THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 26th day of August 2020 at 9:00 a.m., a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Grimes County, Texas was held 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. Invocation was given by Judge Fauth.

2. Public Comments

We look forward to hearing from the citizens of Grimes County. If you wish to share any thoughts and/or concerns during the Public Comment portion of the Meeting, you must sign-in with the County Clerk before the Meeting is called to order. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.

Judge Joe Fauth – Hurricane Laura is now a Category 4 storm and expected to have winds of 140 mph. Take necessary precautions and be safe. Also the COVID 19 testing scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday has been cancelled.
Gary Williamson representing the Grimes County Republican Party as Vice Chairman spoke on agenda item #19 concerning nominating a replacement for County Treasurer. Mr. Williamson noted that it has been customary to nominate a person that is affiliated with the same political party as the previous elected official when filling an unexpired term and since Janice Trant ran on the republican ballot her replacement should also be a Republican.

Susan Patrick representing the Grimes County Republican Party as Chairman spoke on Agenda item #19 concerning nominating a replacement for County Treasurer. Mrs. Patrick commented that, since Janice Trant passed away with two more years left in her term, her position will be on the ballot in November for the remaining 2 years of her unexpired term. Mrs. Patrick also announced that Jim-Bob Trant has filed for the position of County Treasurer on the November ballot. Mrs. Patrick indicated that she thinks he will do a fabulous job and asked that the commissioners consider appointing Jim-Bob Trant as County Treasurer to serve until December 31, 2020.

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

Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 1

Funds to be increased in the following line item:

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Reason: To replace an old computer that is not working properly.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve consent agenda items 3, 4 and 5.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED
GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER - AL PEELER

6. Update on on-going projects: Grimes County Courthouse, Grimes County Jail, Grimes County Justice Center.

Courthouse - All exterior scaffolding has been removed. Work is ahead of schedule. New plaster should be finished by the week of September 8th. Interior painting will cost $321,000 and of that TAC will cover $297,000. The Maintenance Budget will cover the remaining amount. The county still owes from $72,000 to $73,000 in engineering fees and THC will cover the cost of the new doors which is $193,000. The estimated completion date for the interior painting will be November 1, 2020.

Jail - The control systems are currently being installed. There have been a few set backs. Heat strips and Heat pumps have made it more difficult. An Electrician will need to be called out. The cheaper units that were purchased is affecting everything and a lot of work will need to be done. New control software for the Law Enforcement Center has been installed.

Justice Center - Everything is looking good. The duct work came in and the metal is on the roof. The mezzanine has been poured. There will be some change orders coming. One will be a COVID package and the architect with PGAL is working on the new road package. Also, a UV lighting package from Brad came in today. The UV lights will kill the bacteria on surfaces. The contractor will be adding splash shields in certain county offices. Judge Joe Fauth asked if this could be something the county could add to the CARES ACT grant. Commissioner Barbara Walker asked if the special filters could be used as well.

7. Grimes County Historical Commission update.

Al Peeler reported that the Grimes County Historical Commission (GCHC) met for the first time since March at the Historic Anderson Park and the meeting went very well. Since the passing of Janice Trant, the commission had to make some leadership changes. Janice Trant was the GCHC treasurer. Mary Ann Waters was appointed GCHC treasurer and Lucy Ybarra was appointed GCHC Secretary. A nominating committee will nominate new officers in November.

GRIMES COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR - LUCY YBARRA

8. Review and approve the contract, total equipment cost, and purchase of new voting equipment from Hart InterCivic. (See Attachment #8.)

Elections Administrator Lucy Ybarra presented a contract for new voting equipment from Hart InterCivic at a cost of $395,728 of which $140,000 will be covered by HAVA grants from the State of Texas. The county has enough money in the budget to cover the remaining balance of $257,728. Hart will provide free on-site training for election workers prior to the November election. Commissioner Walker added that she was glad that the county was able to get the grant money to help pay for this new voting equipment. Commissioner David Dobyanski commented that he agreed with Commissioner Walker. This equipment is very expensive and this was a golden opportunity to purchase new equipment at this time.
Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve the contract, total equipment cost, and purchase of new voting equipment from Hart InterCivic.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR - MARY ANN WATERS

9. Consider and take action to approve the renewal of the contract between the Grimes County Tax Assessor-Collector and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purpose of processing TPWD boat and motor transactions. (See Attachment #9.)

Mary Ann Waters presented a new 5-year contract with TPWD for the purpose of processing boat and motor renewals and transactions. The question of whether or not the county could issue hunting and fishing licenses came up, but the answer was “NO”. Currently her office has collected $1,500 in license fees this fiscal year. That is money that the county keeps. Customers are happy that the county can offer this service to them.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve the renewal of the contract between the Grimes County Tax Assessor-Collector and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purpose of processing TPWD boat and motor transactions.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. #3 - BARBARA WALKER

10. Consider and take action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Grimes County and the City of Navasota for Fire Protection Services for FY 2021. (See Attachment #10.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cox approve the Interlocal Agreement between Grimes County and the City of Navasota for Fire Protection Services for FY 2021.
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER - HARRY WALKER

11. Consideration and possible approval of a replat of Lake Holly Hill, Block 11, Lots 3 & 4, in Precinct #2.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski approve the replat of Lake Holly Hill, Block 11, Lots 3 & 4, in Precinct #2.
Seconded by: Commissioner Walker
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

12. Consideration and possible approval of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of $14,024.50 for Fuqua Construction on the 2015 GLO-CDBG grant. (See Attachment #12.)

