1. Discuss, consider and/or approve renewal contracts:
 - Trane – Annual Service Agreement \$29,628.00
 - Office Calendar - \$351.00
 - Cyber Security Insurance - \$14,333.81

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the contract with Trane in the amount of \$29,628.00, Office Calendar renewal software in the amount of \$351.00, Cyber Security Insurance in the amount of \$14,333.81 and routine administrative items as presented. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from a vendor to place a vending machine at the Gaines County Park.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to deny a request from C & J Dropship to place a vending machine at the Gaines County Park. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on golf tournament requests.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve golf tournament requests as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a Health Fair at the Seagraves Branch Library September 11, 2023.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a Health Fair at the Seagraves Branch Library on September 11, 2023. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

6. Update on services offered from Veterans Service Officer, Johnny Hernandez.

Johnny Hernandez, Veterans Service Officer stated he has attended a truck show, 4th of July festival, Character Camp, has been on the radio station live program, meals on wheels and will attend the health fair. He has assisted veterans in completing DD214 and has a link on the Gaines County website showing where veterans are buried. No action taken.

7. Update on meetings with TX Dot regarding project on North Main and future projects.

Judge Therwhanger stated TxDot will open traffic back up on Main street red light Aug 13th. They changed the cycle of the red light going north and south to alleviate crowding. TxDot is not open to the idea of taking over any county roads, therefore commissioners court will meet with engineers for possible solutions. No action taken

8. Open bids for security door and camera system for the Gaines County Jail.

No action taken

9. Open bids for fuel tanks and replacement pumps at the airport, take any necessary action.

The one bid received from Innovative Fueling Solutions was denied by Commissioner Murphree. Judge Therwhanger suggested getting another bid for just the pumps.

10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an Order of Appointment for Election Judge and Alternates.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve an Order of Appointment for Election Judge and Alternates as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary to increase juror pay to meet the requirements of House Bill 3474 (Article 8/Section 8.001).

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the increase in juror pay to \$20 for the first day and \$52 daily when in attendance per HB 33474 with a reimbursement of \$14.00 per juror. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on approving a request from Treasurer Michael Lord to increase jury budget line item to \$10,000.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a request from Michael Lord, Treasurer to increase jury budget line too \$10,000.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving replenishing jury money held by the Treasurer.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve replenishing jury money held by the Treasurer by requesting a demand check from the Auditor. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary to approve the quarterly investment report.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the quarterly investment report as presented by Michael Lord, Treasurer. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a buy board purchase of a Caterpillar Model 938 M Wheel loader for Precinct 3 to replace Unit 3115. Total Cost: \$283,995.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a buy board purchase of a Caterpillar Model 938 M Wheel loader for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$283,995.00

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

16. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action a request from Peter Klassen to abandon a right of way easement not used for public access out of Tract 6 (9.59-acre tract out of Section 18, Block C-44, Public School Land, Gaines County, TX).

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve a request from Peter Klassen to close a ROW easement out of Tract 6 (9.59 acre tract out of Section 18 Blk C-44 PSL). Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

17. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the Gaines County Courthouse Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the Gaines County Courthouse Emergency Preparedness Plan as reviewed and approved by D. A. Dagley, Robert Barrett & Zack Holbrooks. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

18. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on individual contracts for juvenile residential services.

- a) Grayson County
- b) Hays County
- c) Taylor County
- d) Gulf Coast Trades Center
- e) Right of Passage;

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve juvenile contracts on Grayson County, Hays County, Taylor County, Gulf Coast Trades Center and Right of Passage as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

19. To consider, discuss and take action necessary to approve a public notice concerning the Indigent Health Care Program.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion at approve a public notice regarding the Indigent Health Care Program rules and regulations as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

20. Discuss report and proposal from TXDOT for federally funded grant for reconstruction of existing runways and taxiways.

