

Monday, May 24, 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. Pastor Troy 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 for the May 10th regular meeting, as written. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3-Discuss with possible action on rescinding Line-Item Transfer of \$18,000 for Pct. 3.

Tricia Jacks said the amount of the transfer had been changed from \$8,000 to \$18,000. Commissioner Lowe moves to rescind the Line-Item transfer of \$18,000 for Pct. 3. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion Carries.

AGENDA ITEM #2-Discuss with possible action on any Line – Item transfers.

Commissioner Cox moved to approve a line-item transfer in the amount of \$8,000 from Road Base to Vehicle & Equipment for Pct. 3. McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #4 - Discuss with possible action on any necessary Budget Amendments

There were none.

AGENDA ITEM #5-Discuss with possible action on accepting Departmental Reports

Ronald Barlow recapped the Wild Hog Supper Event. Lasting 5 hours and hosting about 250 people, it was a success. Pineywoods Cattle Congress, June 4, 2021 at Weldon Elliotts. 4-H should be back on track starting in August or September. Commissioner Lowe moved to accept reports from the Treasurer, JP 1 and JP 2, District Clerk, County Clerk, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Ronald Barlow; AgriLife Agent. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion Carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Discuss with possible action on terminating existing contract with West Sabine ISD and Sabine County Tax Assessor-Collector

Martha Stone was present for discussion. She has talked to Superintendent Gilder and Judge Melton to see if the office can close, as it puts a hardship on the Hemphill office. Commissioner Lowe moves to terminate existing contract, effective September 30,2021. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on new contract with West Sabine ISD and Sabine County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Commissioner Jacks moves to approve new contract with West Sabine ISD and Sabine County Tax Assessor/Collector, effective October 1,2021 – September 30,2022. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Discuss with possible action on requesting unclaimed property capital credit.

These monies help pay for Economic Development. Commissioner Jacks moves to request unclaimed property capital credits. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on auto insurance for Constable Pct. 1 and Pct. 2

A general insurance policy will not cover the Constable vehicles, it needs to be a commercial policy. Any insurance allowance will need to be added to their budgets. Commissioner McDaniel moves to pay for Commercial Auto Insurance policy for Constable Pct. 1 & Pct. 2 through the CRC Group with M & M Insurance. Commissioner Jacks seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action on Resolution for 1115 Waiver regarding healthcare.

This Resolution is in support of the 1115 Waiver. This plan will run out in 2023, if not renewed. Commissioner Jacks moves to approve the Resolution for the 1115 Waiver. Commissioner Lowe seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Discuss with possible action on rescinding Rayburn Ridge Subdivision Plat Phase #1 off of County Divide Road, Pct. 3

After approving the Plat at a previous meeting, the developers found a numbering error on the lots. Commissioner McDaniel moves to rescind Rayburn Ridge Subdivision Plat Phase #1. Commissioner Lowe seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on acceptance of revised Rayburn Ridge Subdivision Plat, Phase #1 off County Divide Road, Pct. 3

Commissioner Cox moves to approve the revised Rayburn Ridge Subdivision Plat Phase #1. Commissioner Lowe seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Discuss with possible action on acceptance of American Rescue Plan funding as designated.

Judge Melton stated that Sabine County will get two million, forty-four thousand dollars. We, as a Court, need to agree that we want the funding, and that we will use the funding as designated. The funding doesn't have to be used until December 2024. There are lots of stipulations on what the money can be used for. Malinda said she would like to see a budget set-up for these funds. Judge Melton suggested setting the money in an interest-bearing account until we develop a plan to see what the money is allowed to be used for. Commissioner Jacks moves to accept the American Rescue Plan funding and develop a plan that will best our County. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14- Discuss with possible action on opening a new bank account for American Rescue Plan

Tricia Jacks, County Treasurer said she had to go into a portal to set up to receive these funds. The funding came into the bank account on May 20th in the amount of \$1,023,830. It's in a restricted revenue account right now, but she is asking the Court to allow her to open a special account, just for the American Rescue Plan, so those monies can draw interest until the Court comes up with a detailed outline on how to spend the money. Commissioner McDaniel moves to open a special bank account for the American Rescue Plan Funds. Commissioner Cox seconds. All in favor. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #15- Discuss with possible action on applying for EDA grant

Judge Melton, with the Courts authority and at DETCOG's request, has looked into an EDA Grant. The grant is an 80/20 split. To go further with this process, we need to go out for procurement for services and engineering. The Grant could be up to \$3 million dollars, and could cost the County up to \$600,000. The Judge is asking if the Court would want to continue with this or not. This is looking at building a facility that could accommodate 150 people. It could possibly house Emergency Management, AgriLife, and several other offices. Commissioner Jacks' concern is how to pay for the upkeep of a facility like this. Commissioner McDaniel said we may be missing a good opportunity here. Commissioner Lowe moved to apply for the EDA grant. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #16– Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries

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

AGENDA ITEM #17- Public Comments

Commissioners updated on their respective precincts. Judge Melton let us know the first money we received from Harvey (\$167,000); that the Court voted to use for a drainage study, has turned into an \$11 Million dollar grant for the County. There will be 19 projects to fix drainage issues within the County.

Covid numbers as of the 20th is one active case in the County.

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 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