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:

[Signatures]

VANESSA BURZYNSKI, COUNTY CLERK  
JOE FAUTH III, COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 21st day of April 2021 at 9:00 a.m., there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Grimes County, Texas at the Grimes County Annex Building, 114 W. Buffington, Anderson, 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 III

1. Call to order.

   a. Invocation
   b. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag
   c. Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag. "Honor the Texas Flag. I Pledge Allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

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.

The following citizens appeared in court for public comments.

- Connie Clements spoke about Crime Stoppers new signs
- Johnny McNally gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce
- Robin Trant Johnson made comments about CR 175 Right of Way Easement
• Judge Joe Fauth announced Early voting this week for School Board Election.
• Judge Joe Fauth announced that more COVID vaccines are now available. For more information contact David Lilly at 936-873-4404 or 979-204-4592.

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. Consideration and possible approval of an electric line installation permit on CR 175. (See Attachment #3).

4. Consider and take action to approve the Treasurer’s List of Claims and Bills.

5. Approve monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for March 2021 and authorize advertisement of affidavit of same, in accordance with Local Government Code 114.026. (See Page 5 of Agenda.)

6. Consider and take action to approve payroll.

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

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Reason: To cover various records management expenses for Data Preservation Solutions, LLC that are covered in County Clerk's approved 2021 Records Archive Plan.

**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 3**

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<td>PURCHASE LAND &amp; BUILDING</td>
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Reason: Final payment to Champco for FM 2445 maintenance barn.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2021 - 1**

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<td>0010-0423-4507</td>
<td>IT - COMPUTER HARDWARE</td>
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Reason: To purchase a digital camera, SC card and a carry case for DPS Office.

**Line Item Transfer for FY 2021 - 2**

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<td>NON-DEPARTMENTAL - MISC.</td>
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Reason: To feed the Army National Guard for Bedias vaccination event.
MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve consent agenda items.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker
VOTE IN FAVOR 4  VOTE OPPOSED 0  MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. #2 - DAVID DOBYANSKI

8. Consider and recognize the following employees for their years of service:
   • John Maxwell – 20 years
   • Clint Stringer – 5 years
   • Andrew Duncan - 5 years

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT - ALLEN HOMANN

9. Quarterly interpretation event. (see Attachment #9.)

GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER - AL PEELER

10. Update on on-going projects: Grimes County Jail and Grimes County Justice Center. (See Attachment #10.)

Grimes County Jail – No change

Grimes County Justice Center – Contractor will be working on tape and float of walls this week. Brick laying has also begun. New coils for the HVAC system won’t arrive until June 1st. Date for substantial completion is August 16, 2021. Date for final acceptance is September 13, 2021. A discussion was held about hiring movers and where that money will come from. A discussion was held about which departments will move into the new building first. Judge Joe Fauth suggested a workshop be held for the moving expenses. Al Peeler indicated that he will be meeting with Jennifer Henk in the auditor’s office about the furniture requests.

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK - VANESSA BURZYNSKI

11. Consider and take action to approve scanning and preservation for the World War One Military Defense Council Minutes Book, missing pages from Deed Book B2, and additional Commissioners Court Minutes Books. (See Attachment #11.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve consent agenda items.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker
VOTE IN FAVOR 4  VOTE OPPOSED 0  MOTION PASSED

12. Consider and take action to approve the Civic Clerk Software Package for Commissioners Court meeting agendas, minutes and live-streaming services and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #12.)

This item was tabled, and Judge Joe Fauth requested a workshop to be held on this item.
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GRIMES COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR - TALITTA COLEMAN

13. Discuss and take action to adjust Veterans’ Services Officer salary. It is expected that the Court will conduct a closed session as authorized by the Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

Judge Joe Fauth announced that the court will go into closed session. Commissioners Court went into closed session at 10:16 am and reconvened at 10:38 am. This item was tabled.

14. Discuss and review current Grimes County Salary Structure regarding all employees. (See Attachment #14.)

A discussion was held concerning the Grimes County Salary Structure and the possibility of changing the rate for part time employees and possibly raising the minimum wage. Talitta Coleman suggested that the Commissioners consider a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all employees for the upcoming budget year due to the rising costs of fuel and goods and services.

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER - HARRY WALKER

15. Discussion and possible approval of 1). Amendment of previous authorization for Road & Bridge to auction various items to include three (3) pick-up trucks instead of two (2) pick-up trucks; and 2). Authorize Road & Bridge to transfer one (1) pick-up truck to the Maintenance Department for the remainder of the fiscal year. (See Attachment #15.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox to approve amendment of previous authorization for Road & Bridge to auction various items to include three (3) pick-up trucks instead of two (2) pick-up trucks; and Authorize Road & Bridge to transfer one (1) pick-up truck to the Maintenance Department for the remainder of the fiscal year.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett
VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

16. Consider acceptance of temporary construction easement on CR 185 and authorize County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #16.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to accept temporary construction easement on CR 185 and authorize County Judge as signatory. SECONDED BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker
VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

17. Consider and accept Annual Road Condition Report and authorize County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #17.)

A discussion was held on whether or not to post this annual report on the county’s website. The commissioners also indicated that they would like to receive a copy of the entire report.

MOTION BY: Judge Joe Fauth III to accept Annual Road Condition Report and authorize County Judge as signatory. SECONDED BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox.
VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED
18. Consideration and possible approval of Reagans Run Phase 2 plat. (See Attachment #18.)

**MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve Reagans Run Phase 2 plat in Pct. #2.**
**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett**
**VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED**

19. Consideration and possible approval of award of annual asphalt and emulsions contract to Martin Asphalt. (See Attachment #19.)

**MOTION BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox to approve award of annual asphalt and emulsions contract to Martin Asphalt.**
**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker**
**VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED**

20. Presentation of Road & Bridge Report

**GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE- JOE FAUTH III**

21. Consider and take action to approve Proclamation designating April 2, 2021 thru May 2, 2021 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Grimes County and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #21.)

**MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve Proclamation designating April 2, 2021 thru May 2, 2021 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Grimes County and authorize the County Judge as signatory.**
**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox**
**VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED**

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

No action taken.

23. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Barbara Walker stated that she has received an update on 1115 waiver. Judge Joe Fauth indicated that he would like to be included in these updates.


**MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to adjourn.**
**SECONDED BY Commissioner Barbara Walker**
**VOTE IN FAVOR 4 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED**

Judge Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 11:21 a.m.