STATE OF TEXAS

**DATE: AUGUST 12, 2014** 

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF POLK §

ALL PRESENT

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

AGENDA POSTING #2014 - 102

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF **AUGUST**, 2014, THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN "REGULAR" CALLED MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS PRESENT. TO WIT:

HONORABLE JOHN THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE PRESIDING. BOB WILLIS - COMMISSIONER PCT #1, RONNIE VINCENT - COMMISSIONER PCT #2, MILTON PURVIS - COMMISSIONER PCT #3, C.T. "TOMMY" OVERSTREET - COMMISSIONER PCT #4, SCHELANA WALKER - COUNTY CLERK AND MARGIE AINSWORTH - COUNTY AUDITOR. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS, ORDERS AND DECREES WERE DULY MADE, CONSIDERED & PASSED.

- 1. WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY JUDGE THOMPSON.
  - INVOCATION LED BY JOE MACDONALD OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
  - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. & TX FLAGS LED BY JIM JOHNSON.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.
- 3. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:
  - A. MARGIE AINSWORTH, COUNTY AUDITOR, ADVISED COURT THAT A SAFETY LOCK HAS BEEN ADDED TO DOORS BETWEEN AUDITOR & TREASURER FOR SECURITY REASONS.
  - B. SHERIFF HAMMACK UPDATED COURT ON HARVESTING MARIJUANA FIELDS THAT WERE RECENTLY DISCOVERED. HE ADVISED THEY HAD A LOT OF DEPTS INCLUDING STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES ASSISTING AND BETWEEN THE TWO LOCATIONS (TIMBER CO & PRIVATE LAND) THEY'VE HARVESTED APPROXIMATELY 106,000 PLANTS. THIS IS THE LARGEST HARVEST IN THE STATE WITH PREVIOUS BEING 90,000 PLANTS.

- 4. OLD BUSINESS (TABLED FROM LAST AGENDA)
  - A. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT FROM DISTRICT CLERK REGARDING PROGRESS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS FUNDS FROM SHERIFF'S TAX SALE SINCE THE LAST DISTRIBUTION WAS RECEIVED ON JUNE 10, 2014.

DISTRICT CLERK, KATHY CLIFTON ADVISED THE SUPERINTENDENTS ASKED THAT SHE START WITH OLDEST CASES & WORK FORWARD. \$75,184.75 OF OLD CASES HAVE BEEN WORKED THROUGH LEAVING \$878.22 DELINQUENT IN THE LINE ITEM. CLIFTON STATED THERE WERE PRIOR WITHDRAWAL AMOUNTS THAT DIDN'T LIST A CHECK # OR WHO THE FUNDS WERE ISSUED TO. CLIFTON STATED THAT THE \$75,184.75 WAS READY TO BE PROCESSED NOW WITH THE INFO RECEIVED FROM GINA HULLIHEN AND THEN THEY WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT AMOUNTS.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA: JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED ITEM C INCLUDES AN ADDENDUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,316.91. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY RONNIE VINCENT, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: (ALL VOTING YES)
  - A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2014 (SPECIAL SESSION) AND JULY 22, 2014 (REGULAR MEETING).
  - B. APPROVE BUDGET REVISIONS #2014-19, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS #2014-19(A), AS SUBMITTED AND REVIEWED BY COURT APPOINTED COMMITTEE. (SEE ATTACHED)
  - C. APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS, INCLUDING ADDENDUM. (SEE ATTACHED)

DATE	AMOUNT	CHECK #
7/16/14	13,128.15	1048
7/17/14	377,423.57	ACH 708 - 713
7/18/14	100.00	1538
7/18/14	3,690.75	248262 - 248267
7/18/14	401,721.62	248268 - 248300
7/21/14	35.00	248368
7/22/14	4,042.88	ACH 715
7/23/14	15,000.00	248369
7/25/14	8,255.97	701 - 704
7/25/14	119,300.86	705
7/25/14	50.00	1539
7/25/14	42,459.66	248370 - 248409

