THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 11th day of March, 2020 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.

Ricky Weinkoff addressed the court with concerns of neighbors burning trash on her road CR 306. She also expressed her concerns about the animal control problem in the county.

Commissioner Dobyanski announced that the Special Olympics had been cancelled in Grimes County.

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.

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

PHI AIR MEDICAL – KENNIE KERR

6. Presentation on PHI Medical Transport Membership Plan.

Kennie Kerr handed out a power point presentation to the Commissioners on the PHI Medical Transport Membership Plan. He explained how this service might benefit the citizens of Grimes County. He stated that it would cost the county $10 per household and that they estimated the number of households in Grimes County to be 8,793.

GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER – AL PEELER

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

Maintenance Manager Al Peeler gave us an update on the construction projects in the County. Courthouse Project – Windows are 90% complete. On schedule for a June completion date. County Jail Project – Frontier moved in on Monday. Administration Offices are quarantined. The roof should be completed by March 27th. HVAC system will be done in 3 phases. Phase 1 should be completed by Monday March 16th. Phase 3 should be completed in 3-4 weeks. New Justice Center Project – 140 piers drilled as of 8:30 a.m. today. They had to move 4 sections of fencing around the Sheriff’s office. There has been 15 rain days.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR – LUCY POPE

8. Consider and approve changing the Records Management Clerk from Grade 2 to Grade 3. (See Attachment #8.)

This item was tabled to be reviewed in May of 2020.

Motioned by: Commissioner Cox to table Agenda Item #8.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR – DAVID LILLY

9. Consider and take action to approve the addition of the Grimes County First Responders’ ten (10) dual-band radios to the Grimes County 700/800 radio count.

David Lilly reported that they will be installing 4 hand-held radios and 5 mobile radios at no additional cost to the county at this time. They will be added to the total count.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve the addition of 10 dual band radios.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0
GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. #3 – BARBARA WALKER

10. Discuss and approve Emergency Services Agreement between CHI St. Joseph and Grimes County.

This item was tabled and will be moved to a special workshop for March 25, 2020.

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

Harry Walker gave his road and bridge report and the subdivision report. He also reported that the Road and Bridge Department will now go back to working four 10 hour days per week.

COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH III

11. Discuss and take action to hire legal assistance for the upcoming redistricting process if determined that help is needed. (See Attachment #11.)

A discussion was held concerning the two companies that presented proposals for their services for the upcoming redistricting process. The two companies were Bickerstaff and Allison, Bass & Magee LLP. The commissioner’s decided to go with Allison, Bass & Magee L.L.P.

Motioned by: Commissioner Fauth to hire Allison, Bass & Magee LLP for the upcoming redistricting.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0

12. Discuss and take action to approve funding for the Maintenance & Storage facility associated with the new Business & Justice Center.

A discussion was held concerning the size of the new Maintenance & Storage facility. Project Manager Al Peeler presented a draft of the building which is estimated to cost the county $250,000. It was decided to go with the 100 ft. x 40 ft. design. Collier Construction will construct the concrete pad for the building which will be 32,000 square feet. There was a discussion about how much money was still available for this project and the County Auditor Mary Nichols indicated that there was $1,267,030 remaining. Mary Nichols also reminded the court that the phone system was not included in the original contract so that will add an additional $20,000. She handed out an updated Budget Cost Sheet for the New Justice Center Project with the projected costs.

Motioned by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve funding for the new Maintenance & Storage Bldg.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0

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

No action taken.

15. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Dobyanski announced that there will be a fundraiser for the new Grimes County Animal Shelter on May 17, 2020.


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

Judge Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 11:29 a.m.