

Monday, January 13, 2020 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. 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 1 set of minutes as written for the Commissioners' Court regular meeting held on December 30, 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 acceptance of Non-Departmental "Agreement for Services"

Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept "Agreement for Services" and approve payment to: Sabine County Historical Commission, Sabine County Firefighters Association, East Sabine Senior Services, Sabine County Child Welfare Board, JR Huffman Public Library and The Burke Center. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

#### AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on appointment of County Judge Pro-Tem

Commissioner Clark moved to name Commissioner Jimmy McDaniel as Judge Pro-Tem. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

#### AGENDA ITEM #6 – Discuss with possible action Child Safety Fund request from Sabine County Firefighters Association.

Commissioner Lowe moves to allow up to \$2500 for calendar year 2020 to Sabine County Firefighters Association from the Child Safety Fund. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7- Discuss with possible action on advertising for bids for fuel for FY2020

Commissioner McDaniel moved to advertise for bids for two weeks, with bids to be received by January 24,2020 and to be opened on the next Court date; January 27,2020. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Discuss with possible action on advertising for bids for road material for FY2020

Commissioner Ellison moved to advertise for at least 3 bids for two weeks, with bids to be received by January 24,2020 and to be opened on the next Court date; January 27,2020. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Recognize County Commissioners for continuing education hours, James Lowe, Charles Ellison, Tommy Clark, Jimmy McDaniel

Court recognized County Commissioners James Lowe, Charles Ellison, Tommy Clark, and Jimmy McDaniel for 5.5 hours continuing education training during the District 5 County Judges and Commissioners Conference.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recognize Lisa Pitre, District Clerk for continuing education hours

The Court recognized Lisa Pitre, District Clerk; for 20 hours of continuing education from the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on Child Safety fund request from Sabine County Sheriff for DARE Program

Commissioner Clark moves to allow Sabine County Sheriff to use up to \$5000 of Child Safety Fund for DARE program for Hemphill, West Sabine and Brookeland schools. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on Hurricane Harvey Funds

Judge Melton told the Court that David Waxman received the first allotment of funds of \$160,000. L J A is set to sign a contract with GLO for a study of our R & B roads. We may be eligible for some of the second allotment of monies. Out of the second allotment, \$69,000,000; \$54,000,000 has been allocated already leaving \$14,000,000 dispersed between 7 counties. There will be a workshop, possibly in February, to help find projects that are eligible for these monies. Discussion only. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries

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

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Public Comments

David Roach, IT Administrator, mentioned HB 944 in reference to cell phones; and will discuss it further next Court date. Penny Ferguson said that Sabine County Hospital now had the capability to conference with doctors anywhere; and was going to be used as a model for rural hospitals.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Recognize Greg Wobble with MPTX, Inc. with final report on abandoned structures for Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Greg Wobble addressed the Court, stating this was not a final report. He was presenting an Overview and Executive Summary.

The purpose of the Report is to identify & inventory vacant, abandoned, and uninhabited structures located in portions of Sabine County. Two hundred fifty-four (254) structures were identified. A number of properties did have tax balances due. Two (2) properties may have historical significance. One goal for the additional research is for improving 911 addressing. A 6-page report will be generated for each property. An example of a report was shown in the PowerPoint presentation.

Judge Melton reminded everyone that this study is funded with Title III funds, not taxes. Discussion only. No action taken.

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

