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 3rd day of March 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 West Buffington Avenue, Anderson, 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 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."

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 reminded citizens that COVID testing is available this week at the Navasota Center in Navasota, next week in Todd Mission, the following week at the Anderson Gymnasium in Anderson and the fourth week in Bedias at the Community Center. Hours are Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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County Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Ann Waters announced that there will be a fish fry at the
Plantersville Town Hall on Friday, March 5th. Plates are $12 for drive thru and $10 for dine
in.

Commissioner David Dobyanski announced that the new 249 Highway will be open between
FM 1774 and Todd Mission by the end of March.

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. Approve monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for January, 2021 and authorize
   advertisement of affidavit of same, in accordance with local government code 114.026. (See Page
   4 of this Agenda.)

5. Consider and take action to approve payroll.

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

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Reason: To cover deficit expense in maintenance of records.

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Reason: To purchase four (4) Adobe Acrobat DC licenses for the County Clerk’s office.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve consent agenda items.
SECONDED BY Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

Grimes County Building Maintenance Manager - Al Peeler

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

Jail – The jail will now be opened up thanks to Governor Greg Abbott’s Executive Order. Frontier has been notified and they will let Al Peeler know when they can come and complete the mold remediation in the jail.

Justice Center – Al Peeler has a water relocation meeting on Friday and has asked Harry Walker to take his place in that meeting since he will be unable to attend. Al Peeler stated that he had one more office tour on Thursday for the District Judge and then no more tours will be given. Every time somebody visits the job site the insurance company has to be notified and all work stops.

There are still issues with Entergy not getting the electrical service connected. The county paid Entergy $7,331.67 on February 9th Invoice #7000130 to have power connected. There was a delay due to the winter storm the week of February 14th. Al Peeler asked for somebody to please call Entergy and get the ball rolling. The contractor needs power to complete the project.

Interior walls are being installed with sheetrock being floated and taped. The Parking Lots and sidewalks are being poured. Fire Sprinklers have been installed. Dirt work continues on the roadway from Hwy 149. The masonry on the back side of the building is complete. The prisoner transport hall is completed on the inside.

Al Peeler passed out the weekly PMP report, Two Week Look Ahead Schedule, and Inclement Weather Delay Log. We are now at 111 rain/weather days. We lost a whole week due to the snow/ice.

Grimes County IT Director - Gregg Cannon

8. Consider and take action to allow IT to change cell phone providers for the County from Verizon to AT&T, realizing a cost savings of $2,016.00 the first year plus one (1) centralized bill and one (1) company for support.

Gregg Cannon asked that this item be tabled. He is looking into what Verizon will offer. Judge Joe Fauth asked how many cell phones the county owns. Sheriff’s office has 58 phones. Total number is between 75 and 80 cell phones. Each phone is billed separately and
with different amounts. Gregg Cannon wants to see all of the phones on the same plan and on the same bill regardless of which carrier he chooses. He just wants reliable service.

**GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT - CHIEF TODD GREENE**


Chief Todd Greene presented the Sheriff’s Office Racial Profiling Report for 2020. He also stated that there were no complaints and zero incidents in 2020.

**GRIMES COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR - MARY ANN WATERS**

10. Consider and take action to approve the quote from Kofile for the restoration of the tax rolls. (See Attachment #10.)

Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Ann Waters presented a quote from Kofile to restore the county tax rolls at a cost of $44,973.80. Mary Ann Waters indicated that this was a 3-4 year project and this was the second year. Judge Joe Fauth asked how far back the tax rolls go. Mary Ann Waters indicated that they started around 1920. County Clerk Vanessa Burzynski asked the Auditor which account these funds were being used from. County Auditor Jessi Murphy indicated that these were funds from the County Clerk’s Records Management Fund 21. Vanessa Burzynski reminded the court that these were restricted funds only for the use of the county clerk’s office. Jessi Murphy indicated that this money had already been budgeted for the Tax Assessor-Collector. Ms. Murphy also indicated that no new spending should be made out of this fund until the auditors complete their audit.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox to approve the quote from Kofile for the restoration of the tax rolls. SECONDED BY Commissioner David Dobyanski

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

**GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS- BARBARA WALKER, PCT. 3 & CHAD MALLET, PCT. 1**


This agenda item was moved to the first item on the agenda so that the guests would not have to wait. Billy Rice and Kurt Sunderman with CHI St. Joseph presented a report on Ground Level Surveillance with response times and volume of calls within Grimes County. Mr. Rice also stated that CHI St. Joseph will be implementing new mobile dispatch terminals in all ambulances. There was also a report with a breakdown by each ambulance. Response times have increased since COVID because of the time it takes for decontamination of each unit between calls. CHI St. Joseph is also hiring more paramedics to be trained. Mr. Rice also explained how surrounding counties have been helping out with mutual aid from Madisonville, Montgomery, Bryan and College Station. Average response time is 12 minutes.

Commissioner Barbara Walker thanked all of the EMS personnel for all of their hard work especially during the winter storm we had recently.

**GRIMES COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. 3 - BARBARA WALKER**
12. Consider and approve Resolution in Opposition to SB 234/HB 749: Efforts to Silence County Officials.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve Resolution in Opposition to SB 234/HB 749: Efforts to Silence County Officials. SECONDED BY: Judge Joe Fauth
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

13. Consider and approve Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates.

MOTION BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski to approve Resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates. SECONDED BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER - HARRY WALKER

Harry Walker stated that there is a big problem in Grimes County with tire dumping. Several tires have been found in a single location on certain county roads. Mr. Walker asks citizens to report illegal dumping to the local authorities. Take photos as evidence and get a license plate number if you can.

Presentation of Road & Bridge Report

GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE- JOE FAUTH III

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

NO ACTION

15. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

NO UPDATES.

Commissioner Barbara Walker did announce that the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver has been extended to September 30, 2030. Currently Texas is operating under an extension from 2011 that was set to expire on September 1, 2022. Included in this waiver is authorization for a public health provider charity care program for services to the uninsured.


MOTION BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski to adjourn.
SECONDED BY Commissioner Chad Mallett
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

Judge Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 10:22 a.m.