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 6th day of October 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: 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."

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.

   - Commissioner Barbara Walker announced that there is a new program called FCC Awareness Broadband sponsored by the National Association of Counties which will provide $50 off of your internet bill during the COVID pandemic as well as $100 off certain devices. Website to sign up is www.getemergencymbroadband.org
- Commissioner David Dobyanski announced that St. Mary’s Catholic Church will be hosting a Blood Drive this coming Sunday from 8:00 am – 1:00 p.m. If you give blood you will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Also, the Anderson Food Bank will be open on Thursday.

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 and Bridge: Consideration and possible approval of a waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek on CR 150 and authorize County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #3.)

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

5. Consider and take action to approve payroll.

6. Approve monthly report submitted by the County Treasurer for August 2021 and authorize advertisement of affidavit of same, in accordance with Local Government Code 114.026. (See Attachment #6.)

7. 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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**Reason:** *Money received from Bryan Iron and Metal for scrap iron.* (R#1607)

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**Budget Amendment for FY 2021 - 2**

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00202-0490-4477 TIRES AND TUBES $450.00

Reason: Money received from Bryan Iron and Metal for scrap iron. (R#1639)

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

**FUNDS TO BE DECREASED IN THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEM:**

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Reason: To cover purchase of a USB flash drive duplicator/eraser and software for District Attorney’s office.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve consent agenda items.
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner David Dobynski

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

FOCUSING FAMILIES – MARIA LACKEY, Community Outreach/Trainer & MARY RODRIGUEZ, Legal Advocate

8. Consider and take action to approve the Proclamation designating the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (See Attachment #8.)

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve the Proclamation designating the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Phillip Cox

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

**NAVASOTA GRIMES COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JOHNNY MCNALLY**

9. Consider and take action to renew the contract for Economic Development Services between Grimes County and the Navasota Grimes County Chamber of Commerce and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #9.)

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to renew the contract for Economic Development Services between Grimes County and the Navasota Grimes County Chamber of Commerce and authorize the County Judge as signatory.
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Phillip Cox

VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER – AL PEELER

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

Jail – Working on door project last 4 days. Low voltage wires spliced. Software tweaks. Hope to complete door project today. 5 doors total. Plumbing is still an issue from the previous maintenance person. Humidity issues with electric motors. Exhaust fans need to be replaced. Major projects coming up.

Justice Center – Parking lot between sheriff’s office and justice center will be done last. Had an onsite meeting yesterday with Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Mallett and the contractor. Things are going slow, lots of things on backorder, people getting sick, changed some knee knockouts. Issues with no drawers being installed in built in desks/counters. Millwork is going slow. Added hallway pews for $13,275. Deleted some landscaping saving $17,000. 154 rain delays. Issues with door hinges and microchips on back order. Move in date moved back to mid November. Pews will be delivered in about 90-120 days. Furniture has been delayed until November 14th.

GRIMES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TODD GREENE

12. Consider and take action to approve the Auto Theft Task Force Agreement between Grimes County and Montgomery County. (See Attachment #12.)

MOTION BY: County Judge Joe Fauth to approve the Auto Theft Task Force Agreement between Grimes County and Montgomery County.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

13. Consider and take action to approve the Health Services Agreement contract between Grimes County and Southern Health Partners.

MOTION BY: County Judge Joe Fauth to approve the Health Services Agreement contract between Grimes County and Southern Health Partners.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES COORDINATOR – DAVID LILLY (not present)

14. Review and approve the Donation of Real Property form which allows the County to turn over the county-owned building, which is located at 10802 Spur 234, to the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department, to be used for a controlled burn exercise to train their members on structure fire response and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #14.)

