

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 23, 2017**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SUTTON

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017, 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:

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| 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 Perez and seconded by Commissioner Villanueva. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

**TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR REPORTS**

Tax Assessor Collector Marshall presented the report for September as follows:

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| Vehicle Title & Registration: | Property Tax:       |
| Total: \$54,983.83            | Total: \$13,424.16  |
| County: \$18,653.81           | County: \$11,196.10 |

**CIVIC CENTER RENTAL FEE WAIVER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Teaff, to waive the Civic Center rental fee for the Knights of Columbus to be used for their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**CIVIC CENTER RENTAL FEE WAIVER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to waive the Civic Center rental fee for the Chamber of Commerce to be used for their annual "The More the Merrier" on November 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN CERTIFICATE**

No Action

**SILVERCHOICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Villanueva to renew the SilverChoice agreement, plan F at a premium rate of \$268.48 per month to be paid by the participating county retired employee. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPRAISAL BOARD ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villanueva, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to cast all votes for Appraisal Board Sutton County Nominee, Maura Weingart. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIBRARY FINES**

Librarian Debra Brown reported that she has discovered outstanding fines totaling \$11,933.54. She submitted to the court a report ranging from the year 2000 to October 20, 2017 showing the number of patrons owing fines and explained that the library software system has the capacity of alerting when there are past due amounts, but have been ignored and patrons were allowed to continue to check out books. She commented that a few patrons have stated that they were not made aware and paid the outstanding debt owed, others become very belligerent and argumentative. County Attorney Wallace summarized a few options for collecting the fines owed by either submitting letters advising of the debt owed or possible filing suit in small claims court. He advised he would research the matter further and report at the next meeting.

**LIBRARIAN BOND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Villanueva to set the bond for the Sutton County Librarian at \$5000.00 made payable to Sutton County. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY JUDGE REPORT**

Judge Smith and Librarian Brown reported that Brigette Rogers has a key to the library, given to her by former Librarian Florie Gonzalez, for the purpose of coming in after regular business hours to assist citizens complete Medicare applications. Librarian Brown stated that she explained to Rogers that the library has new extended hours and preferred she come during those hours, when library staff is available. She also voiced concerns to her that being there alone could have liability issues to the county, should something happen. Brown stated that Rogers was very hostile and argumentative towards her. After hearing the account of events, it was the consensus of the court that Ms. Rogers, being that she is not a library employee, should have never been given a key and free reign of the facility without permission from the court. It was suggested that the easiest remedy was to simply change the locks. Others disagreed and suggest she must return it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Teaff, seconded by Commissioner Perez to have County Attorney Wallace send a letter to Ms. Rogers demanding that the key be returned to Judge Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER**

The employee appreciation dinner was set for December 4, 2017.

**VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY**

Confirmation that the Veteran’s Day Holiday will be observed on November 10, 2017.

**HCTC PROPOSAL**

County Attorney Wallace reported that he is still negotiating the cost of contracting an easement with HCTC.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Commissioner Teaff reported that the Pavilion Committee had completed the table and chairs project. He requested that the court send out thank you notes to each committee member. The group raised \$14,000 for the project with a portion being funded by a grant, therefore requiring the tables and chairs must not be moved out of the pavilion and used elsewhere.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No action

**COURT ADJOURNED**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**RACHEL CHAVEZ DURAN**, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
**STEVE SMITH**, COUNTY JUDGE

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**MIKE VILLANUEVA**, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

**ABSENT**  
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**BOB BROCKMAN**, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

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**CARL TEAFF**, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

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**FRED PEREZ**, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4