A regular meeting of Grimes County Commissioners Court was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grimes County Annex Building located at 114 W. Buffington, Anderson, Texas 77830 at which time the following members were present.

Present: Joe Fauth III, Chad Mallett, David Dobyanski, Barbara Walker, Phillip Cox

1. Call to Order

   a. Invocation
   b. Pledge to the US Flag
   c. Pledge to the Texas Flag

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.

   • Connie Clements with Crime Stoppers announced the annual Awards Dinner to be held on January 15, 2022 at 6pm. Doors will open at 5:15.

   • Barbara Walker wished every a Happy New Year!

   • Judge Joe Fauth stated that he will be taking some of the probate, guardianship, and misdemeanor cases from Madison County due to the county judge in Madison County is having some serious health problems for approximately 6 weeks beginning on December 28, 2021.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3. Road & Bridge: Consideration and possible approval of a waterline installation permit for Wickson Creek on Debbie Lane to Precinct 1 (See Attachment #3).

4. Consider and take action to approve the Treasurer’s list of Claims and Bills. (See Attachment #4).

5. Consider and take action to approve payroll.

6. Approve Monthly Report submitted by the County Treasurer for November 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.

Moved by Barbara Walker; seconded by David Dobyanski to Approve Consent agenda items. Motion Passed: 5-0

GRIMES COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE MANAGER – AL PEELER

8. Update on ongoing projects: Grimes County Jail and Grimes County Justice Center.
   - Jail - 3 new showers were installed.
   - Justice Center - The move is progressing faster than anticipated. The County Judge instructed his secretary to notify all departments that the move in schedule would be moved up sooner than expected.

9. Consider and take action to approve American Fire Protection Group Inc. Inspection Agreement for Grimes County Historical Courthouse. (See Attachment #9).

Moved by Chad Mallett; seconded by Barbara Walker to Approve American Fire Protection Group Inc. Inspection Agreement for Grimes County Historical Courthouse. Motion Passed: 5-0

10. Consider and take action to approve surplus items for auction. (See Attachment #10.)

Auction website is Gov.Deals. There was some discussion about the condition of the computers being auctioned. IT Director Gregg Cannon stated that these were older computers, they are missing hard drives and the operating systems are outdated.

Moved by Barbara Walker; seconded by Phillip Cox to Approve surplus items for auction. Motion Passed: 5-0
11. Consider and take action to approve bid for new maintenance building/storage. This item was tabled.

12. Discuss and take action to designate usage of funds gained by housing out-of-county inmates.

Moved by Chad Mallett; seconded by David Dobyanski to designate 100 percent of funds gained by housing out-of-county inmates to the Grimes County Jail for jail expenditures and capital projects with a percentage of each to be determined at a later date. Motion Passed: 5-0

GRIMES COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE PRESIDENT – KRISTIN CARRELL

13. Consider and take action to approve the Proposal & Request for American Rescue Plan Act Funds to be used for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project for Grimes County Animal Rescue. (See Attachment #13).

An ARPA workshop has been scheduled for February 2nd at which time this item will be discussed. Kristin Carrell says they hope to break ground in February 2022. No action was taken.

GRIMES COUNTY IT DIRECTOR – GREGG CANNON

14. Consider and take action to approve the purchase of two (2) copiers and two (2) printers for the new District and County Court at Law courtrooms in the Grimes County Justice & Business Center. (See Attachment #14).

There was a discussion about how many copiers and printers were in each courtroom and who would have to share a copier and/or printer. The District Courtroom has obtained a printer, so the request was changed to 2 copiers and one printer. The cost will be $7,745.56.

Moved by Joe Fauth III; seconded by David Dobyanski to Approve Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) copiers and one (1) printer for the new District and County Court at Law courtrooms in the Grimes County Justice & Business Center. Motion Passed: 5-0

GRIMES COUNTY ATTORNEY – JON C. FULTZ

15. Consider and take action to approve lease of premises at 318 N. LaSalle in Navasota for the Adult Probation Department. (See Attachment #15).

There was some discussion about the term of the lease since they will probably be moving out of that facility before the end of the year. Judge Joe Fauth recommended that the county attorney include a clause with a 30-day termination notice. There was also discussion about whether 30 days was enough notice and should it be longer like 60- or 90-days’ notice. This item was tabled.
16. Consider and take action to approve replats of King Oaks Section 1, Lots 193 & 194, King Oaks Section 3, Lots 270 & 271, and King Oaks Section 2, Lots 462 & 463. (See Attachment #16).

Moved by Chad Mallett; seconded by David Dobyanski to Approve Replats of King Oaks Section 1, Lots 193 & 194, King Oaks Section 3, Lots 270 & 271, and King Oaks Section 2, Lots 462 & 463. Motion Passed: 5-0

17. Consider and take action to designate the Grimes County Justice and Business Center located at 270 FM 149 W, Anderson, Texas 77830, as the new site for Commissioners Court meetings beginning February 2, 2022.

Moved by Phillip Cox; seconded by Barbara Walker to designate the Grimes County Justice and Business Center located at 270 FM 149 W, Anderson, Texas 77830, as the new site for Commissioners Court meetings beginning February 2, 2022. Motion Passed: 5-0

18. Review and approve election contracts for the 2022 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. (See Attachment #18).

Moved by Joe Fauth III; seconded by Barbara Walker to Approve election contracts for the 2022 Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Motion Passed: 5-0

19. Consider and take action to approve proposed ARPA expenditures.

A workshop is scheduled for February 2, 2022 to discuss ARPA expenditures. No action taken.

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

No action taken.


A fundraiser for the Animal shelter will be held on March 26th.

22. Adjourn

Moved by David Dobyanski; seconded by Barbara Walker to adjourn. Motion Passed: 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.