Grimes County Commissioners Court

Chad Mallett
Commissioner, Precinct #1

David E. Dobyanski
Commissioner, Precinct #2

Barbara Walker
Commissioner, Precinct #3

Phillip Cox
Commissioner, Precinct #4

Joe Fauth III, Grimes County Judge
P.O. Box 160
Anderson, Texas 77830
936-873-4476

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Vanessa Burzynski, County Clerk

Joe Fauth III, County Judge

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 23rd day of September 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
- Commissioner, Pct. #1, Chad Mallett
- Commissioner, Pct. #2, David E. Dobyanski
- Commissioner, Pct. #3, Barbara Walker
- Commissioner, Pct. #4, Phillip Cox

Present

COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH III

1. Call to order.

Judge Joe Fauth called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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 read an order of appointment from the 12th District Judge Albert McCaig, Jr. appointing Mary Nichols as auditor until September 30, 2020. (See attached order.)

Judge Joe Fauth reminded the citizens of Grimes County to complete the 2020 census. He also asked everyone to ask their neighbors if they have completed their census. The results
of the 2020 Census will determine the financial and political benefits of this county and is very important for everyone to be counted. Joe Fauth said “If you don’t fill out your census you will have to wait 10 years for the next one.”

Commissioner Barbara Walker wanted to remind everyone about the free drive-up COVID-19 testing being held this Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Navasota Center in Navasota and the City Hall in Todd Mission. No doctor’s note required. It is an oral swab. Results usually come back within 48 hours. (see attached flyer)

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**

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Reason: Reimbursement for subdivision fees received for variances, plats and replats.

**Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 2**

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<td>AG. EXTENSION - OFFICE SUPPLIES</td>
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Reason: Reimbursement received from 4-H for awards.
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**Budget Amendment for FY 2020 - 3**

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<td>PURCHASE OF LAND &amp; BUILDING</td>
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Reason: Reimbursement from Mid-South for over-payment on FM 2445 new construction.

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Reason: Money received from Bryan Iron and Metal for scrap iron.

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Reason: Reimbursement CK #15575 from T.A.C for travel and conference.
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**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 1**

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<td>IT - SOFTWARE</td>
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Reason: To purchase license and software for EMC office.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 2**

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Reason: To purchase furniture for the District Courtroom.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 3**

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Reason: To cover change orders for FM 2445 Maintenance Barn.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 4**

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<td>RESURFACED PAVED ROADS</td>
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Reason: To cover the reconstruction cost on CR 204 project for Road and Bridge.
**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 5**

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Reason: To cover repairs for a transmission.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 6**

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<td>R.B. - SPECIAL PROJECTS</td>
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Reason: To transfer funds into special project.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 7**

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Reason: To cover FY 2020 repairs and maintenance.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2020 - 8**

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Reason: To purchase two (2) scanners for the Auditor's Office.
6. Consideration and possible approval of a renewal of the Special Road Use Permit renewal for LE Myers on CR 304 & CR 344. (See Attachment #6.)

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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT - KYLA GLADSON

7. 4-H Proclamation. (see attachment #7)

James Leman read the proclamation to the commissioners court. Each 4-H club member present stated their name and the groups that they are associated with and explained what 4-H means to them. Judge Joe Fauth asked the group what the age limits were and how to join. A student must be in the 3rd grade to join and can be a member of 4-H up until high school graduation. The age limit is 18 years of age. Judge Joe Fauth asked what the 4 H’s stood for. They replied “Head, Heart, Hands, Heath”. Kyla Gladson indicated that there were eight [8] 4-H clubs in Grimes County. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H they can visit their website at https://www.4 honline.com/. 4-H members present were as follows:

- James Leman – Grimes County 4-H Council Secretary, Iola 4-H club president, Shooting Sports club 2nd Vice president
- Luke Leman – Iola 4-H Club member, Shooting Sports 4-H club
- Ben Leman – Iola 4-H club reporter, Shooting Sports 4-H club Delegate
- Torian Fair – Grimes County 4-H Council 3rd Vice Chairman, Charm & Sewing 4-H club president
- Sincere Banner – Charm & Sewing 4-H club Vice President and historian
- Nehemiah Banner – Charm & Sewing club delegate

GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER - AL PEELER

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

Courthouse – Al Peeler stated that the painting project is going well. The inside painting project is ahead of schedule. The contractors are currently painting the courtroom upstairs since there was no court scheduled this week. A few leaks were repaired. The contractors should be finished by the end of October.

