THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 7th day of July 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

Present
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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.

Resident Ezeqviel Barrientos commented on how bad the road was on County Road 446 and the bridge on County Road 409. Mr. Barrientos stated that the road has been damaged by the Pipeline work being done in the area. He also thinks that if the county would open up the culverts on both sides of the road, water would flow faster and not flow over the road.
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 May 2021 and authorize advertisement of affidavit of same, in accordance with Local Government Code 114.026. (See Page 5 of this Agenda.)

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

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**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 1**

Funds to be increased in the following line item:

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**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 2**

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<td>0010-0409-4420</td>
<td>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</td>
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Reason: Reimbursement ck#35630 from Kofile for Open Records Request for images and index.

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<td>FEES - SUBDIVISION</td>
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<td>0020-0490-4435</td>
<td>ADVERTISEMENT</td>
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Reason: Reimbursement for advertising and public notices from subdivision fees. (Reaganaaaci LLC Mobile Homes for Less CR 351 and Winoski Land Surveying LLC Apostolo #3)
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**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 3**

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<td>0010-0451-4440</td>
<td>TRAVEL &amp; CONFERENCES</td>
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<td>0010-0451-4405</td>
<td>RENTAL &amp; CONTRACTS</td>
<td>$51.19</td>
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*Reason: Received ck #21893 & 37881 from G. Sowell for travel and conferences for 2021 Annual Training Conference, and reimbursement from Pitney Bowes for overpayment for postage machine.*

**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 4**

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<td>0039-0397-3139</td>
<td>TRANSFERS IN</td>
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*Reason: To transfer funds collected from FY 2005-2020 for the Bail Bond Board to the newly created Bail Bond Board Fund #39 for accountability purposes.*

**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 5**

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<td>0039-0424-4420</td>
<td>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</td>
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*Reason: To increase Bail Bond Board revenue and professional service expense in the Bail Bond Board fund.*

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<td>JAIL – TRAVEL &amp; CONFERENCES</td>
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Reason: To cover deficit in operating supplies and travel and conferences.

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

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<td>0020-0490-4466</td>
<td>R &amp; B – ROAD MATERIALS</td>
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Reason: To transfer funds from Non-Dept. – Grimes St. Joseph Hospital to Road & Bridge for materials that were purchase for EMS driveway upgrades.

Motion by Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve consent agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6. Seconded by Commissioner Phillip Cox.
IN FAVOR 5  OPPOSED 0  MOTION PASSED

**GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. #2 – DAVID DOBYANSKI**

7. Consider and recognize the following employee for their years of service:
   Tammy Castro – 10 years

Commissioner David Dobyanski presented Tammy Castro with a plaque for being employed by the county for 10 years.

**GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – PHILLIP COX, PCT. 4 & CHAD MALLETT PCT. 1**

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

County Judge Joe Fauth stated that there were no updates for the jail except for the mold remediation issue has been improved with the new control system that was installed in the jail that has eliminated most of the moisture issues.
Commissioner Chad Mallett stated that a bi-weekly meeting was held with the contractor and everything is progressing on schedule. The HVAC system is now installed and working which allows the contractors to continue working inside. There have been some rain delays.

GRIMES COUNTY 911 ADDRESSING/ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR – KAT LEE

9. Consider and take action to approve a $50.00 increase of the On-Site Sewage Facilities Permit Fee. (See Attachment #9.)

911/Permit Department Director Kat Lee stated that TCEQ (Texas Commission of Environmental Quality) came to her office and did a review of the office and recommended increasing the OSSF (On-site Sewage Fee) permit fees by $50. Residential fees will increase from $210 to $260 and Commercial fees will increase from $410 to $460. $10 from each permit fee goes back to TCEQ.

Motion by Commissioner Barbara Walker to to approve a $50.00 increase of the On-Site Sewage Facilities Permit Fee. Seconded by Commissioner David Dobynski.
IN FAVOR 5   OPPOSED 0   MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY IT DIRECTOR – GREGG CANNON

10. Consider and take action to approve the rewiring of the network lines in the Sheriff’s Department and Jail as well as remove 60+ old cameras and cables. (See Attachment #10.)

IT Director Gregg Cannon stated that the network cables in the jail were installed in 2003 when the jail was built and has been damaged and needs to be replaced. Also, Mr. Cannon needs to be able to have access to the IT closet, which currently requires him to obtain escorted access to the jail to access the IT closet. His recommendation is to re-run the wires back to the new Justice Center. Mr. Cannon stated that this will resolve a lot of the connectivity issues they have been having at the jail with the phones and the internet service. There are also issues with rats chewing on the wires in the JP’s office. Estimated cost of this project is $44,000 which would come out of the budget for next year. The company is Enterprise and they are on the buy board and has done prior work for the county.

Commissioner Phillip Cox asked Mr. Cannon if he rerouted the cables if that would be in compliance with current jail standards. Mr. Cannon indicated that he would check on that.