7,782.57	248424
295.00	248425
154,112.73	ACH 716
2,876.68	64
219,320.75	248426 - 248431
181.03	1030 - 1031
23.96	1540
22,633.51	248432 - 248467
376,458.07	ACH 717 - 722
3,466.66	706
18,127.74	248485 - 248488
3,615.75	248489 - 248494
1,849.23	248495 - 248497
161,631.68	248498 - 248595
Addendum	\$75,316.91
To appear on future schedule	_
\$1,957,583.82	
	295.00  154,112.73  2,876.68  219,320.75  181.03  23.96  22,633.51  376,458.07  3,466.66  18,127.74  3,615.75  1,849.23  161,631.68  Addendum  To appear on future schedule

- D. APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS. (SEE ATTACHED)
- E. APPROVE OFFERS TO PURCHASE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES: (PCT. 2) LOT 1, BLOCK 6, SECTION 1, IDLEWILDE ESTATES, CAUSE NO. T10-204; LOT 20, ONALASKA EAST, CAUSE NO. T12-029; LOT 21, BLOCK 2, YAUPON COVE, CAUSE NO. T11-326.
- F. APPROVE TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN PROVISIONS FOR 2015, AS PRESENTED BY TCDRS ACTUARIAL VALUATION.
- G. APPROVE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT 1 REQUEST FOR (PRO-RATA) EXPENDITURE OF JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TONER CARTRIDGES TOTALING \$494.
- H. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY. (SEE ATTACHED)
- I. AUTHORIZE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER TO ATTEND THE TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION SEPTEMBER TRAINING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN HOUSTON.
- J. APPROVE ANNUAL EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND INFINITY NETWORKS FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES AT THE IAH SECURE ADULT DETENTION FACILTY.
- K. APPROVE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 6 RELATED TO THE COURTHOUSE RESTORATION ROUND VII EMERGENCY GRANT "ELEVATOR PROJECT".

- L. APPROVE RENEWAL OF SECTION 125 PLAN, ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGES AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLAN FOR FY2015. (SEE ATTACHED)
- M. RECEIVE COUNTY TREASURER'S 3RD QUARTER REPORT FOR FY2014 (APRIL MAY -(SEE ATTACHED)
- N. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOWER TRINITY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: CLYDF JORDAN (JOINT APPOINTMENT WITH SAN JACINTO COUNTY FOR TERM JANUARY 9. 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017).
- O. APPROVE MEDICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DOW HEALTHCARE. INC. FOR EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES TO COUNTY JAIL INMATES.
- P. APPROVE PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORDER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ROADS SET ASIDE IN THE FINAL PLAT OF TWIN HARBORS SUBDIVISION OF POLK COUNTY. TEXAS: ARROWHEAD DRIVE. VALLEYVIEW DRIVE AND HARBOR DRIVE, TO INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIED VARIANCE. (SEE ATTACHED)

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 6 REGARDING THE SALE OF 2014 TAX NOTES BY JIM GILLEY (U.S. CAPITAL ADVISORS - COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISOR), TOM POLLAN (BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA, L.L.P. - BOND COUNSEL FOR POLK COUNTY) AND MARGIE AINSWORTH (COUNTY AUDITOR). JIM GILLEY INFORMED COURT 7 BIDS HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITH BEST BID BEING A 1.47% RATE & WORST BID 1.69% RATE. TOM POLLAN RECOMMENDED TO SELL TO BOSC, INC. (BEST BID). MARGIE AINSWORTH MADE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COURT.

6. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,570,000 "POLK COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES. SERIES 2014:" LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF AND THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES: AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF: ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTES. ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 7 BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SONNY ECKHART WHO ADVISED COURT ITEM 7 NEEDS TO BE TABLED TO GET MORE INFORMATION AND REVISITED AT A LATER DATE. 7. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY RONNIE VINCENT, TO TABLE "CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COURT PAYMENT CARD PROCESSING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT CLERK AND REVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE".

ALL VOTING YES.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 8 BY COMMISSIONER WILLIS.

8. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE POLK COUNTY MISSION CENTER, A VOLUNTEER NON-PROFIT AGENCY SERVICING POLK COUNTY, FOR COUNTY (PRECINCT 1) ASSISTANCE WITH DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES LOCATED ON THE CENTER'S PROPERTY AND DEBRIS REMOVAL IN PREPARATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION. ALL VOTING YES.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 9 BY JUDGE THOMPSON.

9. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, TO APPROVE NOTICE DRAFTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMITTEE TO SAVE DUNBAR RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF THE DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTER AND REVIEW DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY SUPERVISION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL VOTING YES.

10. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1, BOB WILLIS TO ENGAGE SETH EVANS, PRIVATE ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT PCT 1 AS COUNSEL TO CORRESPOND AND/OR TAKE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ROAD DAMAGE WITHIN PRECINCT 1 CAUSED BY ONEOK PIPELINE COMPANY, WITH LEGAL FEES TO BE PAID FROM PRECINCT 1 FUNDS AND ANY RESULTING COMPENSATION TO BE RECORDED IN PRECINCT 1 REVENUE.

ALL VOTING YES.

RECESS AT 10:30 A.M.

11. BUDGET WORKSHOP BEGAN AT 10:51 A.M. - JUDGE THOMPSON PROVIDED A POWERPOINT

PRESENTATION DISCUSSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FY2015 DRAFT BUDGET, NOTING THAT ADVALOREM VALUES WERE CERTIFIED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT AT \$125,500,000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR; THAT NON-DISCRETIONARY INCREASES (CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND BENEFIT RATES, UTILITIES, INSURANCES, ETC WERE INCLUDED BUT THAT NO DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES SUCH AS MERIT FUNDING, COST OF LIVING INCREASES, NEW POSITIONS, CAPITAL PURCHASES (PROPOSE TO USE REMIBURSEMENT RESOLUTION) OR USE OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE WERE INCLUDED. MAJOR REVENUE & EXPENDITURE CHANGES WERE DISCUSSED. THE DRAFT BUDGET CONTAINS AN UNRESERVED BUDGET BALANCE OF \$58,046.

- A. THE COURT, BY CONCENSUS, AGREED TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES & ALLOWANCES (OTHER THAN LONGEVITY PAY EARNED). WARRANT SERVICE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS FOR CONSTABLES DISCUSSED, WITH COURT AGREEING TO LEAVE \$10,000 SUPPLEMENT IN PLACE FOR ALL 4 CONSTABLES AND TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTING OF WARRANT SERVICE ACTIVITY.
- B. THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS DISCUSSED BUDGET REQUESTS, MOST SPECIFICALLY FOR NEW POSITIONS:

SCHELANA WALKER, COUNTY CLERK, REQUESTS (1) ADDITIONAL FULL TIME DEPUTY CLERK FOR ELECTIONS:

JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT JUDGE JONES, 411<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT, REQUESTS \$2,000 FOR A LABOR POOL BAILIFF AND SUGGESTS THE AMOUNT BE INCLUDED FOR FY2015;

LEE HON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, REQUESTS (1) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY I AND (1) LEGAL SECRETARY:

BRENT PHILLIPS, JAIL ADMINISTRATOR, REQUESTS (11) ADDITIONAL JAILERS (CORRECTIONS OFFICERS):

SHERIFF HAMMACK AND CHIEF DEPUTY LYONS., REQUEST (2) DEPUTY SHERIFF PATROL, (2) DETECTIVES AND (2) TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATORS;

LARRY PITTS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, MODIFIED HIS REQUEST FOR (1)
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY I TO A PART-TIME SECRETARY I.

BRENT PHILLIPS - DISCUSSED INCREASE IN GROCERIES, TRAVEL/TRAINING & MEDICAL EXPENSES, NOTING AN INMATE WITH HIV MAY COST THE COUNTY APPROX \$24,000 ON MEDICINETHAT IS NO LONGER REIMBURSED BY THE STATE - AS WELL AS OTHER OPERATING INCREASES AND DISCUSSED USE OF THE COMMISSARY FUND;

C. DISCUSSION OF SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO REVISE CERTIFICATE PAY POLICY TO PROVIDE FULL - RATHER THAN ½ - OF QUALIFIED LEVEL FOR TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATORS (DISPATCHERS) NOTING IT WOULD REQUIRE A \$3500 INCREASE. A MAJORITY OF THE COURT IN FAVOR OF INCLUDING THIS CHANGE IN THE FY2015 BUDGET AND REVISING THE CERTIFICATE PAY POLICY ACCORDINGLY.