Jail – Al Peeler stated that this project is not coming along as fast as he would like. There is a problem with the control systems, so Al is working with the IT Director Gregg Cannon on getting that fixed. Currently the controls are being done manually. The humidity in the building has gone down from 98 percent to 71 percent, but the ideal humidity should be around 55 percent. Al is holding off on the mold abatement project until he gets notified that the jail is no longer under lockdown due to COVID-19.

Justice Center – Al Peeler stated that the Mezzanine has been installed and the air handlers have been installed. The contractors are studding the walls and adding outside insulation. The architect PGAL met with the masonry contractor to discuss how they want the building
to look. Currently all work has been put on hold due to the rain. The jobsite has become too muddy due to all the rain that we have had in the past few days.

**GRIMES COUNTY ASSISTANT AUDITOR - MARY JOHNSON**

9. Consider and take action to approve the FY 21 Interlocal Agreement for Auto Theft Task Force grant between Grimes County and Montgomery County and authorize the County Judge and Commissioners as signatories. (See Attachment #9.)

Mary Johnson stated that the contract is the same as last year except for a few minor changes in the language. The amount of the contract stayed the same at $10,000.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve the FY 21 Interlocal Agreement for Auto Theft Task Force grant between Grimes County and Montgomery County and authorize the County Judge and Commissioners as signatories.
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR - DAVID LILLY**

10. Consider and take action to approve the contract for County Funding for Emergency Medical First Responders, Inc. and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #10.)

David Lilly indicated that there are 5 first responders that are part of this group with several more wanting to join but need to get certified first. The amount is the same at $10,000.

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski to to approve the contract for County Funding for Emergency Medical First Responders, Inc. and authorize the County Judge as signatory.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

**GRIMES COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK - DIANE LEFLORE**

11. Consider and take action to approve the District Clerk’s proposed annual written plan for the preservation and restoration of the District Court records archive pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §51.305. (See Attachment #11.)

District Clerk Diane LeFlore presented her archive plan for FY 2021. Diane stated that she currently does not have any projects at this time, but she wants to be able to continue to collect the $10 archive fee and let the balance grow for future projects.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve the District Clerk’s proposed annual written plan for the preservation and restoration of the District Court records archive pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §51.305.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED
GRIMES COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR - TALITTA COLEMAN

12. Consider and take action to amend the Grimes County Salary Structure Grade Definition pertaining to Department Head II and to reclassify Maintenance/Community Service Coordinator from Department Head I to Department Head II. (See Attachment #12.)

Talitta Coleman explained to the court that the position of Building Maintenance Supervisor was moved from a Department Head I to a Department Head II because his salary was increased which put him in a higher pay grade and the language needed to be amended for that pay grade to include the Building Maintenance Supervisor.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to amend the Grimes County Salary Structure Grade Definition pertaining to Department Head II and to reclassify Maintenance/Community Service Coordinator from Department Head I to Department Head II and by adding “manages daily operations and maintenance of multiple county facilities.”
Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

13. Consider and take action to renew current Retiree Medical program for 2021. (See Attachment #13.)

Talitta Coleman presented the Retiree Medical Program for FY 2021. The cost of the Silver Plan went up from $265.21 to $275.83 per month. The county pays 30 percent and the retiree pays the other 70 percent. There are currently 23 retirees in this program with 2 retirees using Blue Cross and Blue Shield and 1 retiree using COBRA.

Motion by: Commissioner Cox to renew current Retiree Medical program for 2021.
Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK - VANESSA BURZYNSKI

14. Consider and take action to approve adding an additional 4,263 marriage licenses to the current contract previously approved that was underestimated and to add 40 additional loose pages to the deed books at a cost of $16,885. This also includes a credit of $8,065.54 for the vital records that were overestimated Proposal is dated June 25, 2020. (See Attachment #14.)

