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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 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. Conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed elected official salary increase; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the proposed elected official salary increase as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing closed at 9:05a.m. with no public comments. (see attached)

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 Elder made a motion to approve the amount of compensation, office and travel expenses and other allowances for county and precinct officers and employees as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. Conduct a public hearing to consider adopting the Calendar Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget; take action as appropriate.

The public hearing closed at 9:15a.m. with no public comments. (see attached)

4. Discuss the proposed tax rates to fund the Tax Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 General and Flood Control / Lateral Road Maintenance and Operation budgets; take action as appropriate.

Following much discussion on the proposed tax rates to fund the Tax Year 2024/Fiscal

Following much discussion all Commissioners and the Judge voted YES to adopt the proposed Calendar Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 budget as presented.

6. Consider adopting the Calendar Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rate; take action as appropriate.

Follow much discussion all Commissioners and the Judge voted YES to adopt the Calendar Year 2024/Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rate as presented.

7. 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 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

8. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
 - a. Payroll payables.
 - b. Accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code §263.152:
 - e. Contract Renewals:
 - i. Pontem -\$1525.00 – Cemetery Software
 - ii. DBT Transportation Services -\$5966.00 – AWOS Airport
 - f. Rental Facility requests:
 - i. Civic Center – Community Church, Reinlander Church, and Gospel Mission Church Ladies Groups – September 23-25th for a sewing circle.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve routine administrative items, contract renewals with Potem and DBT Transportation Services and early entrance to the Civic Center by Community Church, Reinlander Church, and Gospel Mission Church Ladies Groups – September 23-25th for a sewing circle. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from the Seminole Fire Department for additional funding to pair with the grant received from FMH Foundation in the amount of \$400,000 for the purchase of a tanker truck.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve additional funding of \$181,002.00 (Fire Department line balance) to pair with the grant received from FMH Foundation to purchase a tanker pumper truck as presented by D.A. Dagley, Fire Chief. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a speed limit change on CR 209 A & 209 B (from 65 to 35 mph) in compliance with Texas Transportation Code §251.155.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve lowering the speed limit from 65mph to 35mph on CR 209A & CR 209B in compliance with Texas Transportation Code 251.155. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving a medical services contract for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a medical service from Dr. Michael Watson with an increase in the service fee to \$375.00 as presented by Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving Sheriff's forfeiture fund budget.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the report of the balance of \$15,007.48 in the Sheriff's forfeiture fund budget as presented by Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. To consider, discuss and take any action necessary for the sale of Gaines County Airport Hangar B-4 from Dale Briscoe to Jeremy Nelson.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the sale of Airport Hanger B-4 from Dale Briscoe to Jeremy Nelson. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

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

- a. Gulf Coast Trades Center
- b. Rite of Passage, Inc

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following Juvenile contracts:

- Gulf Coast Trades Center
- Rite of Passage, Inc.

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

16. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to review fuel contract.

Esmeralda Felan, Auditor stated all commissioners stated there were no changes needed for the fuel contract. No action taken

17. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.

- a. Humble Estates – Precinct 1

Commissioner Houston made a motion to approve the following road crossings:

- Skyline Development Firm on CR 411
- Basin Oil & Gas on CR434

Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(see attached)

19. 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

- Ag & Oil Day is Thursday September 19th, Civic Center
- GC Riding Club's PRCA Pro Rodeo is September 20th & 21st at 7:30p.m.
- Commissioners Far West Tx Conference is September 18th-20th
- Kevin Sparks will be at the City Community Building on September 26th at 4:45 to speak and answers questions.
- Appraisal District will meet at 9:00a.m.

Commissioner Rosson

He has reached out to all asphalt and gravel companies regarding the bids due by September 24th.

Commissioner Elder

He stated he has completed projects for the stock show and breakers have been installed and rails for steers. The construction for the fence at the cemetery using ARPA funds will start soon.

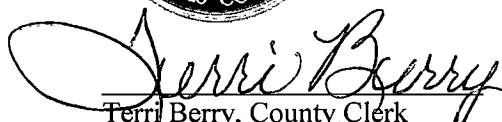
20. Adjourn;

Commissioner Rosson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Elder 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 September 11, 2024.




Terri Berry, County Clerk
Clerk of Commissioner's Court
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None

2. Discuss, consider and/or act on routine administrative items:

- a. Minutes from last month's meetings:

- i. August 14, 2024

- ii. August 26, 2024

- b. Payroll payables

- c. Accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendments.

