THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 5th day of May 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.”

Judge Joe Fauth called the meeting to order at 8:45 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 commented that there has been a route change on FM 1774 and State Highway 105 and cautions motorists to be careful and follow all road signs.
Commissioner Barbara Walker commented that that section of Highway 105 is very dangerous at night because of low visibility and saw several cars going the wrong way.

Commissioner David Dobyanski thanked everyone for coming out to the Animal Rescue Fundraiser held at the Fairgrounds this past weekend. He also announced that the food pantry in Anderson will be open on Thursday from 8 am to 12:00 noon.

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. Road & Bridge: Consideration and possible approval of an electric line installation permit for Blue Jay solar on CR 161 in Precinct 1. (See Attachment #3.)
4. Road & Bridge: Consideration and possible approval of a waterline crossing permit for Wickson Creek SUD on CR 161 in Precinct 1. (See Attachment #4.)
5. Consider and take action to approve the Treasurer’s List of Claims and Bills
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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| LINE ITEM #                     | DESCRIPTION                                      | AMOUNT |
| 0020-0490-4466                  | ROAD MATERIALS                                   | $686.00      |

Reason: Reimbursement ck #4146 from the Town of Anderson for work performed on miscellaneous streets in Anderson per Interlocal Agreement with Grimes Co. Road and Bridge Dept. (R #1200)

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| 0020-0490-4505                  | MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT                            | $952.01      |
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**Reason:** Reimbursement ck #212599 from items in Gov't Deal auction for Road & Bridge Dept. (R #1195)

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**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 3**

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**Reason:** Reimbursement from G. Cannon for personal purchases.

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**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve Consent Agenda Items.  
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner David Dobyanski  

**VOTE IN FAVOR**  5  
**VOTE OPPOSED**  0  
**MOTION PASSED**

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**GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TODD GREENE**

8. Consider and take action to approve the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement adding Burleson County to the BVWACS Radio System and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #8.)

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Phillip Cox to approve the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement adding Burleson County to the BVWACS Radio System and authorize the County Judge as signatory. **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Chad Mallett  

**VOTE IN FAVOR**  5  
**VOTE OPPOSED**  0  
**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

**Jail – No change**

Justice Center – 152 inclement weather days. Face brick will be complete in 2 weeks. New coils will be installed by May 21st. The A/C system will be complete by June 4th. Interior door frames have been ordered. Irrigation systems have been installed.

Commissioner Barbara Walker asked Al Peeler when the access road from Highway 90 would be complete? Mrs. Walker stated that the contract with Mr. Westmoreland states that the road should be complete on or before the completion of the building. There was a discussion on the exact wording of the contract and whether or not the road would be completed by then.
Al Peeler announced that on Saturday, August 7th at 11:00 a.m. the Masonic Lodge will conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.

GRIMES COUNTY IT DIRECTOR – GREGG CANNON

10. Consider and take action to approve the migration from Hill County software to LGS software for JP 1, JP 2 and JP 3 offices and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #10.)

Gregg Cannon indicated that the new LGS software will cost about $8,000 more per year. LGS indicated that it would be April 2022 before LGS can complete the migration.

MOTION BY: Judge Joe Fauth to approve the migration from Hill County software to LGS software for JP 1, JP 2 and JP 3 offices and authorize the County Judge as signatory. SECONDED BY Commissioner Chad Mallett

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

11. Consider and take action to approve IT to help move the District Attorney’s office from Justware to eProsecutor. (See Attachment #11.)

Gregg Cannon presented a contract for eProsecutor by Journal Technologies, Inc. for the District Attorney’s office to replace Justware. County Attorney Jon C. Fultz mentioned a few paragraphs that should be changed. The migration should only take a day.

MOTION BY: Judge Joe Fauth to approve a contract with Journal Technologies, Inc. and authorize the County Judge as signatory. SECONDED BY Commissioner David Dobyanski

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

12. Consider and take action to move County cell phones from Verizon to AT&T FirstNet with the stipulation that the cost will be less or remain the same.