Judge Joe Fauth asked that this item be tabled and placed on the agenda for July 21, 2021. No action taken.

11. Consider and take action to approve the use of American Rescue Plan funds to provide fiber to the Grimes County Appraisal District, Anderson City Hall, Anderson VFD, Grimes County Court House, Grimes County Annex and the Grimes County Clerk building. (See Attachment #11.)

IT Director Gregg Cannon proposed to the court a project to provide fiber optic internet services to the Appraisal District, Volunteer Fire Department, Anderson City Hall, the Grimes County Annex, Grimes County Courthouse and the Grimes County Clerk’s office using funds received through the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Cannon stated that the appraisal district
would save around $30,000 on internet service annually. The appraisal district would be on the same phone network as the county and would increase their internet speed using the fiber network. The Anderson Volunteer Fire Department and the Anderson City Hall could also share the internet connection with the county. Anderson-Shiro CISD currently receives internet through the BVCOG fiber ring. This new fiber network would run off the county’s internet service. We could charge a fee or offer it for free. This would also increase connectivity between the Annex and the Courthouse. Mr. Cannon estimated the cost for this project to be $168,199.25. Mr. Cannon also stated that entities that connect to our network would have to undergo the same cybersecurity training that the county employees are required to complete every year.

Judge Joe Fauth stated that certain municipalities turned over their money to the county except for the City of Navasota, but he does not know how much money they received.

Barbara Walker stated that the county should work in a collaborative effort with the schools.

Commissioner Chad Mallet asked the auditor if the county could use these funds to connect to the BVCOG network. County Auditor Jessi Murphy stated that they are doing their best to get more information and guidance on the qualification requirements for spending these funds.

Judge Joe Fauth asked that this item also be tabled and placed on the next agenda. No action taken.

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

12. Consider and take action on Stoneham property.

Harry Walker reported that the initial survey has been completed. The county will need to post notice of abandonment for the existing roads in the plat. The notice must be posted for 20 days. Once that has been done the metes and bounds and final plat will be prepared. Mr. Walker will need to check with the appraisal district on what happens with the abandonment. The final survey should be completed by August.

Harry Walker also stated that the survey on the property on Piedmont will be completed by today. Mr. Walker also stated that he needs to talk with the City of Navasota about the alley way. Does the city want to keep it or abandon it?

Commissioner Barbara Walker asked if the Helipad at the Stoneham property would be affected by the abandonment and the answer was No. Mr. Walker stated that the alley way was between the Community Center and the Stonham barn. Mr. Walker also stated that vacating the roads and alleys will facilitate the sale of the property. Parts of the roadway will go to the adjacent property owners. Mr. Walker indicated that the county will not be vacating the road south of the property. Walker Avenue is an odd situation.

Motion by Commissioner David Dobyanski to post notice of abandonment of existing roads on the Stoneham property. Seconded by Commissioner Phillip Cox.

IN FAVOR 5
OPPOSED 0
MOTION PASSED
12a. Consider and take action to award the reconstruction of CR 215.

Harry Walker received only one bid and it was from Glenn Fuqua Construction. Base bid was $430,735. Alternate bid was $155,081. Mr. Walker recommended going with just the base bid.

Motion by Commissioner Barbara Walker to award the reconstruction of CR 215 to Glenn Fuqua Construction for the base bid only. Seconded by Commissioner David Dobyanski.

IN FAVOR 5  OPPOSED 0  MOTION PASSED

Presentation of Road & Bridge Report

Harry Walker stated that TXDOT has suspended work on CR 302. TXDOT is considering turning it into an FM road. The road and bridge department has fallen behind schedule due to the wet weather and may not finish the paving program scheduled for this summer. There were a lot of downed trees everywhere.

Mr. Walker stated that the Hurricane Harvey Grant Project was awarded earlier this year and must be completed by the end of October. If needed, he can request an extension. Mowing is being done in the south end of the county. It will need to be mowed again in September. Road and Bridge are spraying the vegetation along the highways. The workers are paid by the hour. The herbicide is provided to them but the rain keeps them from spraying. We need dry weather to be able to spray.

Commissioner David Dobyanski stated that Sizemore is tearing up CR 215 again.

Phillip Cox reminded Harry Walker to take into consideration the comments made by Mr. Barrientos at the beginning of the meeting during public comments.

GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH III

13. Consider and take action to approve Contract for Services with Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #428 and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #13.)

Motion by Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the Contract for Services with Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #428 and authorize the County Judge as signatory. Seconded by Commissioner David Dobyanski.

IN FAVOR 5  OPPOSED 0  MOTION PASSED

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 Barbara Walker stated that she had a meeting with the EMS representative for Grimes County and indicated that TDCJ will be moving approximately 500 senior inmates to Grimes County and that might make an impact on response times.

Motion by Commissioner David Dobyanski to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Chad Mallett.

IN FAVOR 5   OPPOSED 0   MOTION PASSED

Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 9:57 a.m.