

COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SUTTON

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 13TH day of April, 2015, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, was duly convened in a Special Meeting in the Sutton County Annex Meeting Room, Sonora, Texas, with the following officers of the Court present to wit:

COUNTY JUDGE	STEVE SMITH
COMMISSIONER	MIKE VILLANUEVA, PRECINCT NO 1
COMMISSIONER	JOHN WADE, PRECINCT NO 2
COMMISSIONER	CARL TEAFF, PRECINCT NO 3
COMMISSIONER	FRED PEREZ, PRECINCT NO 4
COUNTY CLERK	RACHEL CHAVEZ DURAN

The Court having duly opened, the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Villanueva and seconded by Commissioner Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILIZATION OF COUNTY PARK FOR RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

No Action

ARBOR DAY PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF PLANTING TREES

No Action

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Wade to approve for payment the accounts listed on Exhibit A attached hereto. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR

Auditor Weingart submitted the G/L Balance Sheet for the period ending March 31, 2015.

J.P. REPORT

John K. Wilson, Justice of the Peace presented the report as follows:

Collections: \$131,988.21
County retained: \$80,087.50
State portion: \$39,558.11
OMNI: \$2730
McCreary & Veslka: \$9301.80
Refund: \$310.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Joe Fincher presented the report as follows:

Number of inmates: 30
Meal cost: \$ 1.62
Number of dispatch calls: 917
Fees Collected: \$5159
Miles driven: 5183

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva to accept the report for the 2nd quarter reflecting an ending balance of \$7,840,289.11. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

The report was accepted as presented.

ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT

Superintendent Anderson reported his department is currently working on general maintenance, i.e. mowing, spraying weeds, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2 FULL TIME POSITIONS IN ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to authorize advertisement of two full time employees for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE 40X60 BUILDING FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Anderson reported that the cost of the 40x60 building is \$22,000. The building will be used for storage of the departments' equipment. Judge Smith reminded the court that funds and authorization for the purchase were made at a prior meeting.

TAX APPRAISAL REPORT

No Action

LIBRARY REPORT

The report was accepted as presented. Judge Smith reported that the Sutton County Library was among one of the recipients of the Perdenales grants, which is used to fund the summer reading program.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No Action

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Wallace, County Attorney, reported hot check collections for the month of February was \$53.03 and the month of March was \$51.95.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

Rachel Chavez Duran, County Clerk, reported total collections as follows:

District Court: \$3728.52

County Court: \$10,280.00

Real Property/vitals: \$5759.00

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT

Judge Smith reported that the glass and security system had been installed at the probation department; and the cracked glass in the county clerk's office has been replaced.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to nominate Manuel Martinez as the Sutton County representative to the Sutton County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

LEASE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION WITH TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE

County Attorney David Wallace submitted the lease agreement between Sutton County and the Sutton County Appraisal District signed by the court in 1984 along with a preliminary revised lease reflecting necessary changes required for the lease to be a legal document for the current time. Discussion continued in regards to the closet located in the appraisal district office for use of storage of election equipment. Judge Smith offered, in exchange for use of the closet, to update flooring, or install a glass partition in the portion of unused space that could be used as an office for the chief appraiser, or extend the closet located in the clerk's office out into that unused space located at the rear of the appraisal district's office. Auditor Weingart, asked the commissioners to go and look at the two extra rooms located within the districts space. She explained that there is plenty of room for the shelves and supplies to be removed from the closet in question. The court recessed for 10 minutes to view the space. The court came back into session at 10:10 am with no action. Chief Appraiser Bustamante stated that the Appraisal Board would make the decision and would advise of such at a later date.

NEW HIRE IN DISTRICT & COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Villanueva, authorizing the starting salary of the newly hired County & District Deputy Clerk, Ernest Adams, to be set at \$38,000 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING OF FULL-TIME DISPATCHER FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Perez, authorizing hiring Megan Hedrick, as a full time dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department, with her salary remaining at the same starting rate set when previously hired as a relief dispatcher.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RELIEF DISPATCHER FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Fincher requested that advertisement previously approved by the court be postponed for a couple of weeks. The court unanimously agreed.

SUTTON COUNTY DAYS

Judge Smith reported that the Chamber of Commerce Board had voted not to move Sutton County Days to the courthouse lawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No action or comments.

COURT ADJOURNED

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____
COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO 4