

Monday, September 9, 2019, the Sabine County Commissioners' Court met in regular session. The following members of Court were present:

Daryl Melton	County Judge
Tommy Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Charles Ellison	Commissioner Pct. #3
James Lowe, Jr.	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Judge Melton opened the meeting at 8:30 am and led the Court in prayer. Commissioner Clark led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #1-General Business

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve 3 sets of minutes as written for the Commissioners' Court held on August 26th regular meeting, August 30th emergency meeting, and September 6th special meeting. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2-Discuss with possible action on Line Item Transfers

No line item transfers were submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3-Discuss with possible action on any necessary Budget Amendments

No budget amendments were submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #4-Recognize Cari Papania, Chief Appraiser, Sabine County Appraisal District regarding certified appraisals with discussion and possible action

Cari Papania, Chief Appraiser, informed the Court that there was an error in the July 23, 2019, certified numbers presented to the county. Scott McBride, with Southwest Data stated they were looking at different safeguards to add to the software, to possibly prevent any future mistakes.

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on rescinding Acceptance of Certified Appraisal Roll August 12, 2019 Commissioners Court

Commissioner McDaniel moved to rescind the motion from August 12, 2019, for Acceptance of Certified Appraisal Roll August 12, 2019. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Discuss with possible action on rescinding submission of calculations of effective and rollback tax rates by Tax Assessor/Collector

Commissioner McDaniel moved to rescind the motion made on August 12, 2019 for the submission of calculations of effective and rollback tax rates by Martha Stone, Tax Assessor/Collector. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #7- Discuss with possible action on acceptance on Revised Certified Appraisal Roll

Martha Stone, Tax Assessor/Collector presented the revised total appraised value at \$1,492,471,533 and \$788,491,296 as the revised taxable value. Commissioner Ellison moved to accept \$788,491,296 as the new taxable value. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

See Attached.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Discuss with possible action on submission of recalculations of effective and rollback tax rates by Tax Assessor/Collector

Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept recalculations of effective and rollback tax rates. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

See Attached.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on rescinding proposed tax rate set on August 12, 2019

Commissioner Ellison moved to rescind the August 12, 2019, motion for the proposed .35033131 tax rate. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on the new proposed tax rate, if proposed rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback rate, take record vote of governing body to propose a tax increase on a desired rate, schedule two (2) public hearings.

After discussion, Commissioner McDaniel moved to set the proposed tax rate at .39999990, just below the rollback rate. Commissioner Lowe seconded.

Record Vote: Judge Melton : YES

Commissioner Clark: YES

Commissioner McDaniel: YES Commissioner Ellison : YES

Commissioner Lowe: YES All in favor. Motion carries.

Martha Stone proposed the following dates for Public Hearings:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners Court Room

Friday, September 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners Court Room

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve 9/17/19 and 9/20/19 as dates for Public Hearings. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action for maintenance regarding cutting down road at entrance to Tom Lowe Road in Pct.1 by Randy Cothron.

Mr. Cothron addressed the Court about some safety concerns on Tom Lowe Road. The Court discussed the fact that the road is shared with the Forest Service and that TxDot has the right-of-way. Judge Melton suggested the placement of signs to alert motorists of the sight distance issue. No actions taken today, but will keep an open dialogue.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on purchasing equipment for Game Wardens from the Title III Disbursement.

The Game Wardens are requesting a drone in the price range of \$1,300-\$1,500. There is about \$37,000 in the Fund. About \$27,000 is already committed to other projects. Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the purchase of a drone; Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

See Attached.

AGENDA ITEM #13 - Discuss with possible action on 2020 County Holiday List.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept the 2020 County Holiday List. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

See Attached.

AGENDA ITEM #14 - Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries.

Commissioner Lowe moved to pay accounts and salaries. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

See Attached.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Public Comments

Shorty Warren gave an update on Veterans Affairs. Ronald Barlow gave tentative dates of January 9, 2020 thru the first of May, 2020, for Operation Pork Chop. The Hog Abatement Grant he is applying for could range from \$5,000-\$20,000. The Commissioners gave brief updates on their respective precincts.

AGENDA ITEM #16-Pursuant to the authority under Government Code, chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss and of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

Commissioner Lowe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

_____ DARYL MELTON

_____ TOMMY CLARK

_____ JIMMY MCDANIEL

_____ CHARLES ELLISON

_____ JAMES LOWE, JR

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

_____ JANICE MCDANIEL