THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 27th day of May 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 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.

Commissioner David Dobyanski reminded everyone that there will be a food drive on Saturday, May 30th from 11am-2pm at the Grimes County Fairgrounds. He stated that the Anderson Food Pantry ran out of food last time.
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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. Approve monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for April 2020 and authorize advertisement of affidavit of same, in accordance with local government code 114.026.

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

Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 1

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Reason: To cover a portion of check #117883 for the Jail camera system.

Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 2

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<td>0020-0375-3072</td>
<td>SALE OF LAND</td>
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Reason: Money received from Navasota Abstract & Title for the sale of property on 6155 FM 2445 (buyer TKT Investments, LLC)

Auditor Mary Nichols asked that this item be removed because it was already approved during a previous commissioner’s court meeting.
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**Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 3**

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<td>0020-0331-3050</td>
<td>FEMA REVENUE</td>
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**Reason:** To cover unforeseen repairs to various bridges per TXDOT bridge inspections.

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**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 1**

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**Reason:** To cover purchase of benches for the courtroom and an office desk chair.

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**Motion by:** Commissioner Walker to approve consent agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6.  
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Dobyanski  
**Vote in Favor:**  5  **Vote Opposed:**  0  **MOTION PASSED**

**COUNTY JUDGE - JOE FAUTH III**

7. Consider and recognize Lucy Pope for her retirement from Grimes County as Human Resource Director.

County Judge Joe Fauth presented Lucy Pope with an engraved plaque for recognizing her 14 years of service with the county.

**GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER - AL PEELER**

8. Update on ongoing projects: Grimes County Courthouse, Grimes County Jail, Grimes County Justice Center.

Al Peeler gave the following report:
Courthouse – Repointing is done. Punch list is done. Some of the stone might have to be redone. The cupola is being torn down and replaced. No leaks from the recent rains. A total of 88 windows were repaired. 16 windows might need to be redone. The new doors are in production. The completion date might be extended a few days due to weather.

County jail – Everything is still on hold. Al Peeler spoke with Todd Greene with the Sheriff’s office on when the contractors can start back up again with the mold remediation. Work is at a standstill.

New Justice Center – 1 pier/beam has been completed out of 6 total piers/beams. It takes a lot of time for the cages to be assembled. It took one full day to just do the one pier/beam. They used 40 feet of rebar. There will be 5 interior piers/beams. One will be the entire length of the outside. Climatric has completed running their wires underground for the control system. There have been 36 rain days so far. The steel structure is there waiting to be installed.

CAROLL’S OFFICE FURNITURE/GLOBAL FURTURE GROUP - STEVE DANNENBRINK & LINDA SNOW

9. Presentation of services and discussion of furniture needs for new Grimes County Justice & Business Center.

Steve Dannenbrink and Linda Snow gave a brief summary of their business history and experience and left several brochures and catalogs for the county officials to review. The County Judge asked what the lead time was to order furniture and Linda Snow responded 6 weeks. Linda Snow has been with the company for 36 years. Snow indicated that they were a billion dollar company out of Houston, Texas. Judge Joe Fauth indicated that the move in date for the new building was anticipated to be around March or April of 2021.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR - DAVID LILLY

10. Discuss and take action to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency issued on March 16, 2020 retroactively to Saturday, 9 May 2020 when the previous extension expired, making any modifications in order to comply with the County's "Operating Plan for the Grimes County Judiciary" and Governor Abbott’s revised "Open Texas Plan". This declaration will be in effect until a date to be determined. (See Attachment #10.)

David Lilly presented the commissioners court with an extended Declaration of Local Disaster that expired on May 9th and asked that it be extended to a date to be determined. David Lilly reported that there were 105 COVID-19 cases in Grimes County and that 71 of those cases were at the TDCJ Wallace Pack Unit in the south end of the County. David Lilly also explained why the county numbers and the TDCJ numbers were not the same. David Lilly gets his information directly from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). TDCJ also reports to DSHS.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency issued on March 16, 2020 retroactively to Saturday, 9 May 2020 to be in effect until a date to be determined.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED
11. Consider and take action to approve Pricing Supplement between TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc., and Grimes County. [See Attachment #11.]

Chief Todd Greene presented the Pricing Supplement between TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. and Grimes County. Judge Joe Fauth asked if Todd Greene would be signatory and he agreed.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve Pricing Supplement between TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc., and Grimes County with Todd Greene as signatory.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

12. Consider and approve the contract for Reverse 911 services with Hyper Reach and authorize the County Judge as Signatory.

