

STATE OF TEXAS §

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

COUNTY OF POLK §

REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY CLERK - ABSENT

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
AGENDA POSTING**

Be it remembered on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "REGULAR" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,

Bob Willis – Commissioner Pct #1,

Ronnie Vincent – Commissioner Pct #2,

Milton Purvis - Commissioner Pct #3,

Tommy Overstreet – Commissioner Pct #4,

Louis Ploth – County Auditor, and

Crystal Harris – Chief Deputy County Clerk.

The following agenda items, orders and decrees were duly made, considered & passed.

1. WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.
  - INVOCATION LED BY JOHN SEXTON.
  - PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY CHIEF DEPUTY CRYSTAL HARRIS.
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.
3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO POLK COUNTY'S TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES. JUDGE MURPHY REVIEWED THE PROPOSED CHANGES WITH THE

COURT, NOTING THESE WERE SUGGESTED BY BOB BASS AS THE COUNTY'S LEGAL COUNSEL. THESE CHANGES INCLUDE: INCREASING THE MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION AMOUNT ELIGIBLE FOR TAX ABATEMENT FROM \$1,000,000 TO \$10,000,000; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM TAX ABATEMENT PERIOD ON LEASED PROPERTIES FROM SEVEN TO TEN YEARS; AND CLARIFYING THAT A MAXIMUM OF 100% OF THE VALUE OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES MAY BE ABATED FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TEN YEARS. NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED.

MOTIONED BY RONNIE VINCENT, SECONDED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:04 A.M.

ALL VOTING YES.

4. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, TO APPROVE REVISED TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES.

ALL VOTING YES.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER OVERSTREET ADVISED HIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 25, 2020.

- A. JUDGE MURPHY ADVISED COURT THAT THE SPOTLIGHT ON POLK COUNTY HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE AND THAT THIS MONTH'S EDITION FEATURES THE AGING DEPARTMENT.

#### NEW BUSINESS

6. CONSENT AGENDA: JUDGE MURPHY NOTED THAT ITEM B INCLUDES ADDENDUMS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$10,081.06, \$22,758.99, \$1.00, \$11,603.85, AND \$74,955.03. COMMISSIONERS HAD QUESTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE DEPT REGARDING AGENDA ITEM J. MOTIONED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS (DELETING ITEM J);

ALL VOTING YES.

- A. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 16, 2020 (REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSIONS).
- B. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS. (SEE ATTACHED)

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
11/10/2020	1,795.56	General	285259
11/12/2020	19.25	General	285260
11/12/2020	1,710.92	General	285261-285262
11/12/2020	1,141.57	General	285274-285277
11/13/2020	107,549.05	General	ACH 1763, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1768
11/13/2020	152.20	General	285278
11/13/2020	3,242.34	General	285279
11/17/2020	90.05	General	285285
11/18/2020	9,298.83	General	285286-285294
11/24/2020	14,988.70	General	285295-285297
11/24/2020	3,399.54	General	285298-285301
11/24/2020	176,652.09	General	285302-285375
12/01/2020	19,026.26	General	285280-285283
11/24/2020	ADDENDUM #1	\$10,081.06 to appear on future schedule	
11/24/2020	ADDENDUM #2	\$22,758.99 to appear on future schedule	
11/24/2020	ADDENDUM #3	\$1.00 to appear on future schedule	
11/24/2020	ADDENDUM #4	\$11,603.85 to appear on future schedule	
11/24/2020	ADDENDUM #5	\$74,988.03 to appear on future schedule	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$339,066.36</b>		

- C. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.
- D. APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR LOCAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (SHELTERING OF PETS AND LIVESTOCK).  
(SEE ATTACHED)
- E. APPROVE AMENDED FY2021 (OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021) CONTRACT EXTENSION 014-16-1000824-7 BETWEEN DEEPT EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND POLK COUNTY AGING (CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS). (SEE ATTACHED)
- F. APPROVE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH MOTIVATION EDUCATION &

TRAINING, INC. (SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM).