Gregg Cannon asked the court to move all county cell phones from Verizon to AT&T FirstNet. Currently Road and Bridge Department has 43 cell phones on Verizon. Gregg Cannon stated that he was not happy with the Verizon service. AT&T has installed a new generator and upgraded the cell tower in Anderson. Commissioner Phillip Cox stated that he wanted more information and that perhaps this could be a discussion to be had during a workshop.

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

GRIMES COUNTY ATTORNEY – JON C. FULTZ

13. Consider and take action on the Amendment to Contract between Grimes County, Texas and the Brazos Valley Dispute Resolution Center and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #13.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski to approve the Amendment to Contract between Grimes County, Texas and the Brazos Valley Dispute Resolution Center and authorize the County Judge as signatory. SECONDED BY Commissioner Chad Mallett

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED
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GRIMES COUNTY AUDITOR – JESSI MURPHY

14. Consider and approve the Grimes County Records Management Policy. (See Attachment #14.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve the Grimes County Records Management Policy and appoint Jessi Murphy as the Records Management Officer.
SECOND BY Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY AUDITOR - JESSI MURPHY/GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE - JOE FAUTH III

15. Discuss and review parameters of the American Rescue Act.

Judge Joe Fauth stated that the county is supposed to receive $2.8 million dollars. Judge Fauth asked that this be discussed during the budget workshop.

GRIMES COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR – TALITTA COLEMAN

16. Consider and take action to approve the participation of Grimes County in the ACA Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) program with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #16.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the participation of Grimes County in the ACA Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) program with Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and authorize the County Judge as signatory.
SECOND BY Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

17. Consider and take action to approve Grimes County Salary Structure changes. (See Attachment #17.)

Human Resources Director Talitta Coleman presented approved changes to the Grimes County Salary Structure. She also presented a spread sheet which compares Grimes County Salaries to other counties of similar size and surrounding counties. Ms. Coleman suggested that the county increase the salary range in each category from 25 percent to 40 percent. The average gap from other counties was 44 percent from top to bottom of the pay scale. Ms. Coleman also stated that Grimes County pay ranges were very low compared to other counties. She indicated that we have lost several county employees to other nearby counties with higher salary ranges. She also stated that elected officials are currently being underpaid.

MOTION BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski to approve the Grimes County Salary Structure changes. SECONDED BY Commissioner Chad Mallett.
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

18. 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 read the entire agenda item. The court went into closed session at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.
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MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to adjust Veterans' Services Officer salary. 
SECONDED BY Commissioner Phillip Cox. 
VOTE IN FAVOR      5       VOTE OPPOSED       0       MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

19.  Consider and approve a proposed replat of King Oaks Sec. 2, Lots 297 and 298, located in 
     Precinct 1. (See Attachment #19.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve a proposed replat of King Oaks Sec. 2, 
Lots 297 and 298, located in Precinct 1.  
SECONDED BY Commissioner Barbara Walker 
VOTE IN FAVOR      5       VOTE OPPOSED       0       MOTION PASSED

20.  Consideration and possible approval of the plat of The Bend subdivision, J.W. Stoddard 
     Survey, A-415, located in Precinct 1. (See Attachment #20.)

MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the plat of The Bend subdivision, J.W. 
SECONDED BY Commissioner David Dobyns  
VOTE IN FAVOR      5       VOTE OPPOSED       0       MOTION PASSED

Presentation of Road & Bridge Report

GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH III

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

22.  Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Barbara Walker stated that she had her quarterly update meeting with CHI St. 
Joseph EMS Supervisor Billy Rice. Anderson Fire Department is building a helipad behind 
the old elementary school.

23.  Adjourn.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to adjourn.  
SECONDED BY Commissioner David Dobyns  
VOTE IN FAVOR      5       VOTE OPPOSED       0       MOTION PASSED

Judge Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 10:56 a.m.