Kat Lee explained how the Reverse 911 service works. A database with all land phone lines in the county is uploaded into the system and anytime there is severe weather or emergency notifications the citizens will automatically receive an alert via telephone. Citizens may also sign up for this service by including their cell phone number or email address and they can choose to get texts or emails or both. Judge Joe Fauth indicated that this should be made aware to the public any way possible. Kat Lee explained that there is a link on the county website to sign up for this service. Judge Joe Fauth asked County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski to make sure that the link was on our home page on the website so it was easy to find and visible.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve the contract for Reverse 911 services with Hyper Reach and authorize the County Judge as Signatory.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

13. Consider and approve the 2020-2021 renewal rates for medical and dental. [See Attachment #13.]

Lucy Pope presented the Commissioners Court with a copy of the renewal rates for medical and dental for 2020-2021. Lucy Pope indicated that the rates actually went down this time and that the county is grandfathered into the plan which is a benefit to the county. Lucy Pope also explained that the copays stayed the same and that there is a $100 deductible for prescriptions and that the plan renews on October 1, 2020. The cost to the county for each employee is $784.92 per month. Dental insurance is $24.96 per month. Commissioner Phillip Cox asked how many other counties provided free insurance to their employees and Lucy Pope replied that three quarters of the State are doing this. Lucy Pope also stated that the county has been using TAC for their insurance for the past 21 years.

Motion by: Commissioner Cox to approve the 2020-2021 renewal rates for medical and dental.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED
14. Consider and approve moving the Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant from Grade 4 to Grade 5 in addition to adding a part-time Clerk at Grade 1. (See Attachment #14.)

Motion by: Commissioner Cox to approve moving the Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant from Grade 4 to Grade 5 in addition to adding a part-time Clerk at Grade 1.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY ASSISTANT AUDITOR/HR DIRECTOR - TALITTA COLEMAN

15. Consider and take action to adjust Constable Precinct #2 Deputy Traffic Officer's earned wages for the period 11-13-2018 to 09-30-2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski to adjust Constable Precinct #2 Deputy Traffic Officer's earned wages for the period 11-13-2018 to 09-30-2019.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR - LUCY YBARRA

16. Discuss and approve the contract with VISTA SG for data management and paperless filing services for Elections and Voter Registration departments. (See Attachment #16.)

Lucy Ybarra presented a contract with VISTA SG for data management and paperless filing. Lucy Ybarra explained that this would be used for voter registration cards and ballot by mail applications. Lucy Ybarra also explained that this service can also be used for elections as well.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve the contract with VISTA SG for data management and paperless filing services for Elections and Voter Registration departments.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

17. Discuss and approve Resolution prior to any grant funds being awarded.

Elections Administrator Lucy Ybarra presented a Resolution to the Commissioners court to request 3 grants from the State of Texas for purposes of purchasing new voting equipment and updating cybersecurity software. Lucy Ybarra described the three grants that she is applying for with this resolution. Grant No. 1 is the 2020 HAVA Cares Act grant which can be used towards the purchase of new voting equipment. The grant amount is $24,588.57 which requires the county to match $4,917.71. Grant No. 2 is the 2018 Election Security Grant. This grant is $40,000 and there is no matching required by the county. Grant No. 3 is the 2020 Election Security Grant. This grant is $80,000 which requires the County to match 20% or $16,000. Lucy Ybarra also presented a quote from Hart Intercivic for new voting equipment. The total price was $395,728.00. The two security grants would allow $120,000 to be applied towards the new equipment leaving a balance of $276,728.00. Judge Joe Fauth asked how many precincts Lucy Ybarra included in the quote from Hart and the answer was 11 precincts. Lucy Ybarra explained that since Grimes County now has Super Voting Centers, we can reduce the number of polling places which reduces the costs for labor and equipment. Lucy Ybarra explained that if we cannot purchase new equipment she can use the funds to upgrade the software and equipment in the elections office.
Motion by: Judge Joe Fauth to approve Resolution prior to any grant funds being awarded.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobynski  
Commissioner Phillip Cox abstained from voting  
Vote in Favor:  4  Vote Opposed:  0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK - VANESSA BURZYNSKI

18. Consider and take action to create a new line item for the County Clerk for cell phone service; funds from Rentals and Contracts will be moved to cover the cost of the cell phone for the remainder of this fiscal year.

