THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 13th day of November, 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
Commissioner, Pct. #1, Chad Mallett
Commissioner, Pct. #2, David E. Dobyanski
Commissioner, Pct. #3, Barbara Walker
Commissioner, Pct. #4, Phillip Cox

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.

None at this time.

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.
5. Receive and approve the Grimes County 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2019.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve Consent Agenda Items #3, #4 and #5.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

COMMISSIONER PCT. #2 – DAVID DOBYANSKI

6. Consider and recognize the following employees for their years of service:  
   
   Sam Nobles – 30 years of service  
   Patrick Szymczak – 25 years of service  

Commissioner Dobyanski presented Sam and Patrick with plaques.

GRIMES COUNTY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – JANICE TRANT

Commissioner Cox presented.

7. Introduce Samuel E. Vaughan as prospective Dealer/Broker for Grimes County.

No action taken.

GRIMES COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – LUCY YBARRA

8. Consider and take action to certify and canvass the returns for the November 5, 2019 General Election.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to certify and canvass the returns for the November 5, 2019 General Election.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR – LUCY POPE

9. Consider and approve the updated Salary Structure and Change of Status form.

Motioned by: Commissioner Cox to approve the updated Salary Structure and Change of Status form.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

10. Consider and approve adding the word “continuous” to the policy on vacation leave.

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to approve adding the word “continuous” to the policy on vacation leave to Section 2 a, b and c, and Section 4 a, as noted. 
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – LT. DANIEL CASWELL

11. Consider and take action to approve inmate housing contract with Trinity County and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve inmate housing contract with Trinity County and authorize the County Judge as signatory.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

IT DIRECTOR – GREGG CANNON

Auditor Mary Nichols presented.

12. Consider and take action to approve the final payment to Journal Technologies for Justware software and to terminate the contract effective 12/31/2019 for the County Court at Law.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve the final payment to Journal Technologies for Justware software and to terminate the contract effective 12/31/2019 for the County Court at Law.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER – DAVID LILLY

13. Discuss and take action to approve Shiro Volunteer Fire Department’s request for early 2nd quarter payment.

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to approve Shiro Volunteer Fire Department’s request for early 2nd quarter payment.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

14. Consider and take action to approve the addition of four (4) Todd Mission VFD handheld radios to the Grimes county 700/800 radio count.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve the addition of four (4) Todd Mission VFD handheld radios to the Grimes county 700/800 radio count.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK – VANESSA BURZYNSKI

15. Consider and take action to approve a contract for scanning, indexing and preservation of County Clerk records with Data Preservation Solutions and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to approve a contract for scanning, indexing and preservation of County Clerk records with Data Preservation Solutions (Option A; $117,058.34) and authorize the County Judge as signatory.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

16. Consider and take action to approve proposal with Scott & Merriman for the scanning and indexing of county plats and the purchase of new plat cabinets.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve proposal with Scott & Merriman for the scanning and indexing of county plats and the purchase of new plat cabinets.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett  
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0
ROAD AND BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

17. Consider and take necessary action to approve the replat of King Oaks Subdivision, Section 1 that combines Lot 143 (2.953 acres) and Lot 144 (1.25 acres) into one lot to be redesignated as Lot 143-R (4.203 acres).

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Mallett to approve the replat of King Oaks Subdivision, Section 1 that combines Lot 143 (2.953 acres) and Lot 144 (1.25 acres) into one lot to be redesignated as Lot 143-R (4.203 acres).

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

18. Authorize Road & Bridge to trade-in three (3) dump trucks that are being replaced.

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Mallett to trade-in three (3) dump trucks that are being replaced.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

19. Consideration and possible approval of waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek SUD on CR 186.

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek SUD on CR 186.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mallett

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

20. Consideration and possible approval of a waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek SUD on Roese Road.

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Mallett to approve waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek SUD on Roese Road.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

21. Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Anderson related to Hurricane Harvey grant projects.

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Anderson related to Hurricane Harvey grant projects.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Cox

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

22. Consider selection of an Engineering firm to perform design of 2016 GLO-CDBG grant project and authorize negotiations of engineering services agreement.

MOTIONED BY: Commissioner Dobyanski to select HDR Engineering to perform design of 2016 GLO-CDBG grant project and authorize negotiations of engineering services agreement.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Cox

VOTE IN FAVOR: 5 VOTE OPPOSED: 0

23. Consideration and possible action regarding the sale or exchange of property, being a portion of Lots 16-2, 17 & 18, Block 26, town of Iola. It is expected that the Court will convene a closed or executive session regarding this item as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberation Regarding Real Property). Item presented after Agenda Item #30. Court convened a closed session at 12:50 p.m., and reconvened an open session at 1:12 p.m. No action was taken.
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24. Consider and take action on resolution/ballot for Election for Appraisal District Board of Directors.  

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to accept the Resolution and Ballot and to divide votes equally among candidates with remainder going to two proposed.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski 
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0  

25. Discuss and determine when to use tax exempt status.  

No action taken.  

26. Discuss, review and approve some or all items proposed by PGAL regarding the proposed County Justice Center that is currently being designed for Grimes County.  

No action taken.  

27. Consider and take action to select an offeror for construction of the County Justice Center and discuss, negotiate and approve a contract and any modifications thereto.  

Motioned by: Commissioner Mallett to select Collier Construction for construction of the County Justice Center and to negotiate contract and approve any modifications.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox 
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0  

28. Discuss and take action on peer review.  

Commissioner Dobyanski left for appointment during presentation.  

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to take action to hire Vanir Construction Management with amendments as noted.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox 
Vote in Favor:  4  Vote Opposed:  0  

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

No action taken.  

30. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.  

None at this time.  

Agenda Item #23 was presented here.  

31. Adjourn.  

Motioned by: Commissioner Walker to adjourn.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett 
Vote in Favor:  4  Vote Opposed:  0  

Judge Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 1:13 p.m.