THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 28th day of August, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., there was begun and held a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Grimes County, Texas with the following members present:

- County Judge, Joe Fauth III: Present
- Commissioner, Pct. #1, Chad Mallett: Present
- Commissioner, Pct. #2, David E. Dobyanski: Present
- Commissioner, Pct. #3, Barbara Walker: Present
- Commissioner, Pct. #4, Phillip Cox: Present

COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH

1. Call to order.

Judge Fauth called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Charles Thompkins gave the invocation.

2. Public Comments

We look forward to hearing from the citizens of Grimes County. Please share any thoughts and/or concerns during the Public Comment portion of the Meeting. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.

Commissioner Dobyanski stated that the St. Mary’s 125th Annual Bazaar will be held this Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items identified within the Consent Agenda are of a routine nature and will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately. If a member of the Court requests that a particular item be discussed prior to the Meeting, the Agenda item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

3. Consider and take action to approve the Treasurer’s List of Claims and Bills.

4. Consider and take action to approve payroll.

6. Consider and take action to approve Budget Amendments and/or Line Item Transfers.

7. Approve Minutes of previous Commissioners Court Meeting(s): Special Meeting on July 17, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.; Workshop Meeting on July 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; Regular Meeting on July 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; Workshop Meeting on July 24, 2019 at 11:35 a.m.; Special Meeting on July 24, 2019 at 2:05 p.m.; Special Meeting on August 5, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to approve Consent Agenda Items #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 as presented.
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0

COMMISSIONER PCT. #2 – DAVID DOBYANSKI

8. Consider and recognize the following employees for their years of service:

   Tuck McLain – 30 years of service
   Ramon Zurita – 15 years of service

Commissioner Dobyanski presented Tuck and Ramon with plaques.

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK – VANESSA BURZYNSKI

9. Discuss and approve the Sheriff’s and Constables’ fees for 2020, as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Section 118.131.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve the Sheriff’s and Constables’ fees for 2020, as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Section 118.131.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0

GRIMES COUNTY AUDITOR – MARY NICHOLS

10. Discuss and take action to hire a Law Firm to be the County’s Bond Attorney for the Justice Center/Administration building project.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve hiring Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP to be the County’s Bond Attorney for the Justice Center/Administration Building project.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor:  4  Vote Opposed:  1 – Commissioner Cox

GRIMES COUNTY IT DIRECTOR – GREGG CANNON

11. Consider and take action to approve transfer of internet service from USFon to BVCOG.

Item tabled.
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ROAD AND BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

12. Discuss, consider and adopt resolution to designate authorized signatory/signatories for the 2016 Flood Allocation CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 19-076-033-B686 and authorize procurement of related engineering services.

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to adopt resolution to designate authorized signatory/signatories for the 2016 Flood Allocation CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 19-076-033-B686 and authorize procurement of related engineering services.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

13. Discuss, consider and approve a resolution adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve a resolution adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

14. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month: This proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant.

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

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15. Discuss H.B. 2840 which amended the Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum to become effective September 1, 2019 and consider and approve any necessary changes.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve amended the Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum to become effective September 1, 2019 with changes as noted.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0


Item tabled until 9/11/19 meeting.

17. Discuss and take action on proposed changes to the FY 20 proposed budget.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve Master Certification pay for District Attorney’s office.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to approve $6,900.00 increase to Emergency Services Coordinator budget.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve $4,800.00 increase to Road & Bridge budget due to additional Subdivision Coordinator duties.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve salary adjustment of $1,600.00 for additional hours for Environmental Department.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve additional increase of $8,700.00 to Sheriff’s Department budget.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

Motioned by: Commissioner Cox to allocate capital improvement line item to fairgrounds, not to exceed $295,000.00.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

18. Consider and take action regarding the Burn Ban and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

No change at this time.


None at this time.

20. Adjourn.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to adjourn.
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

Judge Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 12:11 p.m.