

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2016**

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SUTTON

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 8TH day of August, 2016, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, was duly convened in a Regular 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	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 Perez. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

AUDITORS REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to accept the General Balance Sheet for period ending July 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Aforementioned balance sheet is attached as Exhibit B.

OUTSIDE AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Wayne R. Beyer, C.P.A. presented the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Aforementioned report is attached as Exhibit C.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Perez to accept the report submitted for the month of July reflecting an ending balance of \$7,401,117.59. Motion carried unanimously. Aforementioned report is attached as Exhibit D.

PAYMENT OF ACCUMULATED EMPLOYEE VACATION AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS

No Action.

CIVIC CENTER RENTAL FEE WAIVER FOR LIONS CLUB AUCTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to waive the Civic Center rental fee for the 79th Annual Lions Club Action on October 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

J.P. REPORT

Justice of the Peace, John K. Wilson reported collections for the month as follows:

Collections: \$105,156.17
County retained: \$65,123.98
State portion: \$32,509.17
OMNI: \$1586.00
McCreary & Veslka: \$5503.08
Refund: \$322.10

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Joe Fincher presented the report as follows:

Number of inmates: 43

Meal cost: \$1.66

Number of dispatch calls: 855

Fees Collected: \$6908.00

Miles driven: 6000

STONE GARDEN EMPLOYEE SALARIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Perez to set the salaries of the Stone Garden employee's at \$30.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR REPORT

No Action.

EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

The report was accepted as submitted.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Teaff to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and Sutton County Pertaining to Information Technology Services. Motion carried unanimously. Aforementioned memorandum is attached as Exhibit E.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Road and Bridge Superintendent Anderson reported that his department could not complete the last three miles of road work due to equipment breakdown. Repairs to are being made and is hopeful to finish paving the road.

LIBRARY REPORT

No Action

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No Action

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

David Wallace, County Attorney, reported total collections for the month was \$43.90.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

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

District Court: \$6481.44

County Court: \$7685.00

Real Property/vitals: \$3769.00

COUNTY JUDGE REPORT

Judge Smith read to the court a letter of resignation effective August 31, 2016 submitted by Commissioner John Wade. Judge Smith reported that he has contacted legal counsel at the Texas Association of Counties, in regards to the time line for the appointment or nomination to fill the position and will report to the court as soon as he gets the information. The aforementioned letter is attached as Exhibit F.

2017 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Judge Smith reported that calculations of the proposed budget resulted in a shortage of \$998,000,000.00. He proposed reducing specific personnel at the sheriff department, library and judges office from full to part time and remove funding for the district judge's summer help, as well as reduce several line items. He also suggested raising the effective tax rate. He reported that if his proposal was accepted as presented, the saving would be approximately \$501,000,000.00.

The court discussed the proposal at length especially in regards to employee's full time positions. Motion was made by Commissioner Perez, seconded by Commissioner Teaff to set the tax rate to .680127 and FMFC to .113468 and reduce or change the following line items and positions:

Department	Account Name	Budget F.Y. 2017	Changed and/ or reduced	
Judge	Assistant	\$47,062.00	\$0.00	
	Part time assistant	\$0.00	\$23,738.00 *25hrs per wk at \$18.26	
	Fica	3,601.00	\$1,816.00	
	Retirement	\$3,295.00	\$1,662.00	
	Health Insurance	\$15,943.00	\$7972.00	
	Dues & Convention	\$3000.00	\$2000.00	
County Court	Dues & Convention	\$5000.00	\$4500.00	
	Court Appointed Attorney	\$16,000.00	\$14,500.00	
Non-Departmental	Officials Bonds & Ins	\$85,000.00	\$52,000.00	
	Time Clock	\$2000.00	\$0.00	
District Court	Part Time assistant	\$1200.00	\$0.00	
	Investigation Fee	\$6000.00	\$5000.00	
	Jury Expense	\$12,000.00	\$11,000.00	
JP Court	Fines	\$400,000.00	\$500,000.00	
	Software	\$1000.00	\$0.00	
District Attorney	Travel Expense	\$3050.00	\$2000.00	
Sheriff	Part Time Deputies (2)	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	
	Part Time Deputy (1)	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	
	Fica	\$4820.00	\$2448.00	
	Retirement	\$4410.00	\$2240.00	
Senior Citizen Center Library	Senior Citizen-Food	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	
	Assistant	\$42,483.00	\$0.00	
	Part Time assistant	\$0.00	\$21,710.00 *25hrs per wk at \$16.70	
	Fica	\$3499.00	\$1661.00	
	Retirement	\$2974.00	\$1520.00	
	Insurance	\$23,914.00	\$15,944.00	
	Summer Help	\$1920.00	\$0.00	
	Books	\$9000.00	\$7000.00	
	Health Insurance	\$23,914.00	\$8921.00	
	Extension Jail	Maintenance – Full Time	\$39,588.00	\$0.00
Maintenance – Part Time		\$0.00	\$24,739.00 *25hrs per wk at \$19.03	
Fica		\$3,029.00	\$1893.00	
Retirement		\$2772.00	\$1732.00	
Health Insurance		\$7972.00	\$0.00	
Replacement Fund		Asphalt Heater	\$110,000.00	\$0.00

Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Teaff and Judge Smith voted aye. Commissioner Villanueva voted nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No action

COURT ADJOURNED

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

ATTEST: _____
RACHEL CHAVEZ DURAN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: _____
STEVE SMITH, COUNTY JUDGE

MIKE VILLANUEVA, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

ABSENT

JOHN WADE, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

CARL TEAFF, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

FRED PEREZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4