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of $14,024.50 for Fuqua Construction on the 2015 GLO-CDBG grant.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED
13. Discuss, consider, and select an engineering firm to complete application and project implementation for CDBG-Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (MIT) funding through the General Land Office. (See Attachment #13.)

Harry Walker stated that he received proposals from seven different companies and that he recommended Blyle Engineering for the project. The selection committee consisted of Harry Walker, Commissioner Chad Mallett and Commissioner David Dobyanski.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to select Blyle Engineering to complete application and project implementation for CDBG-Hurricane Harvey Mitigation (MIT) funding through the General Land Office.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

14. Discuss and consider adoption of a Hiring Resolution for Grant Works, Inc. to provide administrative services for the GLO - CDBG Hurricane Harvey Mitigation grant application. (See Attachment #14.)

Harry Walker presented a Resolution to hire Grant Works to provide administrative services for the GLO-CDBG Hurricane Harvey Mitigation grant. The grant can be anywhere from $3 million to $10 million. Their fee will be 7.25 % which could be as much as $246,000 which will be paid out of grant funds.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to adopt a Hiring Resolution for Grant Works, Inc. to provide administrative services for the GLO - CDBG Hurricane Harvey Mitigation grant application.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Grimes County Road and Bridge Report distributed separately and attached hereto.

COUNTY JUDGE - JOE FAUTH III

15. Discuss and take action to determine acceptance of the Enterprise Fleet Leasing contract for the FY 2021 budget.

After much discussion about this agenda item the ITEM WAS TABLED.

16. Discuss and take action to appoint Judge Joe Fauth III, Commissioner Phillip Cox and Mayor Karen Hale to the BVCOG Board of Directors. (See Attachment #16.)

After some discussion about this agenda item the ITEM WAS TABLED.

17. Consider and take action to propose a tax rate and take a record vote on proposed tax rate. If proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), take record vote and schedule two public hearings.
Judge Joe Fauth presented a proposed tax rate of .526933 which is a reduction of .003328 from the previous year’s tax rate of .530261.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallet to propose a tax rate of .526933 and take a record vote on proposed tax rate. No public hearing will be necessary.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

Judge Joe Fauth – Yea
Commissioner Chad Mallet – Yea
Commissioner David Dobyanski – Yea
Commissioner Barbara Walker – Yea
Commissioner Phillip Cox – Yea

18. Discuss and review Department Heads whose status is non-exempt and take action to move those who qualify to exempt status.

Human Resources Director Talitta Coleman stated that two department heads should be at an exempt status. Those two department heads are Katherine Lee Dornak who oversees the 911 and Permit departments and David Lilly who is the Emergency Services Coordinator. Both positions will be moved from hourly to salary with no change in compensation.

Motion by: Judge Joe Fauth to move Katherine Lee Dornak and David Lilly from hourly to salary and make them exempt employees.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

19. Review, discuss and take action to determine a replacement for the position of Grimes County Treasurer. (See Attachment #19.)

Judge Joe Fauth stated that our County Treasurer Janice Trant passed away on August 7, 2020. Her position has now become vacant and the Commissioners Court have a duty to appoint a temporary replacement to serve until December 31, 2020 and at which time the election in November will determine who will take office on January 1, 2021 to fill the unexpired term for 2 more years. Currently there is a Republican candidate and a Democratic candidate that have both signed up to be on the ballot in November.

Judge Joe Fauth indicated that he spoke with the two assistant treasurers and asked them if they could continue their work without appointing a new treasurer at this time and the answer was “NO”. Commissioner Barbara Walker thanked the two women Sinda Phelps and Heather Garcia for their hard work and dedication during this difficult time and commended them for their loyalty and determination. Barbara Walker also indicated that the duties of the office of Treasurer were very important and that certain statutes needed to be followed. Commissioner Phillip Cox stated that the County Treasurer is the custodian of the county funds and there were 37 duties listed in the job description that can only be done by the County Treasurer. Commissioner Cox also thanked the staff of the treasurer’s office and commended them for their hard work and stated that he was ready to make a decision today.
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Motion by: Commissioner Cox to appoint Jim-Bob Trant as County Treasurer until December 31, 2020.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

After the vote was taken Judge Joe Fauth stated that Jim-Bob Trant will need to get his Bond and then he will be sworn in tomorrow. Jim-Bob Trant was present and thanked the court for appointing him. Mr. Trant stated that he was not his mother and that he needed to remember his duties and his commitment to accuracy and appreciated everyone’s vote in November.

20. Discuss and take action on items related to the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Assistant Auditor Mary Johnson (M.J.) passed out a chart of expenses related to COVID-19. Mary Johnson explained that she took off the $10,000 from the CESF grant and added an additional $5,000 to the CSF grant. Mary Johnson also indicated that the actual expenses were right on target where the county needed to be. The bad news was that the county has spent more in Category 4 and that the county might need to suspend any more expenses in categories 4, 5 and 6 if the county does not get enough expenditures in categories 1, 2 and 3.

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

NO ACTION TAKEN. BURN BAN REMAINS IN PLACE.

22. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Phillip Cox indicated that the feral hog application has been submitted.

Commissioner David Dobyanski announced that the fundraiser for the animal shelter that was scheduled for October had been cancelled.

23. Adjourn.

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

Judge Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 11:47 a.m.