THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TEXAS ~ COUNTY OF GRIMES ~ BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 6th day of October 2021 there was a Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Grimes County, Texas held at 1:00 p.m. 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.

County Judge Joe Fauth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Discuss and review options for ARPA fund utilization.

  a. Caitlyn Verret with GrantWorks was present and gave a short power point presentation on the requirements and qualifications of ARPA funding.

  b. The following departments presented ideas for projects that could be funded with ARPA funds.

     1. IT Director – Gregg Cannon
        b. Wireless service for the Grimes County Fairgrounds
        c. Dark Trace Cybersecurity Software
2. 506th District Judge – Gary Chaney
   • Additional Staff Member for backlog
   • Additional Court Reporter for visiting judge
   • Compensate existing Court Reporter for work already done

3. Ag Extension Office – Stacey Male
   • Better Ventilation (new windows & A/C unit)

4. Crime Victims Coordinator – Brenda Williams
   • A facility for organizations to meet to hold counseling sessions

5. Economic Development – Johnny McNally
   • Chamber of Commerce COVID testing supplies

6. Building Maintenance – Al Peeler
   • New Generator for Justice Center
   • New Generator for CHI St. Joseph Hospital
   • UV Air Handler in Justice Center
   • New Medical Wing in the Law Enforcement Center
   • New Helipad for Anderson
   • Add new offices for 911/Road and Bridge/Adult Probation

7. District Clerk – Diane LeFlore
   • Digitizing old court records (1993-2012)

8. Tax Assessor-Collector – Mary Ann Waters
   • Digitizing old tax records

9. Historical Commission Chairman – Mary Ann Waters
   • Renovate Historic Anderson Park
   • Relocate General Store
   • Restore Log Cabin
   • Replace Gazebo with new one
   • Add fencing around the park
   • Repurpose old bridge
   • Add public restrooms

10. Elections Administrator – Lucy Ybarra
    • Purchase Curbside Voting Machines
    • Hire temporary staff for office work

11. 911 Address – Katherine Lee
    • Licenses for GIS Mapping Software

12. Sheriff’s Department – Todd Greene
    • New Medical Wing at Jail
    • New Filtration system HVAC
    • New Helipad in Anderson
    • New Phone system
13. Human Resources Director – Talitta Coleman
   - Bonus pay for essential workers
   - Counseling Facility
   - Onsite training for Health & Wellness
   - Upgrade workout facility at Sheriff's dept.
   - COVID testing facility

14. Road and Bridge Department – Harry Walker
   - Lost Revenue – how much?
   - Generator for water well in Richards
   - Helipad in Plantersville
   - High speed internet at the Fairgrounds
   - New Septic System at the Fairgrounds

15. Commissioner Precinct 3 – Barbara Walker
   - COVID testing facilities
   - Health Resource Center
   - Community Workers to assist the elderly
   - Food Bank
   - Public Assistance
   - Remodel the old Precinct 3 Annex

16. County Clerk – Vanessa Burzynski
   - Meeting Software/Video Services
   - Upgrade County Website
   - Scanning Court Records
   - Create County Health Department
   - Hire Temporary Help in the office to scan records

3. Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Phillip Cox to adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner David Dobyanski

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Joe Fauth adjourned the Meeting at 3:55 p.m.