

Monday, August 24, 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 "Butch" Ellison	Commissioner Pct. #3
James "Bubba" 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 2 sets of minutes as written for the Commissioners' Court regular meeting August 10, 2020, and special meeting August 17, 2020. 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.

Ronald Barlow gave a report of upcoming plans for 4H. Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept reports from Treasurer, JP 1 & JP 2, Agri-Agent, County Clerk, District Clerk, Economic Development and Tax Assessor/Collector. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on acceptance of LJA Engineering of Countywide Road/Bridge Drainage Analysis Study for GLO Community Development & Revitalization DR-4331, Harvey Infrastructure Project

Mr. Winn with LJA was in Court and presented their study. He said they were asked to study 21 crossings in the County. They evaluated each crossing and the water surface elevation for each crossing, and their recommendation is to improve the crossings to above the 100-year water surface elevation, as well as improve the culverts at those crossings. The report shows a span of roadways to improve as well as improvements in culverts. The total estimate is about 7.1 million dollars in construction and design cost. Judge Melton explained this study was done in preparation for grant applications. Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept the LJA Engineering of Countywide Road/Bridge Drainage Analysis Study for GLO Community Development & Revitalization DR-4331, Harvey Infrastructure

Project report. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6– Discuss with possible action on Resolution to add Countywide Road/Bridge Drainage Analysis Study by LJA to Sabine County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, appendix 9

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the Resolution to add Countywide Road/Bridge Drainage Analysis Study by LJA to Sabine County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, appendix 9. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on approval and authorization to execute County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) Grant Agreement and Resolution, for Pct. 4

This is an \$84,000 grant from TxDot and will be used for Carters Ferry Road. Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve and execute County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) Grant Agreement and Resolution, for Pct. 4. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8- Discuss with possible action on returning county employee from DPS Driver's License office to County Tax Assessor Department

Martha Stone addressed the Court. DPS are not traveling, due to Covid-19, and were not available to be here. The DPS work schedule is not allowing the county employee to work in the county office as often as needed. Martha is just making the Court aware that the current employee situation is not working, and may need to get out of contract with DPS. Everyone wants to make sure that the DPS office will not close if the county employee is removed. The DPS has not yet confirmed that the office will remain open without the county employee. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on revised Resolution for Grant number 4180101 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) 2018.

This is a DETCOG program for the radios for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the revised Resolution for Grant number 4180101 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) 2018. Commissioner Ellison seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on selecting professional engineering services to complete application and project implementation for CDBG-Mitigation (MIT) Grant funding through the General Land Office (GLO) by Resolution

Malinda Bryan spoke for the Review Committee, which consisted of Commissioner McDaniel, Commissioner Ellison, Tricia Jacks and herself. They received 3 proposals: LJA Engineering, Wood and Goodwin-Lasiter. The recommendation is for Goodwin-Lasiter. Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept the recommendation of Goodwin-Lasiter as professional engineering services to complete application and project implementation for CDBG-Mitigation

(MIT) Grant funding through the General Land Office (GLO) by Resolution.
Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on County Feral Hog Abatement Grant with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension by application

Ronald Barlow would like to apply for this grant for a suspended ground hog trap through wildlife services. This is a reimbursement grant. Commissioner Lowe moved to allow Mr. Barlow to apply for County Feral Hog Abatement Grant with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension by application and once the application is finished, Judge Melton is able to sign. Commissioner Clark seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on Service Level Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regarding Information Technology Service
Judge Melton moves to go to a Service Level Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regarding Information Technology Service, not a contract.
Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13 - 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 #14 – Public Comments

Commissioners gave a brief update on their precincts. Judge Melton updated on the schools, the first week went well with HISD. Unemployment numbers are at 12% for July. About a 40% increase in sales tax, which tells us people are staying home and shopping at home. Stay safe with the upcoming storm.

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 Ellison seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

_____ DARYL MELTON

_____ TOMMY CLARK

_____ JIMMY MCDANIEL

_____ CHARLES ELLISON

_____ JAMES LOWE, JR

[ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK](#)

_____ JANICE MCDANIEL

