

Monday, May 10, 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

Judge Melton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Troy Richardson 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 one set of minutes as written for the April 26 regular session. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

There is one Line-Item request for Pct. 3 to move \$18,000 from Road Base to Vehicle and Equipment. Commissioner Lowe moved to approve the line item transfer for \$18,000 for Pct. 3. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #3-Discuss with possible action on any necessary Budget Amendments

There are no Budget Amendments

AGENDA ITEM #4-Discuss with possible action on resetting July 12 Commissioners Court date due to conflict with Commissioners school dates.

Commissioner Jacks moves to reschedule to the July 12th Commissioner's Court date to Monday, July 9th. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on Letter of non-renewal for Joint Resolution with Jasper, Newton, and Sabine Emergency Management LEPC

Judge Melton stated that we have been with this Emergency Management group with these other counties since 2002, and have had a great relationship. TDEM has now been working with each county individually. Newton has left the group, and Jasper has changed districts. Judge Melton has been talking with Mark Allen for several months, and thinks it may be time to break off on our own. David Roach said that TDEM is ready to come in and help with setting up and transitioning all hazard/mitigation plans solely under Sabine County. This will make us front line on all our grants and things like that; they won't have to trickle down to us. Judge Melton said our current agreement (partnership) ends on September 30,2021. Commissioner Lowe moves to not renew the Joint

Resolution with Jasper, Newton, and Sabine Emergency Management LEPC. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6– Discuss with possible action to authorize Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong to begin road procurement pending Environmental Clearance, including advertising for bids, related to TxCDBG Contract No 7220401, Eddings Lane

Nick Hoelscher, with Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong, spoke about the creek crossing at Tiger Creek on Eddings Lane. Options are to either build concrete box culverts or add additional tank car culverts. There is no environmental clearance yet. We should get clearance within a month or so, and once we receive that, we will advertise for bids; following State bid laws. It will be put in the local paper, as well as online lists. Commissioner Jacks mentioned the impact on the people crossing there, and leaning toward adding tank cars. Commissioner Jacks moves to authorize Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong to begin road procurement pending Environmental Clearance, including advertising for bids. Commissioner Cox seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on review of courthouse maintenance items that are not addressed in budget.

Judge Melton said the Annex building is 40+ years old and has several leaks over the last couple years. A couple weeks ago there was major flooding. The gutters have been cleaned out, but there are rusty screws that need to be replaced. He would like permission to get some estimates to see what the costs might be to replace or continue to repair. Not to bid it out at this time, just to get a ballpark estimate to bring back to the Court. The second item is the Old Jail. Adjusters have looked at it and determined the structure is still solid, but the ice storm did some damage to the roof. We will have to contact the Historical Commission about guidelines of repairs to the Old Jail. The Judge is asking permission to check on the costs of this also. Commissioner McDaniel moves to give Judge Melton authority to check on costs to repair or replace the roof on the Annex building, and repairs and upgrades to the Old Jail. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #8- Discuss with possible action on Auto insurance for Constable Pct. 1 and Constable Pct. 2

The Constables personal auto insurance does not cover them while on duty. Judge Melton presented a couple of options (buying vehicles, buying their insurance) to compare what might be more cost effective. After looking at the current Liability limits that we have on vehicles, Commissioner Jacks asked if we could look at raising the liability limits. After some discussion, Commissioner Lowe moved to Table the item until we had more information on costs. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #9- Recognize continuing education for Martha Stone, Chanda Pattillo, Andie Dutton, Debbie Bragg, Stephanie Watson and Peggy Sorrells

The Court recognized County Tax Assessor/Collector Martha Stone and her employees: Chanda Pattillo, Andie Dutton, Debbie Bragg, Stephanie Watson and Peggy Sorrells; for continuing education in Title Fraud Training. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Recognize Tax Assessor/Collector for No Discrepancies / No Concerns by Compliance and Investigation Division by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Court recognized Martha Stone, Tax Assessor/Collector for No Discrepancies / No Concerns by Compliance and Investigation Division by Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 –Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries.

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

AGENDA ITEM 12- Public Comments

David Roach reminded the Court to be prepared; that Hurricane season is just a couple of weeks away. Commissioner Lowe asked about the Repeaters, stating that communication was one our biggest problems. David said the parts have all come in, and that should be repaired in the next month or so; and once they are realigned things should work better. Commissioners gave an update on their precincts. Judge thanked Shorty Warren for the flag display on the Courthouse lawn.

AGENDA ITEM #13-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 Jacks 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