

Monday, September 13, 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 3 sets of minutes, as written, for the Regular meeting held on 8/23, and two Public Hearings held on 8/30, and 9/8. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

AGENDA ITEM #4-Discuss with possible action on acceptance of Appraisal District Budget for 2022 as submitted

Commissioner Lowe moves to accept the Appraisal District Budget for 2022 as submitted. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

[See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Discuss with possible action on adopting 2022 Budget

Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve 2022 Budget. Commissioner Cox seconded. Record Vote to adopt 2022 Budget: Judge Melton: yes

Commissioner Cox: yes

Commissioner McDaniel: yes

Commissioner Jacks: yes

Commissioner Lowe: yes

Motion carried unanimously. See on County Website

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Discuss with possible action on adopting 2021 Tax Rate

Commissioner Jacks moves to adopt the 2021 Tax Rate of .3887316, which is a decrease from last year's .3999 rate. Commissioner Lowe seconds.

Record Vote to adopt 2022 Budget: Judge Melton: yes

Commissioner Cox: yes

Commissioner McDaniel: yes

Commissioner Jacks: yes

Commissioner Lowe: yes

Motion carried unanimously. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Discuss with possible action on Agreement for Donation for Pct. 1, Rebel Ridge HOA, repair to Confederate Loop.

Commissioner Cox stated no action needed to be taken on this, and will not need to be on the agenda again.

AGENDA ITEM #8- Discuss with possible action on Child Safety Fund request from Sabine County Rainbow Room Community Partners for car seats.

Linda Leger, a representative from the Rainbow Room, requested \$2,500 for car seats. She estimates being able to provide about 35 car seats with this amount. Judge Melton stated this money would come out of the Child Safety Fund. Commissioner Lowe moves to approve the request. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9 – Discuss with possible action on Forfeiture Account Agreement for Constable Pct. 2, Johnnie Jackson

Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve the Forfeiture Account Agreement for Constable Precinct 2. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #10 – Discuss with possible action to give County Treasurer authority to open new bank account for Constable Pct. 2, Forfeiture Account

Commissioner Jacks moves to give County Treasurer authority to open new bank account for Constable Pct. 2, Forfeiture Account. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM #11 – Recognize Jimmy McDaniel, Commissioner Pct. 2, for continuing education hours.

The Court recognized Jimmy McDaniel for continuing education hours. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #12 – Discuss with possible action on bid for roof repair on Old Jail Museum by Sabine Historical Commission.

After some discussion about the one quote received, Judge Melton moved to table until the Historical Jail Committee could be present. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13 – Discuss with possible action on two appointments to the Sabine County Appraisal District Board

Lloyd Ford and Andrew Mills are both willing to serve again. This is a two-year term. Commissioner Cox moves to reappoint Lloyd Ford and Andrew Mills to the Board. Commissioner McDaniel seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14 – Discuss with possible action on presentation on Section 3 as required by Texas Department of Agriculture for CDBG Contract #7220401, Street Improvements Project, Eddings Lane

Susan Stover; Grant Administrator, appeared in Court with a Presentation explaining Section 3 requirements for CDBG Contract #7220401, Street Improvement Project, Eddings Lane. Commissioner Jacks moves to accept Presentation on Section 3 as required by Texas Department of Agriculture for CDBG Contract # 7220401, Street Improvements Project, Eddings Lane. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #15 – Discuss with possible action on Personnel Policy regarding Discretionary Leave

The Court discussed Personnel Policy regarding Discretionary Leave because the Covid-19 Policy ended in March 2021. The Policy will be in effect starting with pay period beginning 8/26/2021 and ending with pay period ending 12/25/2021. An employee will have a total of up to ten days Discretionary Leave for the entire time period; to be used at the discretion of the Department Head/ Elected Official. Part-time employees will be covered based on the number of hours they work. A part-time/temporary employee, working 40 hours will be allowed up to 10 hours.

If an employee tests positive, a negative test or a Doctors Release will be required to come back to work. If an employee has been directly exposed, then the employee needs to quarantine. If a parent has a child that is exposed at school, the parent may work unless or until the child tests positive

If the time is not used, it is gone at the end of the year.

Commissioner Jacks moves to adopt Personnel Policy regarding Discretionary Leave as discussed. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #16 – Discuss with possible action on potential RAC, Resource Advisory Committee funds project, USDA Forest Service

Shelby and Sabine County share in the RAC funds. There is usually around \$90,000- \$100,000 that is split 40/60, with Sabine County getting 60%. Usually we get around \$50,000 - \$60,000. An idea has been presented to see if we wanted to take \$25,000 of our share and put it toward Red Hill Lake, to improve maintenance and add a groundskeeper, and others areas as outlined in the contract. Commissioner McDaniel moves to approve \$25,000 of Resource Advisory Committee Funds to go toward Red Hill Lake, USDA Forest Service Title II Project. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #17– Discuss with possible action on paying accounts and salaries

Tricia Jacks stated that the Career Center costs were to be \$3,500, but ended up being over \$5,000. There was about a \$2,000 portion for insurance for yearly renewal. Judge Melton asked the Court to approve the overage and the County will be reimbursed for the insurance once it is cancelled. This is the last month we were going to cover costs. Commissioner Jacks moved to pay accounts and salaries. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. [See Attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #18- Public Comments

David Roach gave an update on Tropical Storm Nicholas, and said we are expected to receive 5-10” of rain with the current path.

AGENDA ITEM #19-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