Fire Chief Vickers from the Whitehall Fire Department was present. A discussion was held about the specifics of what needs to be done prior to the building being burned such as mowing and septic tank removal/destruction. Also discussed was who was to be present and who was to be notified when the burn will take place. County Attorney Jon C. Fultz suggested adding language to reflect these items being discussed as well as adding an aerial map so there is no doubt which building is to be burned. He also wants to change the wording on the form from “Real” property to
"Personal" property. The building will be burned on Sunday so it won’t interfere with trash services on Saturday. There was also a discussion as to any hazardous materials that might be in the building. County Attorney will review the agreement and make the necessary changes. This item was tabled and will be brought back to the next meeting for review.

GRIMES COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. #3 – MARK LAUGHLIN

15. Consider and take action to approve the addition of 3rd Coast Mortuary Services to the rotation of current County providers.  
MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the addition of 3rd Coast Mortuary Services to the rotation of current County providers. SECONDED BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

GRIMES COUNTY CLERK – VANESSA BURZYNSKI

16. Possible consideration and approval of revising the jury donation form for County Court at Law jury trials by adding a donation to the Veterans County Service Office in accordance with SB456 which amends Sections 61.003(a) and (c) of the Government Code, and Chapter 434, Subchapter B, which went into effect September 1, 2021. (See Attachment #16.)  
MOTION BY: County Judge Joe Fauth to approve revising the jury donation form for jury trials within the county by adding a donation to the Veterans County Service Office in accordance with SB456 which amends Sections 61.003(a) and (c) of the Government Code, and Chapter 434, Subchapter B, which went into effect September 1, 2021.  
SECONDED BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

ROAD & BRIDGE ENGINEER – HARRY WALKER

17. Consideration and possible approval of the replat of King Oaks, Sec. 3, Lots 447 & 448. (See Attachment #17.)  
MOTION BY: Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the replat of King Oaks, Sec. 3, Lots 447 & 448. SECONDED BY: Commissioner David Dobyanski
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED

18. Discuss and take action to select a name for the new public road from Hwy 90 to the Justice Center.

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNTY JUDGE JOE FAUTH

19. Consideration and possible approval of the Brazos Ridge plat on Hwy 30 in Precinct 2. (See Attachment #19.)

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE REQUEST OF HARRY WALKER

20. Consideration and possible approval of the plat of Independent Acres subdivision, located on CR 413 in Precinct 3. (See Attachment #20.)  
MOTION BY: Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve plat of Independent Acres subdivision, located on CR 413 in Precinct 3. SECONDED BY: Commissioner Phillip Cox
VOTE IN FAVOR 5 VOTE OPPOSED 0 MOTION PASSED
21. Ratify a Special Road Use & Indemnification for Axios Entergy Services, on CR 168 in Precinct 1. (See Attachment #21.)

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Chad Mallett to Ratify a Special Road Use & Indemnification for Axios Entergy Services, on CR 168 in Precinct 1.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner David Dobyanski

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

**Presentation of Road & Bridge Report – Harry Walker (see attached report)**

People have been complaining about issues with the FM 1774 road construction and the possible impact on the upcoming Texas Renaissance Festival traffic.

**GRIMES COUNTY JUDGE – JOE FAUTH III**

22. Consider and approve the Resolution to receive the Grant for the Indigent Defense Program and authorize the County Judge as signatory. (See Attachment #22.)

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to approve the Resolution to receive the Grant for the Indigent Defense Program and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Phillip Cox

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

23. Consider and take action to approve the contract with GrantWorks for the American Rescue Plan Act Administration Services and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Chad Mallett to approve the contract with GrantWorks for the American Rescue Plan Act Administration Services and authorize the County Judge as signatory.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner David Dobyanski

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

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

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Chad Mallett to remove the burn ban effective immediately.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner David Dobyanski

**VOTE IN FAVOR** 4  **VOTE OPPOSED** 0  **MOTION PASSED**

**COUNTY JUDGE JOE FAUTH ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.**

25. Receive any updates on the Strategic Plan.

**No updates to the Strategic Plan.**


**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Barbara Walker to adjourn.

**SECONDED BY** Commissioner David Dobyanski

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

Judge Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 11:25 a.m.