Commissioner Murphree stated TxDot had been here 30-60 days ago for an assessment of the airport. The east & west runway and north and south taxi way was their biggest concern. They stated the project would cost an estimate of 9 million dollars with the 90/10 grant they would cover 90% of the cost. They also stated there could possibly be help with the 10% funding required by the county. He stated this would possibly be a 2025/2026 project therefore there would be time to assess the process to save money for the 10% required by the county. No action taken

21. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on changing Commissioner Court meetings:

- a. August 30, 2023, to Monday, August 28, 2023.
- b. November 22, 2023 to Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to change Commissioner Court meeting dates from August 30, 2023 to Monday August 28, 2023 and November 22, 2023 to Tuesday November 21, 2023. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

22. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on spray foam for the Emergency Operations Center. Total Cost \$5,400 – Western Insulation

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the spray foam for the Emergency Operations Center by Western Insulation in the amount of \$5,400.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

None

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

None

25. 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 there was a great turn out at the rodeo and there were issues with the water wells and arena lights need replaced. The arena lights will be placed on the next agenda to go out for bids. She stated she had a meeting with the city regarding the temporary water line issue and was waiting on a letter from the city to get the process in place. Judge Therwhanger stated the replacement water heaters at the jail have been ordered with a cost of \$36,836.99. She also stated that the Gaines County policy at the park needs to be revised with issues regard the fire alarm going off due to individuals using BBQ pits near the building. She asked the commissioners to asses this issue and let her know the distance that needs stated and Robert Barrett will find the proper wording and code required for distance.

Commissioner Elder stated JNL Steel is donating metal for water wells for the cemetery. He stated he will place on the next agenda the transfer of 2 pickups from Maintenance to Precinct 2.

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor stated that the Coca Cola company had stated in the past in commissioners court that the county would receive 10% of income from sales however the last check received was in 2015. She stated they changed their policy and did not get approval from commissioners court. She has an email and has spoke with someone regarding this issue.

26. Budget workshop – the following item(s) provide a framework for discussions but should not be considered to limit discussions on other budget issues that may arise.

- a) Discuss the proposed tax rates to fund the Tax Year 2023/FY 2024 General Fund (GF) and Flood Control / Lateral Road (FC/LR) budgets.

Following much discussion with the budget increases and decreases for each department and all entities having turned in their rates Esmeralda Felan, Auditor presented the proposed tax for 2023FY 2024 as .478942 which is above the no new revenue rate. An agenda was set for August 7, 2023 to vote on the proposed tax rate. Esmeralda Felan, Auditor presented proposed increases in the budget with health insurance and retirement with a total of \$120,390.72 She also presented other entities budget changes: Appraisal District, District Attorney appropriation, District Court appropriation and city of Seminole Fire department with a total increase of \$85,276.00

- b) Consider and adopt any necessary policy changes to be included in the final Budget book.

Judge Therwhanger stated the only update needed was the cell phone policy.

27. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:12a.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 August 2, 2023.



Terry Berry

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



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 7 , 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
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TERRI BERRY

COUNTY CLERK

9:00 am

Special 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

None

2. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the proposed tax rates to fund the Tax Year 2023/FY 2024 General Fund (GF) and Flood Control / Lateral Road (FC/LR) budgets.

All commissioners & Judge Therwhanger voted yea to approve the 0.478943 proposed tax rate for 2023/FY 2024. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a change order in the amount of \$65,532.50 for golf cart pathways.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$65,532.50 for the golf pathways. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Judge Therwhanger voted against therefore, 4 approved votes from all commissioners.

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the transfer of two vehicles from Maintenance to Precinct 2.

a. Unit B-72 / 2008 Chevy Truck

b. Unit B-30 / 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Truck

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the transfer of 2 vehicles from the Maintenance department to Precinct 2. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss revisions to the Rental Rules and Other Information for the Gaines County Park Community Center.

Following discussion there will be signs placed at the Gaines County Park Community Center stating cooking only on the South side designated area. This will also be placed in the rules for individuals renting the facility.

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 4 to request bids for lighting at the Gaines County Rodeo Arena.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to go out for bids for lighting at the Rodeo arena with bids turned in by August 15th and opened August 28th. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

May be acted upon, if appropriate, in open session:

Executive session began at 3:17p.m.