THE COURT AGREED TO ADD THE SHERIFF'S DEPT. REQUEST FOR (20) BALLISTICS VESTS TO THE CAPITAL PURCHASE PROJECTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT A FUTURE MEETING FOR FY2015 REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION.

CHIEF LYONS DISCUSSED OTHER CHANGES REQUESTED AND IT WAS NOTED THAT VISTA VOICE RECORDER MAINTENANCE COSTS HAD BEEN DUPLICATED IN 2 LINE ITEMS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. CHIEF DEPUTY LYONS STATED THAT VISTA VOICE MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE PAID FROM THE AMOUNT REQUESTED IN MOBILE DATA AND THE DUPLICATED AMOUNT OF \$3.800 SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

JUDGE THOMPSON AGAIN NOTED THAT HE INTENDED TO INCLUDE THE 411<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT REQUEST FOR \$2,000 FOR A LABOR POOL BAILIFF AND ASKED IF THE COURT HAD ANY OBJECTION - THERE WAS NONE.

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL TO MOVE COURTHOUSE (JUDICIAL CENTER) SECURITY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SHERIFF BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, WITH THE COURT VOICING NO OBJECTION AND REQUESTING THE AUDITOR WORK OUT THE RECORDING OF EXPENSES WHICH ARE PARTIALLY FROM A DEDICATED COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE (SPECIAL FUND).

SHERIFF PROMISED COURT HE WOULD NOT TAKE AWAY ANY SECURITY OFFICERS FROM THE JUDICIAL CENTER FOR USE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER WILLIS SUGGESTED ADDING DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUEST FOR 2 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO PROPOSED FY2015 BUDGET.

JUDGE THOMPSON ASKED THAT THE ONE "MANDATED" REQUEST FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS BE ADDRESSED TO SATIFY THE JAIL COMMISSION.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION OF BUDGET REQUEST BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY & COUNTY CLERK RELATING TO LOWERING JAIL POPULATION THROUGH PROSECUTION & COURT SCHEDULING - INCLUDING A POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BY A SHOW OF HANDS, THE COURT AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT REQUESTS FOR 2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITIONS, 1 COUNTY CLERK POSITION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FY2015 PROPOSED BUGET. A MAJORITY OF THE COURT WERE IN FAVOR OF ADDING 6 CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITIONS FOR JAIL.

NONE WERE IN FAVOR OF ADDING REQUESTED DEPUTY PATROL, DETECTIVE OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

JUDGE THOMPSON & TOMMY OVERSTREET IN FAVOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PART TIME POSITION, COMMISSIONER WILLIS, VINCENT & PURVIS NOT IN FAVOR. WITH THE MAJORITY SHOW, JUDGE THOMPSON STATED THIS POSITION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$383,622 IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED FOR SALARIES & BENEFITS TO FUND NEW POSITIONS AGREED UPON BY THE COURT (ABOVE).

THE COURT DISCUSSED PROJECTED REVENUE FROM THE IAH FACILITY. COMMISSIONER WILLIS DISCUSS THE DROP IN PORTION OF THE TAX RATE ASSIGNED TO ROAD & BRIDGE. JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT THE PORTION OF RATE FLUCTUATES BASED ON CERTIFIED VALUES & DEBT, BUT THAT TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDING HAS INCREASED EVERY YEAR. COMMISSIONER WILLIS STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO PROPOSE THE COURT SET THE ROAD & BRIDGE PORTION OF THE TAX RATE THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST YEAR.

DISCUSSION WITH SHERIFF HAMMACK WITH THE COURT ASKING THAT THE SHERIFF MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF PATROL VEHICLES TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DEBT ISSUED TO PURCHASE AN AVERAGE OF 11 UNITS PER YEAR.

