

Monday, March 23, 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. 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 2 set of minutes as written for the Commissioners' Court regular meeting held on March 9, 2020 and an Emergency meeting March 17, 2020. Commissioner Lowe second. All in favor. Motion carries.

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

County Treasurer, Tricia Jacks, presented line item transfer to close out the 2019 budget.

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the line item transfers and close out the 2019 budget. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached](#)

AGENDA ITEM #3-Consider and take action on any necessary Budget Amendments

County Treasurer, Tricia Jacks, presented budget amendments.

Commissioner Ellison moved to approve the 2019 budget amendments. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #4-Discuss with possible action on accepting departmental reports

Commissioner Clark moved to accept departmental reports. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Recognize Commissioners for continuing education hours.

The Court recognized Precinct 1 Commissioner Tommy Clark, Precinct 2 Commissioner Jimmy McDaniel, Commissioner Precinct 3 Butch Ellison, and Precinct 4 Commissioner James Lowe for completing the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.

[See Attached](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Recognize CASA of the Sabine Neches Region for April 2020 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month Sabine County by Proclamation

Judge Melton presented the Proclamation designating April, 2020, as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7- Discuss with possible action on continuing Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency COVID-19.

Judge Melton said he prefers to follow what guidelines the Governor has set out. The Declaration Judge Melton signed last week was only good for seven days, so he would like to extend that for 30 days. The Forest Service has closed some recreational sites.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to Extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for 30 days. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Discuss with possible action on emergency funding for Sabine County First Responders

Judge Melton talked about the PPE shortage for First Responders and would like to allot \$10,000 to help them get supplies. Kerwin Lloyd stated that FEMA would reimburse some costs, but would need to keep invoices.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve \$10,000 for PPE and medical supplies for First Responders. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on appointment for Local Health Authority, Texas Department of State Health Services

Judge Melton said this something we do every two years.

Commissioner McDaniel moved reappoint Dr. Gregory Backofen as the Local Health Authority. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on Pct. 3 purchasing (1) dump truck to replace Ford 2004 dump truck.

Commissioner Ellison clarified it is a 2000 MACK dump truck. The truck is dangerous to drive. 2020 MACK automatic transmission-450. \$18,500 a year for 54 months. Payments will start 2021.

Commissioner Lowe moved to allow Pct. 3 to purchase truck. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on approving (ARTS) Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service, Renewal Agreement through Texas Association of Counties by County Treasurer

Tricia Jacks, County Treasurer, presented ARTS, reminding the Court this is something we do every year.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the renewal agreement. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached](#)

AGENDA ITEM #12 -Recognize for the record the materials housed at Pct. 3 barn which belongs to Pct. 4

Butch Ellison, Commissioner Pct 3, stated for the record, that there are Pct. 4 materials (Guard rail posts and I- beams) being housed at Pct. 3. Commissioners Lowe and Ellison just wanted that on the record, so there was no confusion when the newly elected Commissioner for Pct. 3 takes office.

No action taken.

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

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

[See Attached](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Public Comments

Ronald Barlow, with AgriLife stated that Operation Pork Chop is the only thing going now. Kerwin Lloyd (2K) has almost gotten the tower in Pineland fully operational.

AGENDA ITEM #15-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 Clark seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

_____ DARYL MELTON

_____ TOMMY CLARK

_____ JIMMY MCDANIEL

_____ CHARLES ELLISON

_____ JAMES LOWE, JR

[ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK](#)

_____ JANICE MCDANIEL