- a. Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters)
Open session began at 3:47p.m. no action taken
8. Adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:48p.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 August 7, 2023.




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



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 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

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TERRI BERRY

COUNTY CLERK

9:00 am

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order-Judge Cindy Therwhanger

Invocation

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None

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 renewal contracts:

Vista Solutions Group, LP - \$4,275.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the routine administrative items and the contract with Vista Solutions Group LP for \$4,275.00 as presented.

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

3. Meet with Chamber of Commerce Director Shawntay Pettyjohn to receive report on July 4 at the Park and to discuss Ag/Oil Day.

Shawntay Pettyjohn, Chamber of Commerce Director, stated her appreciation for the county assisting in many aspects of making the July 4th event successful. She stated the only issues were with trash and dumpsters and maintaining the gate & golf cart situations and these would be resolved next year. She stated the next event would be Experience Seminole and the great Comeback for all ex's from Seminole High School and combining the Ag & Oil day events as well. There will be various events planned for September 8th (reception, pep rally and football game and September 9th (vendors, food trucks, little kid participation events, lunch for ex's, street concert, etc)

4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving Order of Constitutional Amendment election on November 7, 2023.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the Order of Constitutional Amendments (14) for the election on November 7, 2023 as presented by Patricia Roberson, Election Administrator. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

5. Meet with Ernesto Galindo from TAC for a presentation on services offered by Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool.

Ernesto Galindo and Carmen Napp with TAC management pool discussed various services including law enforcement liability, property coverages, cyber security, jail

inspections, online and in person training, elected official liability coverage, etc) (see attached) No Action taken

6. Open bids for materials for Precinct 3 shop porch extension using insurance funds; act as appropriate.

None received

7. Open bids for materials for Precinct 3 equipment bay extension using insurance funds; act as appropriate.

None received

8. Open bids for materials for Gaines County Airport for equipment cover lean to using insurance funds; act as appropriate.

None received

9. To consider, discuss and take any action on accepting a gift from John Loeppky.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a donation from John Loeppky, JNL Steel of a well west of the cemetery within 50 feet of land all around the well , with Joe Nagy, County Nagy preparing a deed. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary on approving a fire alarm system for the EOC.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a fire alarm system for the EOC from Impact Fire Services in the amount of \$9,800.00 as presented by Robert Barrett, EOC Director. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary on approving a security alarm for the EOC.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve a security alarm for the EOC from JL3 Integrated Solutions in the amount of \$985.55 as presented by Robert Barrett, EOC Director. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a buy board purchase of a Caterpillar Model CB1.8 Paving Roller for Precinct 1. Total: \$35,950.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a buy board purchase of a 2021 Caterpillar Model CB1.8 Paving Roller for Precinct 1 from Warren Cat in the amount of \$35,950.00. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on individual contracts for juvenile residential services.

- a) Pegasus Schools
- b) Garza County Regional Juvenile Center
- c) Lubbock County
- d) Randall County

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following contracts for juvenile residential services as presented: Pegasus Schools, Garza County Regional Juvenile Center, Lubbock County and Randall County. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a contract with Nikki Russel for juvenile non-residential counseling services.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the contract with Nikki Russel for juvenile non-residential counseling services as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an Inter-local Agreements for Inmate Housing.

- a. Lynn County

b. Andrews County

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the Inter-local Agreements for inmate housing with Lynn County (\$60 daily) and Andrews County (\$55 daily) as presented by Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

16. Meet with Michael Lord to consider the updated County Investment Authority and Policy; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the updated County Investment Authority Policy as presented with no changes by Esmeralda Felan, Auditor. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on renewal of an agreement between the Gaines County and West Texas Centers to provide mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the renewal agreement between Gaines County and West Texas Centers for the fiscal year as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

18. To consider, discuss and take action necessary to go out for bids for FY 2024 contracts for road building / repair materials, including but not necessarily limited to sand, gravel, caliche, rock (all sizes), and asphalt (all types and grades), as well as prices for hauling said materials to storage locations in the County, set a date of September 27, 2023 for opening bids