- d. Transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code §263.152:

- e. Contract Renewals:

- i. DebtBook - \$9,502.50

- ii. Vista Solutions Group - \$2,040.00

- iii. AirMedCare - \$9,590.00

- f. Rental Facility requests :

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve routine administration items and contract renewals on : DebtBook, Vista Solutions Group and AirMedCare as presented. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on additional funds needed for the addition of lights on the Emergency Management Coordinator vehicle. \$3726.00

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the contract with Trinity Services Group for meals at the jail with an increase of 4.1%. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from the Sheriff's Department to enter into a Mutual Cooperation Agreement with South Plains Auto Theft Task Force. Total Cost: \$4,303.00

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a request from the Sheriff's Department to enter into a Mutual Cooperation Agreement with South Plains Auto Theft Task Force in the amount of \$4,303.00 as presented by Ronny Pipkin, Sheriff. Commissioner Murphree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 4 for an attachment for a skid steer. Total Cost: \$10,603.02

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the purchase of an attachment for a skid steer in the amount of \$10,603.02 from Quick Attachments for Precinct 4. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action to approve the contract with the Area Agency on Aging, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for grant payments for senior meals for FY 2025.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the contract with Area Agency on Aging, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for grant payment for senior citizens meals for FY 2025. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on the FY 2025 budget for the Gaines County Appraisal District.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to accept and approve the FY 2025 budget for the Gaines County Appraisal District in the amount of \$1,341,500.00. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an Inter-local agreement with the City of Seminole for Gaines County Park and Golf Course for affluent water.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve an Inter-local agreement with the City of Seminole for Gaines County Park and Golf Course for affluent water at a cost to the county of .40 per 1,000 gallons of water. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

10. To consider, discuss and take any action on an order setting the regular term of the Gaines County Commissioners Court for Fiscal Year 2025 according to Local Government Code §81.005.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve an order setting the regular term of the Gaines County Commissioner Court for FY 2025 with 3 additional dates added as needed. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

11. To consider, discuss and take any action on planning an "Employee Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon" on December 3, 2024.

Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve an Employee Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon for December 3, 2024. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a contract resignation from Shaun McDonald, Gaines County Golf Pro as of October 31, 2024.

Commissioner Elder made a motion to accept the contract resignation from Shaun McDonald, Gaines County Golf Pro as of October 31, 2024. Commissioner

- R E James Gravel Company
- H F Sinclair Refining & Marketing
- Ergon
- Constructors Inc

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

14. Open bids for Sand; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following bids:

- Randy Knelsen
- TexMex Construction
- R E James Gravel Company
- H F Sinclair Refining & Marketing
- Ergon
- Constructors Inc

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

15. Open bids for Gravel hauling; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following bids:

- Randy Knelsen
- TexMex Construction
- R E James Gravel Company
- H F Sinclair Refining & Marketing
- Ergon
- Constructors Inc

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

16. Open bids for MC-30; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following bids:

- Randy Knelsen
- TexMex Construction
- R E James Gravel Company
- H F Sinclair Refining & Marketing
- Ergon
- Constructors Inc

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

17. Open bids for all Aggregate; take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the following bids:

- Randy Knelsen

- Constructors Inc

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

18. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.
None
19. To consider, discuss, and take any action on current road crossing request(s).
None
20. 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:

Michael Lord was named "Texas Outstanding County Treasurer"

Thursday, September 26th-Senator Sparks Town Hall-4:45pm at the City Community Building

Wednesday, Oct 9th Representative Ken King Town Hall-3:30pm at the Gaines County Civic Building

The sign at the Gaines County Library/Museum has been renovated

An Election Administrator has been hired, Jennifer Marvel who will start October 15th.

ABF Roofing will begin on the Lop Community building roof

Tom Keyes term on the Gaines County Appraisal Board of Director is up and this will be placed on the next agenda for a nomination.

Commissioner Elder:

The PVC fence has been torn down and being replace by a metal fence at the cemetery.

He stated he received a phone called rom a citizen stating he would be constructing a 200x70 barn to house chickens. He stated this did not need court approval but he would talk to Zack Holbrooks at the Health Department and make him aware.

Commissioner Murphree:

The storms last weekend blew down 9 out of 11 poles at the Golf Course. At this time they do not plan to replace them and are currently coming up with a different plan.

Commissioner Houston:

He stated the Rodeo was a success even though it was rained out Saturday night.

Michael Lord, Treasurer

He stated to the commissioner he would turn in an insurance claim on the storm damage if need be and that we have met our deductible.

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

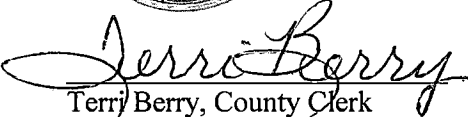
Open session: 9:45a.m.

- i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.129(2), Consultation with Attorney
- ii. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters)

Closed session: 11:07a.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 September 20, 2024.




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

