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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF GAINES COUNTY MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 4, 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

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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. Department Updates:
  - a. EMS Service Carly French

This item was table due to a death in Carly French's family

- 3. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on routine administrative items:
  - a. Minutes from last month's meetings:
    - i. November 6, 2024 and November 20, 2024
  - b. Payroll payables
  - c. Accounts payable, fund transfers and budget amendment
  - d. Transfer, sale or destruction of Gaines County Surplus property under Local Government Code §263.152:
  - e. Contract Renewals:
    - i. The Golf System \$1,550.00
    - ii. Texas State Library and Archives Commission \$435.00
  - f. Rental Facility requests:
    - I. South Community Center Sunday, December 8, 2024 New Creation Praise Center – 8:00 am early request to prepare for Christmas service
    - II. Community Center All– Saturday, December 14, 2024 First Choice
       Construction 9:00 am early request to prepare for Christmas party
    - III. Community Center All– Sunday, December 15, 2024 Sherrie Torres
       9:00 am early request to prepare for Christmas party

Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve routine administrative items as presented, contracts from The Golf System in the amount of \$1,500.00, Texas State Library and Archive Commissioner in the amount of \$435.00 and early entry into

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4. Introduce new staff member in the Auditor's Office, Christina Espinoza.

9:00 am early request to prepare for Christmas party

- Judge Therwhanger introduced Christina Espinoza as a new staff member in the Auditors office.
- 5. Announce new Election Administrator, Kayla Pipkin, as approved by the Gaines County Election Committee.
  - Judge Therwhanger stated as of January 1, 2025 Kayla Pipkin will be the new Election Administrator.
- 6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on authorizing the Auditor to issue a credit card to Tarran DeLeon for the purpose of training and purchasing supplies.
  - Commissioner Rosson made a motion to authorize Esmeralda Felan, Auditor to issue a county credit card to Tarran DeLeon for training and purchasing supplies due to her taking office as the Tax Assessor Collector as of January 1, 2025. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action authorizing Gaines County to participate in Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement for opioids.
  - Commissioner Rosson made a motion to authorize Judge Therwhanger to apply to participate in the Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement for opioids. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 8. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on bids for roofing received on November 20, 2024.
  - Commissioner Murphree made a motion to accept a bid from ABF Roofing & Foam in the amount of \$211,919.79 to replace the roof at SPPHD Seagraves Ofice. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from Precinct 2 to post an open position of employment.
  - Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve opening a temporary position in Precinct 2 to replace Tony Robertson once he retires. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a request from the Golf Course Superintendent to assist an employee with obtaining pesticide licensing.
  - Commissioner Murphree made a motion to table this item pending further investigation. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on resolution of support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption.
  - Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a resolution of support for County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 12. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a quote to replace a sign for South Plains Public Health Department using Unclaimed Capital Funds. Total Cost: \$1,300.00
  - Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a quote from Garrison Brothers Sign Inc. in the amount of \$1,300.00 to replace a sign for South Plains Public Health Department using Unclaimed Capital Funds. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

13. Update on TCEQ deadline for written plan on water well at the Gaines County Golf Course Pro Shop.

This item was table until December 18<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare a plan and be presented for approval.

- 14. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.
  - a. Coyote Ridge Estate

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve a subdivision application from Coyote Estate in Precinct 2. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

15. To consider, discuss, and take any action on current road crossing request(s).

None

16. 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

December 5<sup>th</sup>-Seagraves Christmas Parade,

December 7<sup>th</sup>-Jingle Mingle (12:00p.m.-9:00p.m.) The tree lighting is at 6:30 and the county will have an ornament to place on the tree if any elected officials want to be there to participate.

December 9<sup>th</sup>-Seminole Museum Christmas Open House (6:30pm-8:30pm)

December 12th-Seminole Christmas Parade 6:30pm

December 13th-Susan Shaw's Retirement Party-3:00pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for agenda items is Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 17. Adjourn;

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37a.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 4, 2024.

