

Monday, January 11, 2021 the Sabine County Commissioners' Court met in regular session. The following members of Court were present:

Daryl Melton	County Judge
Brent Cox	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Stanley Jacks	Commissioner Pct. #3
James Lowe	Commissioner Pct. #4
Jamie Clark	County Clerk

The meeting start time was delayed due to snow. Judge Melton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Court in prayer. Commissioner Cox led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #1-General Business

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve two sets of minutes as written. December 30th regular session and January 8, 2021 special session. 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 accepting Non-Departmental "Agreement for Services"

Commissioner Lowe moved to accept Non-Departmental "Agreement for Services" for :

East Sabine Senior Services	\$15,000
Sabine County Historical Commission	\$ 150
Sabine County Firefighters Association	\$10,000
Sabine County Child Welfare Board	\$ 1,800
J.R. Huffman Public Library	\$10,000
Burke	\$ 9,602
Piney Woods Soil & Water Conservation	\$ 1,100

Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

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

Commissioner Lowe moves to appoint Jimmy McDaniel as County Judge Pro-Tem. Commissioner Jacks seconds. Commissioners Lowe, Jacks and Cox vote for. Commissioner McDaniel votes Nay. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #6– Discuss with possible action on appointment of Ellen Mills to the Workforce Development Board for a 3-year term

Judge Melton moves to appoint Ellen Mills to the Workforce Development Board for a 3-year term. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on bids for fuel for FY 2021

Judge Melton opened the one fuel bid received. It is from Terrell Petroleum. Commissioner Lowe moves to accept fuel bid from Terrell. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8- Discuss with possible action on bids for road material for Fiscal Year 2021

Bids were submitted by Big 4 and East Texas Asphalt. Commissioner McDaniel moved to accept the bid from Big 4 and East Texas Asphalt. Commissioner Lowe seconded. After some additional discussion, Commissioner McDaniel rescinded that motion and made a new motion to accept bids from Big 4 and East Texas Asphalt (all locations). Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9- Discuss with possible action on Contract Extension for Economic Development Consulting Service with Charlie Dromgoole

Judge Melton said Mr. Dromgoole has been with us about 5 years. He has been a great source for our county. He has been working on our tourism website to promote our county. Commissioner Jacks moved to approve the Contract Extension for Economic Development Consulting Service with Charlie Dromgoole. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on Agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc. for County Clerk election software with HAVA Grant.

Angie Garza, elections deputy, was present. Judge Melton explained the HAVA grant is for election equipment. The HAVA grant is \$120,000; but we would need to spend \$136,000 to get the entire \$120,000 grant. The extra \$16,000 would come out of the General Fund; carryover account; unless there is another restricted fund to get the money from. Angie Garza explained this is still a paper ballot system, with up-to-date equipment. She is asking for 13 ballot scanners and 10 handicap accessible ballot marking devices. Also, two laptops with scanners and a new desktop. Our current equipment is 15 years old. Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve Agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc. and put up the extra \$16,000. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on Justice Assistance Grant Resolution #2920107

Judge Melton stated this grant is for the Sheriff's office. This has paid for our extra drug officer in years past. Commissioner Lowe moved to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant Resolution #2920107. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on Resolution on Tax Abatement with Guidelines and Criteria

Commissioner Jacks moves to approve Resolution on Tax Abatement with Guidelines and Criteria. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13- Discuss with possible action on reaffirming 2021 Tax Abatement Application with Guidelines.

Commissioner McDaniel moves to reaffirm 2021 Tax Abatement Application with Guidelines. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Discuss with possible action to consider/approve starting the Procurement process for TDA FY-2021/2022 CDBG Grant.

Judge Melton explained this is a \$350,000 grant, and we have to put up a 10% match on this one. It's not a split grant, the funds will be used on just one project that benefits the county. Commissioner Jacks moves to approve starting the Procurement process for TDA FY-2021/2022 CDBG Grant. Commissioner Cox seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Discuss with possible action on approving and appointing a committee to rate the proposals for the TDA FY-2021/2022 application cycle

Commissioner Lowe moves to appoint:

Tricia Jacks, Treasurer	Commissioner Pct. 4 James Lowe
Malinda Bryan, Auditor	Commissioner Pct. 3 Stanley Jacks

Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM 16- Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries.

Commissioner Lowe moves to pay accounts and salaries. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM 17- Public Comments

Commissioners gave a brief update on their precincts. Commissioner McDaniel welcomes Commissioners Cox and Jacks, to the Court.

AGENDA ITEM #18-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 Cox moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

_____ DARYL MELTON

_____ BRENT COX

_____ JIMMY MCDANIEL

_____ STANLEY JACKS

_____ JAMES LOWE, JR

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

_____ JAMIE CLARK