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to go out for bids for all Precincts for FY 2023 road building materials and turned in by September 26 and opened September 27th. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

19. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary to purchase a full deck tilt trailer for Precinct 2. Total cost: \$9200.00

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the purchase of a full deck tilt trailer for Precinct 2 from Seminole Trailer Sales in the amount of \$9,200.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve a subdivision application by John Guenther for the 307 Sunset Estates subdivision in Precinct 3. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

None

22. 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: TxDot is now stating they will open the road on main street this Friday. There is a need for a generator for the EOC building. The District Attorney sent a budget increase request of \$2,431.59 which was denied due to the timeline of budget requests. She asked the auditor to give the timeline of the budget next year to the District Attorney who stated he did not receive it this year.

Commissioner Elder: Roads 214 & 83 where recent accidents have happened were evaluated for safety. He stated that all safety precautions were in place.

Commissioner Murphree: There was a meeting with Metro Water regarding the temporary water line that was to be replace and moved months ago. He stated they are not willing to start resolving the issue soon and stated this project needs cleaned up. Judge Therwhanger stated the meeting did not go as she had planned and was going to follow up with emails and put this item on the August 28th agenda.

Scott Shortes, IT Director: All Cyber Security courses have been taken by all employees and all have passed. He sent in the certification to the state today.

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor: There were budget errors in the newspaper regarding dates therefore, it will be rerun Friday. She stated Monday, August 28th there will be public hearings, the budget will be adopted and tax rates set.

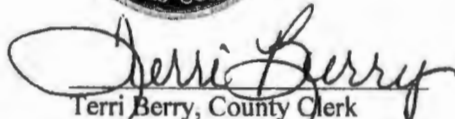
23. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:04a.sm

I, Terri Berry, Gaines County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for August 16, 2023.




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



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GAINES

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M. THE COUNTY JUDGE CINDY THERWHANGER PRESIDING AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COURT IN ATTENDANCE.

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| BRIAN ROSSON | | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1 |
| JOSH ELDER | | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2 |
| DAVID MURPHREE | ABSENT | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3 |
| BIZ HOUSTON | | COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4 |

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| TERRI BERRY | COUNTY CLERK |
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9:00 am Regular Meeting:

Call to Order-Judge Cindy Therwhanger
Invocation
Pledge-United States and Texas

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed elected official salary increase; take action as appropriate.
Judge Therwhanger opened the Public hearing at 9:00a.m. stating elected official's salaries and the 6 % raise to all county employees had been published in the newspaper and posted on the county website. The public hearing closed at 9:02a.m. with no public in attendance.
2. Discuss and consider setting the amount of compensation, office and travel expenses and all other allowances for county and precinct officers and employees; take action as appropriate.
Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve setting the amount of compensation, office and travel expenses and all other allowances for county and precinct officers and employees as set forth in budget session. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Conduct a public hearing to consider adopting the Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget; take action as appropriate.
Judge Therwhanger opened the Public hearing at 9:03a.m. stating due to the increase in the population to 22,181, that 14% are poverty level and 23% of these in poverty are over the age of 65. The Public hearing was closed at 9:04a.m. with no public in attendance.
4. Discuss the proposed tax rates to fund the Tax Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 General and Flood Control / Lateral Road Maintenance and Operation budgets; take action as appropriate.
Judge Therwhanger discussed with the commissioners in attendance the proposed tax rate to fund the Tax Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 with the Proposed Fiscal year 2024 Tax Rate at \$0.478943 and Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rate at \$0.494764. no action taken
5. Consider adopting the proposed Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 budget; take action as appropriate.
Commissioner Rosson made a motion to adopt the Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget; take action as appropriate
Judge Therwhanger, Commissioner Rosson, Commissioner Elder and Commissioner Houston (Commissioner Murphree-Absent) all voted Yea to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as presented.