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. Officer's report reporting all fines imposed and collected for the month of October pursuant to Local Government Code §114.004 and Texas Government Code §51.042.
  - 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:
    - i. Add to County Inventory: Unit 3087 for Precinct 3
  - e. Contract renewals:
    - i. CSI \$658.00
    - ii. Motorola Solutions Sheriff's Department
      - 1. \$774.75
      - 2. \$27,153.53
    - iii. Hart Interactive Elections \$113.00
    - iv. OverDrive Library \$3,000.00
  - f. Rental Facility requests:
    - i. Community Center North—Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Sara Wiebe 8:00 am early request to prepare for Christmas

Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve the routine administrative items, the following contracts: CSI-\$658.00, Motorola Solutions-\$774.75 & \$27,153.53, Hart Interactive-\$113.00, OverDrive-\$3,000.00 and early entry to the N. Community Center December 25<sup>th</sup> by Sara Wiebe and to add back to county inventory U#3087 for Precinct 3. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

- 3. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on accepting a donation from the Veterans Trade Days for the Gaines County Veterans. Total donation: \$2,685.00 Commissioner Elder made a motion to approve a donation from Angelica Grimaldo with the Veterans Trade Days for the Gaines County Veterans in the amount of \$2,685.00. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on an order adopting and establishing game room regulations in accordance with Texas Local Government Code §234.
  - Commissioner Rosson made a motion to approve an order adopting and establishing game room regulations in accordance with the Texas Local Gov Code 234 to be effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 5. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on authorizing Gaines County Judge to submit written plan addressing nitrate levels on water well at the Gaines County Golf Course Pro Shop for Texas Commission of Environment Quality.
  - Commissioner Elder made a motion to authorize Judge Therwhanger to submit a written plan addressing nitrate levers on water well at the Gaines County Golf Course Pro Shop for the Texas Commission of Environment Quality. Commissioner Houston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 6. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on authorizing the Auditor to issue a credit card to Kayla Pipkin, Election Administrator, for the purpose of training and purchasing supplies.
  - Commissioner Elder authorized Esmeralda Felan, Auditor to issue a credit card to Kayla Pipkin, Election Administrator to purchase supplies and training. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 7. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on authorizing the Auditor to issue a credit card to Franz Wieler for Precinct 3 Shop for the purpose of purchasing supplies.
  - Commissioner Houston made a motion to authorize Esmeralda Felan, Auditor to issue a credit card to Franz Wieler, Precinct 3 Foreman to purchase supplies for the shop. Commissioner Rosson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 8. 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 Rosson made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Gaines County Commissioner's Court for Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum for meeting. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 9. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on approving adding Cresta Advisors Financial Group to the Gaines County Investment Policy.
  - Commissioner Houston made a motion to authorize Michael Lord, Treasurer to add Cresta Advisors Financial Group to the Gaines County Investment Policy. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 10. To consider, discuss and take any necessary action on a revision of the Gaines County Building Rental Policy.
  - Commissioner Murphree made a motion to approve the revision of the Gaines County Building Rental Policy to state early entry to buildings would be at Judge Therwhanger's discretion. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (see attached)
- 11. To consider, discuss, and take any necessary action on subdivision application(s), take note of known exceptions, consider any requests for variances.

None

- 12. To consider, discuss, and take any action on current road crossing request(s).

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Judge Therwhanger:

December 19<sup>th</sup>-Coffee & Camaraderie with Veterans-8:30 Commissioners Courtroom December20th-Courthouse will be closing from 11:30-1:30 December 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> the Courthouse will close for Christmas Holiday January 1, 2025-Swearing in of elected officials January17th-TxDot meeting to go over the speed study results

# Commissioner Rosson:

He has a meeting with Nick Castillo, Maintenance Director to discuss taking the metal roof off of the Museum in Seagraves and replacing with stucco.

# **Commissioner Elder:**

He stated the stock show is coming up and he would appreciate any help setting up from the other Precincts

## Commissioner Murphree:

RFQ's are due the endof the year for the engineering grant at the airport. The building is ready for the Golf Course and will put it out there after the first of the year.

# 14. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36a.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 18, 2024.

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