

Monday, October 28, 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 called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner McDaniel 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 one set of minutes as written for the Commissioners' Court Regular Session held on October 15, 2019. Commissioner Clark 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-Discuss with possible action on accepting Departmental Reports

Reports from JP 1, JP 2, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, AgriLife, and Tax Assessor/Collector were submitted. Ronald Barlow gave a brief report and updates on upcoming events. A Hay Show, to be held November 5th and a Soil Sample Program in December. 4H Archery meets every other Tuesday. Mr. Barlow is still waiting to hear if the Hog Abatement Grant has been awarded. Commissioner Ellison moved to accept all departmental reports. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on Resolution supporting House Resolution 2020 "Interstate 14 Expansion & Improvement Act of 2019"

Judge Melton stated that Mark Allen contacted him asking that a Resolution be passed supporting the Interstate 14 Expansion. I-14 will be an east/west corridor that will follow Hwy 63. Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve

Resolution Supporting House Resolution 2020 “Interstate 14 Expansion & Improvement Act of 2019”. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Discuss with possible action on cancelling Windstream fax lines.

David Roach, IT Department, reported that he had been testing an e-fax line with the Clerk’s Office that worked well. The e-fax service would cost about \$149/month. Our current fax fees are around \$600/month, so this would be a savings of about \$450/month. Commissioner Lowe moved to cancel the Windstream fax lines. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7- Discuss with possible action on contract with E-Fax to replace old fax lines.

Commissioner Ellison moved to pursue a contract with E-Fax to replace old fax lines. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Discuss with possible action on Agreement for donating drones to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Foundation

Judge Melton stated the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has asked that drones be donated to the Foundation. Judge Melton moved to donate our two drones to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Foundation for Sabine County Game Wardens only. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on parking lot at tax office.

Judge Melton contacted 4 contractors for bids on the parking lot between the tax office and the dentist office. Three bids were received.

\$9,980 Chance Construction
\$11,850.00 B & B Contractors
\$7,762.50 WolfHead Construction

Commissioner Lowe questioned if the Bids included specs for a retaining wall. It was unclear if all bids included a retaining wall. Commissioner Clark moved to table till more information can be obtained from bidders. Commissioner Ellison seconded. Commissioner McDaniel recused himself from voting. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on purchasing benches and tables for courthouse lawn

Judge Melton is looking into sprucing up the Courthouse lawn with some seating. He presented bids for 3 circular benches to go around the Sam Houston tree and pecan trees, and two 3x3 4-seater tables for under the cedar tree. The bid was \$6,176. Monies are available under maintenance and upkeep of Courthouse. Commissioner Lowe moved to purchase benches and tables for courthouse lawn. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All voted for. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on resetting Commissioners Court to November 12, due to holiday

Commissioner Lowe moved to reset Commissioners Court from November 11, 2019 to November 12, 2019. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on presentation by Greg Wobbe for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan by MPTX Associates, Inc., under Title III, US Forest Service, for hazard mitigation.

Greg Wobbe gave a brief overview of the County Wide Wildfire Prevention Plan. He thanked the local VFD, County Leaders and Tx Forest Service for their help and cooperation with collecting data. He stated that debris burning is the #1 cause of wildfires, and powerlines is the #3 cause. No action Taken.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Discuss with possible action on Fee Agreement for Professional Services with MPTX Associates, Inc., regarding Abandoned Structures

Greg Wobbe explained that with this agreement, they would drive every road in the county to identify, photograph and record GPS location of every abandoned structure, and work to locate owners. Judge Melton mentioned that since we have no county-wide ordinances, this step will help clean up our county as well. There will be \$20,000 allotted to this 6-month project. Judge Melton moved to enter into a Fee Agreement for Professional Services with MPTX Associates, Inc., Regarding Abandoned Structures. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

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

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

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Public Comments

2K Lloyd has gotten authority to proceed on Communication tower in Pineland. The deadline for completion has been extended to December 31, 2019. He also has signs ready for some commissioners.

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