- D. RECEIVE EFFECTIVE/ROLLBACK TAX RATE CALCULATION FROM TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AND STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED COLLECTION RATE. ROLLBACK RATE .6979 & EFFECTIVE RATE .6355, WITH A 95% COLLECTION RATE PROJECTED.
- E. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, TO (1) PLACE A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A 2014 TAX RATE OF .6461 ON THE AGENDA FOR 9/09/14 @ 10:00 A.M.) AND (2) SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED RATE (8/26/14 @ 9:30 A.M. & 9/2/14 @ 4:00 P.M.) (ALL VOTING YES)
- F. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2015 BUDGET ON 9-9-14 AT 9:30 A.M. (ALL VOTING YES)

JUDGE THOMPSON COMMENTED ON THE JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND NOTING THERE ARE MORE EXPENSE COMMITMENTS THAN REVENUES, WHICH WILL DEPLETE THE FUND BALANCE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS JP'S SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE. THE COUNTY CLERK RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND EXPENSES ARE HAVING TO USE FUND BALANCE IN ORDER TO MEET EXPENSES. THE COUNTY CLERK NOTED THAT SHE BELIEVES THE ES&S MAINTENANCE EXPENSE SHOULD NOT BE BUDGETED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND, BUT SHOULD — INSTEAD — BE ADDED TO ELECTION EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL FUND. JUDGE THOMPSON INDICATED THAT THE EXPENSE SHOULD BE RECORDED WHERE IT BELONGS.

JUDGE THOMPSON RECESSED AT 1:23 P.M., TO RECONVENE AT 9 A.M. ON 8-13-14.

8-13-14 RECONVENED AT 9:00 A.M. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE COURT HELD DISCUSSION OF CHANGES TO THE DRAFT BUDGET, SPECIFICALLY, NEW PERSONNEL DISCUSSED THE PREVIOUS DAY.

THE COURT AGREED TO LEAVE THE (2) NEW POSITIONS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE (1) POSITION REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK, BUT TO NOT INCLUDE THE (6) CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITIONS REQUESTED FOR THE JAIL AND, INSTEAD, ADD \$25,000 TO THE JAIL BUDGET FOR HOUSING OF INMATES AT IAH WHEN JAIL IS OVERCROWDED.

COMMISSIONER WILLIS SUGGESTED NOT MAKING DONATIONS OF (\$5,000 EACH) TO CHILDRENZ HAVEN & CASA. DISTRICT ATTORNEY LEE HON ADVISED BOTH ARE RECEIVING STATE FUNDS AND ARE IN GREAT SHAPE FINANCIALLY. WILLIS ALSO SUGGESTED \$24,000 COULD BE SAVED BY NOT HAVING A FIRE MARSHALL/INSPECTOR & DO AWAY WITH FUEL & OIL FOR THAT DEPT, AND STATED CONSTABLE PCT 1 REQUESTED CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE OF \$840.06 BE DELETED.

RONNIE VINCENT ASKED ABOUT DRUG FORFEITURE MONEYS. JUDGE NOTED SHERIFF & DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALONG WITH A FEW CONSTABLES HAVE THAT FUND.

COMMISSIONER OVERSTREET QUESTIONED HOW MUCH OF THE NOTED FUND BALANCE BELONGED TO EACH AGENCY AND WHAT THE FUNDS ARE USED FOR. LEE HON STATED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS PURCHASED EQUIPMENT WITH HIS PORTION OF THE FUNDS AND MARGIE AINSWORTH STATED THAT THE SHERIFF SPENT SOME OF THOSE FUNDS ON 2 DRUG DOGS & TRAINING FOR THE OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONERS OVERSTREET AND VINCENT SUGGESTED PURCHASING VESTS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPT FROM FORFEITURE FUNDS INSTEAD OF BEING PLACED ON FUTURE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT AND JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT THE MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE CAPITAL PURCHASE COMES BEFORE THE COURT IN THE FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER OVERSTREET DISCUSSED \$35,000 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OFFICE VEHICLE LISTED ON THE CAPITAL PURCHASE PROJECTIONS AND NOTED THAT, NOT BEING A PART OF THE BUDGET. IT ALSO COULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT FOR APPROVAL.