County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski stated that this project is actually part of the initial project approved in commissioners court last year for the scanning and preservation of old marriage licenses. The number of actual marriage licenses exceeded the estimated number by about 4,263 at an additional cost of $24,810.66. These books are being delivered today. There were over 10,000 marriage licenses preserved and put into 42 books. There were also 40 additional loose deed pages that were scanned and preserved. Total cost for this proposal is $24,950.66. There was also a credit of $8,065.54 applied to the cost of the initial project because the number of vital records scanned were less than projected. This amount is being deducted from the original price of that project.

Judge Joe Fauth asked Vanessa what fund this would be coming from and if there were sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project. Vanessa stated that this will be paid from Fund 54 Records Archive Fund and there were sufficient funds in that account. Vanessa
stated that her office has collected $70,000 this fiscal year into that account. Asst. Auditor Jesse Murphy stated that this account had $80,000 budgeted.

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve adding an additional 4,263 marriage licenses to the current contract previously approved that was underestimated and to add 40 additional loose pages to the deed books at a cost of $24,950.66.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

15. Consider and take action to approve scanning and preserving old original commissioners court minute books dating back from 1848 to 1907. (7 books total) and replace binders on four (4) original marriage license books at a cost of $23,999.20. Proposal is dated August 18, 2020. (See Attachment #15.)

County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski stated that this project is to scan and preserve seven (7) commissioners court minutes books dating back to 1848 at a cost of $19,901.70. Vanessa brought 4 of the old books to court for the commissioners to look at. They are old and fragile and falling apart. There are a total 20 commissioners court books and 60 commissioners court records in white plastic binders. The second part of this project is to have 4 old marriage record books placed into new binders at a cost of $4,097.50. These books have already been scanned and are still in possession of DPS. The total for this project is $23,999.20.

Judge Joe Fauth asked Vanessa what fund this would be coming from and if there were sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project. Vanessa stated that this will be paid from Fund 21 Records Management Fund and there were sufficient funds in that account. Vanessa stated that her office has collected $70,000 this fiscal year into that account. Asst. Auditor Jessi Murphy stated that this fund will be sufficient but that she requested that any future projects be put on hold until the auditor's office completes their review of these fund balances. Judge Fauth asked Jessi Murphy how much money was in this account and Jessi indicated that this fund had about $200,000.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to approve scanning and preserving old original commissioners court minute books dating back from 1848 to 1907. (7 books total) and replace binders on four (4) original marriage license books at a cost of $23,999.20.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor: 5 Vote Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER - HARRY WALKER

16. Consideration and possible award of annual contract for mowing. (See Attachment #16.)

Harry Walker presented the contract for mowing. The low bidder was a company owned by a county employee and the question was if this bid was in compliance with the county's Purchasing Policy. Commissioner Chad Mallett stated that the court may want to look at the Purchasing Policy but that the court should not change the policy just to allow this particular employee to bid on this project. Harry Walker recommended that the court award the bid to the second bidder Wayne Pool LLC. Judge Joe Fauth stated that he too thinks that the county needs to take a look at the purchasing policy, so this does not happen again.
Motion by: Commissioner Walker to award the annual contract for mowing to Wayne Pool, LLC. Seconded by: Commissioner Mallett

Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

17. Consideration and possible approval of Jace's Way plat, J.F. Martin Survey A-312, located in Precinct #1. (See Attachment #17.)


Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve Jace's Way plat, J.F. Martin Survey A-312, located in Precinct #1. Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski

Vote in Favor: 4  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED
(Commissioner Walker was not in the room when the vote was taken.)

18. Consideration and possible award of construction contract for CR 323 bridge replacement. (See Attachment #18.)

Harry Walker presented a construction contract for the CR 323 bridge replacement. There were six (6) bids received. The highest bidder was Dudley Construction at $635,000. The lowest bidder was Neyland Bridge at $186,000. Neyland Bridge currently holds the annual Bridge Labor contract for Grimes County and has worked with the county on bridge replacements and repairs for many years. Harry Walker recommended using Neyland Bridge.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to award a construction contract for CR 323 bridge replacement to Neyland Bridge. Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski

Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

19. Discussion and possible action to authorize Road & Bridge to sell all or part of the Stoneham barn property.

Harry Walker asked the court to authorize the Road & Bridge department to begin the process of selling all or part of the Stonham Barn property. Part of this property is being used as a Grimes County garbage disposal site as well as an ambulance service. Harry Walker indicated that if the County did sell the property, he would like to retain one (1) acre. The property in question is 2.8 acres. Judge Joe Fauth asked if the county had a clear title to the land and Harry Walker said that he was looking into that and possibly doing a replat of the property. Navasota ISD owns the property adjacent to this property where the Stonham Community Center is located.

