

Monday, August 10, 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	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, July 27, 2020. 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-Discuss with possible action on Broadband for Sabine County

Phil Yocom addressed the Court with concerns about the lack of available broadband in Sabine county. He provided the FCC maps showing the speeds of available broadband coverage in Sabine county. There is a broadband study being done to expand broadband within the seven counties affected by Hurricane Harvey, possibly using the electric grid as the backbone to reach every one in the county. Mr. Yocom suggested that we be the first ones to volunteer to test this. He spoke how Covid-19 has impacted the need of broadband to support the work-at-home movement. He asked if anyone knew if there was any grant money, or public/private partnership available to build out the towers that are in Milam and Pineland. Mr. Yocom suggested having broadband on the Court agenda at least once a month just to keep the progress being made in front of the people. Judge Melton mentioned that Magellan now has the contract with DETCOG to work toward everyone having internet. We are on the agenda for 2021 to have the towers built out. Things will take time, but are looking promising. No action taken. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on 2021 Sheriff's and Constable's Fees for Comptroller

Commissioner McDaniel moved to leave the fees the same. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6– Discuss with possible action on 2021 County Road and Bridge Fees for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Commissioner Lowe moved to leave \$10 fee as is. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on 2021 Child Safety Fees for Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Commissioner Lowe moved to leave the \$1 fee as is. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8- Discuss with possible action on Order for November 3rd General Election

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Order of Election. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on naming private road in Pct. 1, West off Vantage Point, proposed road name: Bonnies Lane

Commissioner Clark moved to name this private road Bonnies Lane, for utilities, mail and 911 purposes. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on Interlocal Agreement with City of Pineland regarding the County Providing 9-1-1 physical addresses.

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pineland. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on expenditures from CARES Act (Corona Relief Fund) for Sabine County Hospital/Sabine County EMS

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve \$112,000 of Cares Act Fund to Sabine County Hospital/Sabine County EMS. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on 2021 Preventative Maintenance estimate on generator for Pineland Radio Tower

Judge Melton moved to accept Preventative Maintenance contract with Doug Williford & Sons for Pineland tower. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Discuss with possible action on 2021 Preventative Maintenance estimate on generator for Red Hill Lake Radio Tower

Judge Melton moved to accept Preventative Maintenance contract with Doug Williford & Sons for Red Hill Lake Radio tower. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Discuss with possible action on acceptance of Certified Appraisal Roll

Commissioner Ellison moved to table. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Discuss with possible action on Certification of anticipated collection rate by Tax Assessor/Collector

Commissioner Ellison moved to table. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #16 – Discuss with possible action on Certification of excess debt collections by Tax Assessor/Collector

Commissioner Ellison moved to table. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #17 – Discuss with possible action on Submission of calculations of No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rates by Tax Assessor/Collector

Commissioner Ellison moved to table. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #18 – Discuss with possible action on proposed tax rate, if proposed rate exceeds the lower of the No-New-Revenue Rate or Voter-Approval Rate, take record vote of governing body to propose a tax increase on a desired rate, schedule one (1) public hearing.

Commissioner Ellison moved to table. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #19 – Discuss with possible action on Agreement for Donation, Pct. 2 for limestone road base for Dogwood Forest Estates

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve an Agreement for Donation in the amount of \$8,548, for limestone road base, from Dogwood Forest Estates HOA. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #20 – 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 #21 – Public Comments

Tiffany Bradberry thanked the County for their cooperation. An EMS representative thanked the County for their cooperation. David Roach stated that the county is growing. Addresses are up 25% from last year. Mr. Yocom asked about the Census response in the county. Judge Melton said the census was currently about 29%. The Commissioners appreciate everyone coming out, and encourage everyone to stay safe.

AGENDA ITEM #22-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