(\$35,062.89) TOTAL REDUCTION IN CHANGES REQUESTED FROM COMMISSIONER WILLIS.

JUDGE THOMPSON STATED HE PREFERRED NOT TO REMOVE THE SUPPORT FOR CHILDRENZ HAVEN & CASA BEFORE SPEAKING WITH EACH AGENCY AND ASKED IF ONE OF THE COURT MEMBERS WAS WILLING TO INFORM THEM THAT THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE PROVIDING THE SUPPORT ANYMORE. COMMISSIONER WILLIS ADVISED HE WOULD SPEAK TO THEM.

JUDGE THOMPSON SUGGESTED WAITING TO SEE WHAT APPLICANTS WE GET FROM POSTING PART-TIME FIRE MARSHAL POSITION AND NOTED FORMER FIRE MARSHAL NOT COOPERATING WITH RECORDS. COMMISSIONER OVERSTREET EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR A LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL AND STATED THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF LEAVING THE POSITION IN THE BUDGET.

JUDGE THOMPSON ASKED FOR A SHOW OF HANDS FROM THOSE IN FAVOR OF REMOVING \$5,000 FUNDING FOR CASA. BOB WILLIS, MILTON PURVIS RAISED HANDS & RONNIE VINCENT STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL COMMISSIONER WILLIS SPOKE WITH THE AGENCIES. JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT THE DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE SO THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET CAN BE FILED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. COMMISSIONER VINCENT DID NOT RAISE HAND. JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT, WITH A MAJORITY NOT IN FAVOR OF REMOVAL, \$5,000 CASA FUNDING WOULD REMAIN IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

IN A SHOW OF HANDS FOR REMOVAL OF CHILDRENZ HAVEN FUNDING, BOB WILLIS & MILTON PURVIS RAISED RIGHT HAND. JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT, WITH A MAJORITY NOT IN FAVOR OF REMOVAL, \$5,000 CHILDRENZ HAVEN FUNDING WOULD REMAIN IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

JUDGE THOMPSON ASKED FOR A RAISE OF RIGHT HANDS TO DO AWAY WITH FIRE MARSHALL

AND REALTED DEPARTMENT EXPENSES. BOB WILLIS, RONNIE VINCENT & MILTON PURVIS RASIED RIGHT HAND. JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT, WITH A MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF REMOVAL, THE COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL POSITION AND RELATED EXPENSES WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

ALL VOTED TO REMOVE CONSTABLE PCT 1 CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE.

JUDGE THOMPSON NOTED THAT AFTER INCORPORATING ALL OF THE CHANGES DISCUSSED, THE DEFICIT BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND WOULD TOTAL \$109,827 AND ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHANGES FROM ANYONE ON THE COURT. HE ASKED FOR A SHOW OF HANDS FOR THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE BUDGET STATED DEFICIT BEING ABSORBED BY GENERAL FUND BALANCE, ALL IN FAVOR.

DISCUSSION OF ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDING, TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION AND INCREASES IN COSTS OF OPERATION.

JUDGE THOMPSON ASKED THAT COMMISSIONER WILLIS KEEP THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INFORMED ON THE ACTIVITY OF SETH EVANS AS PRIVATE COUNSEL FOR PCT 1 REPRESENTATION IN CLAIM TO ONEOK (AGENDA ITEM 10)

JUDGE NOTED COUNTY HAS CURRENTLY EXCEEDED ITS ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR CUBIC YARDS OF FREE DISPOSAL AT THE LANDFILL (PER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SANTEK), NOTING THAT DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM THE POLK COUNTY MISSION CENTER (APPROVED IN AGENDA ITEM 8) MAY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEW BUDGET STARTS. COMMISSIONER WILLIS ADVISED THEY MAY WAIT TIL OCT 1 TO ASSIST THE MISSION CENTER.

## ADJOURN:

MOTIONED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, TO ADJOURN COURT THIS  $13^{TH}$  DAY OF AUGUST, 2014 AT 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

SCHELANA WALKER, COUNTY CLERK