- G. APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RENEWING SERVICES WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS. (SEE ATTACHED)
- H. APPROVE REQUEST FROM SCOTT HUGHES, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1, FOR ASSET FORFEITURE EXPENDITURE OF SEIZED PROPERTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,850 FOR ASSET SEIZURE ASSISTANCE.
- I. APPROVE CONSENT TO GATE FIRE TOWER ROAD, CLOSING TO THROUGH TRAFFIC, AND REMOVE FROM COUNTY MAINTENANCE IN PRECINCT 4. (SEE ATTACHED)
- J. DELETE "APPROVE USE OF \$50,970 FROM MAINTENANCE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS (BUDGETED FUNDS) FOR REPLACEMENT OF HVAC EQUIPMENT (\$13,800), REPLACEMENT OF THE GRAVEL ROOF (\$26,500) AND INSTALLATION OF AWNING (\$10,670) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE"

7. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- A. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION FORM REQUESTS SUBMITTED SINCE LAST MEETING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY HIRES, INCLUDING 1 IN MAINTENANCE AND 3 IN THE JAIL.  
ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

8. BUDGET REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS:

- A. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY RONNIE VINCENT, APPROVAL OF FY2020 AND FY2021 BUDGET REVISIONS #2020-24 & #2021-03 AND AMENDMENTS #2020-24(A) & #2021-03(A), AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.  
ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

9. MOTIONED BY RONNIE VINCENT, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, APPROVAL OF OFFERS TO PURCHASE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES AS FOLLOWS:

(PCT 2) LOTS 50 & 51, BLOCK 21, SECTION 1, CEDAR POINT, CAUSE #T18-095

LOT 54, BLOCK 25, SECTION 1, CEDAR POINT, CAUSE #T14-054

LOTS 44-50, SECTION 4, CEDAR POINT, CAUSE #T15-067

LOT 717, BLOCKS 7, 8 & 9, SECTION 2, SPORTSMAN'S RETREAT,  
CAUSE #T13-249

(PCT 1) LOTS 256-261, SECTION 3, WILD COUNTRY LAKE ESTATES, CAUSE  
#T19-012

ALL VOTING YES.

10. MOTIONED BY BOB WILLIS, SECONDED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, TO APPROVE AWARD OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE DISASTER RECOVERY-4332 (HURRICANE HARVEY) ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (GLO CONTRACT NO. 20-065-018-C064) TO REBEL CONTRACTORS AS RECOMMENDED BY NICK HOELSCHER WITH GOODWIN-LASITER-STRONG.

ALL VOTING YES.

11. MOTIONED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, TO APPROVE SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO (2) VEHICLES FROM CALDWELL CHEVROLET (BUYBOARD MEMBER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,230, TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE AND INCLUDED ON THE FY2021 REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR YEAR END ISSUANCE OF LEGALLY AUTHORIZED DEBT.

ALL VOTING YES.

12. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY RONNIE VINCENT, APPROVAL OF POLK COUNTY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM.

ALL VOTING YES.

(SEE ATTACHED)

13. MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, TO APPROVE ORDER EXTENDING COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN FOR 30 DAYS.


ALL VOTING YES.

(SEE ATTACHED)

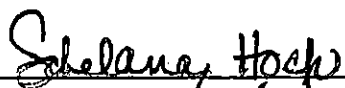
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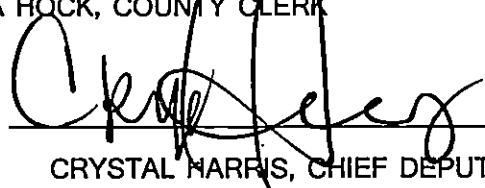
MOTIONED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, SECONDED BY MILTON PURVIS, TO ADJOURN COURT  
THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:32 A.M.

ALL VOTING YES.

  
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SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

  
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SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK

BY:   
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CRYSTAL HARRIS, CHIEF DEPUTY