County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski asked the commissioners court to approve a new line item for a cell phone for the county clerk. Vanessa Burzynski explained that a new law was passed last year which took effect on September 1, 2019 that requires elected officials who use personal cell phones for County Business to make the contents of that phone available to the public as public information and would be required to be retained for a certain period of time in its original format or transferred to a server. This includes email, text, internet posting, social medial, instant messaging, voice mail, etc. Vanessa Burzynski explained that she had enough money in the Rentals and Contracts line item to cover the monthly cost of $50 per month for the phone.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve a new line item for the County Clerk for cell phone service.  
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobynski  
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0  MOTION PASSED

19. Consider and take action to approve the addition of Fraud Alert Protection to the Grimes County Clerk’s Vanguard Records Management system by Kofile Technologies, Inc. (See Attachment #19.)

County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski presented a proposal from Kofile Technologies, Inc. to provide Fraud Alert Protection to be added to the current Vanguard Records Management System contract. This program will cost the county $101.52 per month and will allow the citizens to sign up for free for the service. Vanessa Burzynski explained that Property Fraud is a real problem and this service will allow the public to be notified if anything is filed in the County Clerk’s office with their name on it. There will be a link on the Clerk’s website where the public can sign up for this free service. Vanessa Burzynski commented that the clerk’s office gets a monthly “refund” from Kofile from images purchased online and that the monthly “refunds” average between $300 and $800 per month which would more than cover the cost of the Fraud Protection. These funds would come out of Professional Services.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobynski to approve the addition of Fraud Alert Protection to the Grimes County Clerk’s Vanguard Records Management system by Kofile Technologies, Inc. 
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett  
Vote in Favor:  5  Vote Opposed:  0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY ATTORNEY - JON C. FULTZ

20. Consider and take action to approve Emergency Services Agreement between CHI St. Joseph and Grimes County.

Jon C. Fultz presented the Emergency Services Agreement between CHI St. Joseph and Grimes County. CHI Director of Operations Erin Marietta was present and answered questions from Commissioners. Judge Joe Fauth said he was disappointed that the County will not be able to use
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PHI for air medical transport if we sign this contract with CHI. Jon Fultz reminded the Commissioners that the extension expires today. Commissioner Barbara Walker thanked the Erin Marietta and Jon C. Fultz for their hard work on this contract to get everything Grimes County wanted. Commissioner Walker also mentioned that there is a new program called Zola Rescue Net for Ambulance Service that tracks mileage and records the time they responded to the call and the time they arrived at the hospital. The contract is for a term of 5 years with automatic renewal for two subsequent terms of two year periods each and can be terminated at a date mutually agreed to by both parties.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve Emergency Services Agreement between CHI St. Joseph and Grimes County. 
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

21. Consider and take action to exercise a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 for certain capital improvements at the Grimes County Fairgrounds.

Jon C. Fultz explained that the County Assistant Auditor Talitta Coleman received several invoices for work done at the Grimes County Fairgrounds that exceeded $50,000 and Jon C. Fultz is advising the court that it may choose to exercise a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government code 262.024. Fairgrounds Manager Randy Krueger was present and explained that he received 3 bids to replace the flooring in the main hall of the Expo Center. The original bid was under $50,000. After the work had started the contractor found a problem in the bathroom and in the kitchen with the plumbing so additional work was needed which was done. Randy Krueger received three different invoices from the contractor which totaled $64,000.

Motion by: Commissioner Cox to approve the invoices and exercise a discretionary exemption pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024 for certain capital improvements at the Grimes County Fairgrounds.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER - HARRY WALKER

22. Consideration and possible approval of a renewal of a Special Road Use & Indemnity Agreement for LE Myers. (See Attachment #22.)

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyns to approve a renewal of a Special Road Use & Indemnity Agreement for LE Myers.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Commissioner Barbara Walker stepped out of the room and was not present for the vote.
Vote in Favor: 4 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED


Harry Walker presented his Annual Road and Bridge Condition Report.

COUNTY JUDGE - JOE FAUTH III

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

NO ACTION TAKEN
25. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

**NO UPDATES**


**Motioned by:** Commissioner Walker to adjourn.
**Seconded by:** Commissioner Mallett
Commissioner David Dobyanski left the courtroom at 11:32 am
Vote in Favor: 4  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

Judge Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 11:36 a.m.