

Monday, October 23, 2023 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
Keith Nabours	Commissioner Pct. #2
Stanley Jacks	Commissioner Pct. #3
James Lowe	Commissioner Pct. #4
Jamie Clark	County Clerk

[See attached for additional attendees.](#)

Judge Melton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Pastor Troy Richardson led the Court in prayer. Commissioner Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Discuss with possible action on General Business

Commissioner Cox moved to approve minutes as written of the October 10th regular meeting and October 16th special meeting. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

There were none.

AGENDA ITEM #3-Consider and take action on any necessary Budget Amendment(s)

There were none.

AGENDA ITEM #4-Discuss with possible action on accepting Departmental Reports

Commissioner Nabours moved to accept Treasurer, JP1, JP2, County Clerk, Economic Development and Tax Assessor-Collector departmental reports. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #5-Recognize Agri-Life Agent Chanelle Svehla and Master Gardeners

The court recognized the inaugural Sabine County Master Gardeners class. Agri-Life Agent Svehla introduced members and explained what the program entails.

AGENDA ITEM #6-Discuss with possible action on Interlocal Agreement with City of Pineland regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve Interlocal Agreement with City of Pineland regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #7-Discuss with possible action on Interlocal Agreement with City of Hemphill regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program

Commissioner Nabours moved to approve Interlocal Agreement with City of Hemphill regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #8-Discuss with possible action on Resolution for the USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF Program Project regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program

Commissioner Lowe moved to approve Resolution for the USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF Program Project regarding Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program. Commissioner Nabours seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #9-Discuss with possible action on potential projects for the Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program

Commissioner Lowe moved to purchase equipment and do the work themselves with regards to potential projects for the Community Wildfire Defense Plan Program. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #10-Discuss with possible action on Resolution for 2024 Indigent Defense Grant Program by Auditor

Commissioner Jacks moved to approve Resolution for 2024 Indigent Defense Grant Program by Auditor. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #11-Discuss with possible action on awarding bid for the CDBG-MIT 22-085-025-D266 Drainage Project (Bid Packet 5 re-bid)

Agenda Item tabled.

AGENDA ITEM #12-Discuss with possible action on Burn Ban Order

Commissioner Cox moved to continue with the Burn Ban Order. Commissioner Jacks seconded. Commissioner Nabours and Commissioner Lowe voted Nay.

Commissioner Cox – Yea

Commissioner Nabours – Nay

Commissioner Jacks – Yea

Commissioner Lowe – Nay

Judge Melton broke the tie with Nay, therefore lifting the Burn Ban Order.

AGENDA ITEM #13-Discuss with possible action on letter of concurrence regarding picnic area closure on Hwy 96, TX DOT

Commissioner Lowe moved to concur with TX DOT for the closure of picnic area on Hwy 96. Commissioner Nabours seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #14-Discuss with possible action on speed limit sign for Lakewood Drive, Pct. 2

Commissioner Cox moved to place a speed limit sign on Lakewood Drive, Pct. 2. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached.](#)

AGENDA ITEM #15-Discuss with possible action on speed limit sign for Fairdale Road, Pct. 2

Commissioner Cox moved to place a speed limit sign on Fairdale Road, Pct. 2. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached](#).

AGENDA ITEM #16-Discuss with possible action on approving distribution of State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Pineland Nutrition Center

Commissioner Nabours moved to approve distribution of State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Pineland Nutrition Center. Commissioner Lowe seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached](#).

AGENDA ITEM #17-Discuss with possible action on contract with Thomson Reuters regarding Law Library

Commissioner Jacks moved to approve contract with Thomson Reuters regarding Law Library with San Augustine County splitting the cost. Commissioner Cox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached](#).

AGENDA ITEM #18-Discuss with possible action on paying Accounts and Salaries

Commissioner Lowe moved to pay Accounts and Salaries. Commissioner Nabours seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. [See attached](#).

AGENDA ITEM #19-Public Comments

A fiber optic company is running cable in the area which is causing the internet and phone services to spontaneously disconnect. David Roach the county EMC and IT Administrator is researching Starlink, a satellite internet system to provide backup internet service.

County Clerk Jamie Clark reminded everyone that early voting begins October 23rd – November 1st from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and November 2nd and 3rd from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building.

AGENDA ITEM #20-The Commissioners Court may go into executive session, if necessary, Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for one or more of the following reasons: (1) consultation with the County Attorney to seek or receive legal advice or consultation regarding pending or contemplated litigation; (2) discussion about the value or transfer of real property; (3) discussion about a prospective gift or donation; (4) consideration of specific personnel matters; (5) discussion about security personnel or devices; or (6) discussion of certain economic development matters. The Commissioners Court may announce that it will go into executive session on any item listed on this agenda if the subject matter is permitted for a closed session by provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Commissioner Nabours moved to adjourn. Commissioner Jacks seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

DARYL MELTON

BRENT COX

KEITH NABOURS

STANLEY JACKS

JAMES LOWE, JR

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

JAMIE CLARK