7. Conduct a public hearing on the Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate; take action as appropriate.

Judge Therwhanger opened the Public hearing at 9:08a.m. for the Calendar Year 2023/ Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rate. Judge Therwhanger closed the Public hearing at 9:09a.m. with no public in attendance.

8. Consider adopting the Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to adopt the Calendar Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Rate with an increase tax rate of \$0.478943, effectively an 8.08% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. 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.

None

10. 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 July pursuant to Local Government Code 114.004 and Texas Government Code 51.042.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the routine administrative items as presented by Esmeralda Felan, Auditor. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving the purchase of a WW Low Profile Livestock trailer for the extension office.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the purchase of a used livestock trailer from WW Trailer Manufacture in the amount of \$7,500.00 as presented by Terry Millican, Ag/Extension Director. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving the Elections Administrator's part time employee attend the election conference.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve Angel Espinoza, part time elections employee to attend the election conference with hours adjusted as to not go over the 28 hour part time hour limit. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on custom programming to the Gaines County website that would add view maps for the cemeteries and enhance the online burial search. Cost \$525.00.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve Pontem to update the online burial search and add view maps for all cemeteries on the county website in the amount of \$525.00. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

14. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on entering into an agreement with Impact Fire to provide fire alarm system monitoring for the courthouse. Total cost: \$1280.00.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve Impact Fire to provide fire alarm system monitoring for the courthouse with a cost of \$1,280.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on submitting a request for bids to purchase a pickup for Precinct 2.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to go out for bids for Precinct 2 for a 3/4 Ton 4 wheel drive Pickup with bids turned in by September 12th and opened September 13th. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

16. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a \$22,379.75 increase from Warren Cat for the rebuild of a D6R Cat Dozer for Precinct 1. Original quote #23133658-2 Warren Cat: \$250,087.51 approved on May 9, 2023 / Completed Cost: \$272,467.26

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a \$22,379.75 increase for the rebuild of a D6R Cat Dozer for Precinct 1 as presented due to a cracked frame and various other items needing replaced. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

17. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on adjusting the fees for Sheriff's and Constable's such as notices and service fees, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code §118.131.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the fees for the Sheriff and Constable's with no changes as presented by Ronnie Pipkin, Sheriff and it will be reported to the state by Teri Berry, County Clerk. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

18. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on purchasing two mini split air conditioning for the back portion of the Emergency Operations Center. Total Cost: \$7,300.00

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 mini split air conditioners for the back portion of the EOC in the amount of \$7,300.00 from J Tech Heating & Air, to be paid Capital Project funds. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

19. Open bids for lighting at the Gaines County Rodeo Arena; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the one bid received from Big Starr Electric LLC for the LED lighting at the Gaines County Rodeo Arena in the amount of \$30,285.00 to be paid from ARPA funds. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

20. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on establishing the County's procedure to comply with Texas Local Government Code §262.045 Competitive Procurement Procedures.

Judge Therwhanger stated no action was required since no changes were to be made and the court would continue with the policy as put in place if no bids were received after meeting all requirements then the goods or service may be purchased by the method determining the lowest price or the best value for the County.

21. Consider approving subdivision application(s); take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve a variance from David Peck at 724 SE Ave G Precinct 4 for a septic system due to small a lot size. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a road crossing in Precinct 2 from Zion Utilities for David Funk on Arizona Street. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

23. 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: Metro Water, with the City would be in town today to evaluate the temporary water line today and she would be going there to meet with them. Experience Seminole is Sept. 9th and she would be getting with the commissioners to discuss possibly having a county exhibit at the event. South Plains Public Health is at the Seagraves office remodeling and getting it prepared to open.

Commissioner Rosson: All the older maps at the Old SPS building where the Health Department will be were sent to the Museum for display.

Commissioner Houston: The cemetery is in the process of having the new sprinkler system running as they have the ditching system being installed and the water tanks are complete.

Commissioner Elder: Nick Castillo, Maintenance was replacing 8 new lights with LED lighting that will be paid with insurance fund.

24. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:51a.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 August 28, 2023.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Berry".

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