Motion by: Commissioner Walker to authorize Road & Bridge to begin the process of selling all or part of the Stoneham barn property. Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski

Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0  MOTION PASSED

20  Consideration and possible action to award contract for Gas & Diesel for FY 2021. (See Attachment #20.)

Harry Walker presented a contract for Gas & Diesel for FY 2021. The bid includes both Road & Bridge and the Sheriff's department. The price actually went down from last year. Only one bid was received and that was from Key Performance Petroleum, Inc. (formerly Kolkhorst Petroleum.)
Motion by: Judge Joe Fauth to award contract for Gas & Diesel for FY 2021.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor:  5   Vote Opposed:  0   MOTION PASSED

21. Consideration and possible approval of Change Order No. 3 for Champco on the FM 2445 maintenance barn project. (See Attachment #21.)

Harry Walker presented Change Order No. 3 from Champco on the FM 2445 maintenance barn project. The net cost of this change order is $5,030.83. This amount represents the net amount resulting from savings on various Cash Allowance items and other items not included in the original bid package, including electrical work that covers 220V wiring and outlets and security cameras. A portion of these costs are being offset by a reduction in costs previously paid to Mid-South Synergy we rebated $1,439.86 to Grimes County as a result of changes made in the electrical panel that were included in a previous change order. Total increase covered by this Change Order No. 3 amount to $15,181.64. This amount is offset by savings of $10,422.40 for a net amount of $4,759.24

Motion by: Commissioner Dobyanski to approve Change Order No. 3 for Champco on the FM 2445 maintenance barn project. Seconded by: Commissioner Cox
Vote in Favor:  5   Vote Opposed:  0   MOTION PASSED

Presentation of Road & Bridge Report (see attached report)

COUNTY JUDGE - JOE FAUTH III

22. Discuss and review District Judges’ compensation order for County Auditor and Assistants according to Local Government Code 152.031 [b]. (See Attachment #22.)

Judge Joe Fauth presented a copy of the District Judges' compensation order for the County Auditor's salary which is to be $72,000 per year as well as the salaries for the Assistant Auditors which totaled $199,766 per year including overtime expenses in the amount of $5,893.87.

23. Consider and take action to approve the 2021 Tax Assessment/Collection Agreement and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #23.)

Motion by: Commissioner Mallett to approve the 2021 Tax Assessment/Collection Agreement and authorize the County Judge as signatory.
Seconded by: Commissioner Dobyanski
Vote in Favor:  5   Vote Opposed:  0   MOTION PASSED

24. Consider the proposed Budget for FY 2020/2021 and take action to adopt the Budget with a record vote pursuant to Local Government Code 111.008.

*NOTE: Budget must be adopted before tax rate pursuant to Local Government Code 111.010.

A Record Vote was Taken. All commissioners voted in the affirmative! The Budget was adopted as presented. (see Attachment #24)
Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

25. Consider and take action to adopt the tax rate with a record vote for Grimes County for Tax year 2020 pursuant to Local Government Code 141.010 as follows (See Attachment #25.):

   (1) We, the Commissioners Court of Grimes County, do hereby adopt the tax rate per $100 taxable valuation for Grimes County for Tax Year 2020 as follows:

      • $0.526933 for the purposes of maintenance and operations
      • $0.000000 for the payment of debt service
      • $0.526933 total tax rate

A Record Vote Was Taken. All commissioners voted in the affirmative! The tax rate was adopted as presented. (See attachment #25)

Vote in Favor: 5  Vote Opposed: 0

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

   NO ACTION TAKEN. BURN BAN REMAINS IN PLACE.

27. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

Judge Joe Fauth requested that a workshop be scheduled so that the commissioners court can review the Strategic Plan.

28. Adjourn.

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

Judge Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 10:30 a.m.