TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2021 ---- 11:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 8th day of February, 2021 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Justice of Peace Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JACQUE L. BLANCHETTE	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
STEVAN STURROCK	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2, teleconference
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Blanchette invited anyone offended by the court's practice of an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to step out in the hall and return after the conclusion of the pledge. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Sturrock. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Public Comments: Neil Alderman, a resident of Warren, presented the need for "leash laws". He submitted pictures and indicated that a neighbor's dogs were mauling and killing his and other neighbors' dogs. He is concerned about kids putting their hands through his fence and being bit by those dogs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Hudson to receive the minutes of the January 11, 2021. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher made a motion to receive the **monthly reports** from the Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Extension and Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the **Budget amendments/line item transfers:** 20 items for the 2020 Budget and one for the 2021 budget, as presented by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock.** All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve paying **County Bills.** The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve payment for magnolite windows in amount of aprx. $4000.00, installed at the **Nutrition Center,** out of Office Equipment/Capital Outlay instead of the budget for the Nutrition Center. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to terminate a **rock/gravel pit Agreement,** from 2017, for **Precinct #1,** due to his position. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to reimburse Tyler County Softball Association up to $6000, minus sales tax, out of the amount budgeted for **Tyler County Youth Programs. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Mary Nell Rainey and Kay Timme presented an annual report of the **Tyler County Historical Commission.** She presented a handout of the duties of the local commission. Projects of 2020: Courthouse Steering Committee, historical research of ferries and roads in Tyler County, updating the website and celebrating the 175th birthday of Tyler County. Mrs. Rainey added her regret that the courthouse is being renovated to the depression area and not restoring the original structure. She showed a flag that will be used for the celebration of the 175th anniversary. All schools in the county will receive a flag in their school colors commemorating the anniversary. No action was taken.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the **bond of Tony Reynolds** as Constable for Precinct #3. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Judge Blanchette motioned to approve the 2020 **Tyler County Historical Commission** attendance report. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Judge Blanchette motioned to approve the 2021 **Tyler County Historical Commission members. Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the preservation project for early marriage licenses to be paid from the **County Clerk Records Archive,** as requested by the County Clerk. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Sturrock** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to purchase a fireproof safe for the **County Treasurer's office**. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve participation in **TAC's cybersecurity training program** to be in compliance with Tx. Govt. Code 2054.5191 stating that any **government employee and all elected officials** who has access to a local government computer system or

database must complete a cybersecurity training program certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources at least annually; and, to appoint the County Treasurer as Administrator, Assistant County Treasurer as the Assistant Administrator and Donald Calhoon as the IT Administrator. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson.** All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint the following committee members, as policy dictates, to the **Tyler County Sick Leave Pool:** Kathy Harris, Lisa Olds, Robert Perkins, Tina Self, Gerald Adaway, Donald Calhoon and Joe Smith. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the **HMGP: Supplemental Program Grant Application for Wolf Creek Watershed Drainage Project**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson.** Susan Stover with David Waxman & Assoc. updated the court as to the project; applying for $6,435,022.00. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

Commissioner Marshall moved to open bids for the **Tyler County Special Utility District – Water System Improvements Project – GLO CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-087-C248. Commissioner Sturrock** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTES Bids were received from:

Roger Sanders – Core & Main	$151,711.13
Rural Pipe & Supply	$148,062.40

No bids were received for sell and disposal of scrap metal for Precincts 1 through 4. No action was taken.

No action was taken to award bids for the sell and disposal of scrap metal for Precincts 1 through 4, since bids were not received.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to allow KZXL, "The Drive" radio station, to set up on the **courthouse lawn** to broadcast the Dogwood Parade and use the 120 electrical outlet on the northeast corner of the property; and, allow parking behind the courthouse for set-up purposes. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** to approve the Avatel maintenance service agreement for the AVAYA phone system used by the **tax office. Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Sturrock motioned to suspend payments from the U.S. Congressman, Dr. Brian Babin, for the use of an office at the **courthouse** due to the remediation work. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Sturrock** to approve an **Iron Ore Pit Agreement for Precinct #1** with Clifford Castilaw, for $30 per load. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to adopt the guidelines and **over-sight by county officials** of county owned buildings and assign the primary official and an alternate; and board assignments of commissioners' court members. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** Judge Blanchette stated his preference for only commissioners having assignments for the buildings and not himself. If there is a variance in agreement concerning a building, then the judge can break a "tie". The court worked out the appointments and filling in vacancies. **Commissioner Sturrock** motioned to amend the motion by adopting the newly revised assignments. This motion was seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher.** All voted yes and none no for the amendment. All voted yes and none no to the original motion with the revised assignments of members of the court. SEE ATTACHED LIST AND GUIDELINES

Judge Blanchette motioned to authorize the submission of the **2021 Eminent Domain Report** to the Texas Comptroller. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall.** All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to change the **maintenance supervisor** position to Facilities Maintenance Coordinator, with an increase in pay to $42,091.03. The motion was seconded by **Judge Blanchette.** Commissioner Marshall stated this salary is equivalent to a road foreman. He added this person has been able to save the county money by doing the mowing and other task that will easily cover the increase in his salary. Judge Blanchette added that he had observed this person's very strong skill set; that, the county would no longer have to "farm out" all the plumbing, electrical and carpentry to be able to save above and beyond.
Commissioner Blacksher expressed: everybody would like a raise; your only as good as the people you have working for you - the "people taking up the slack" such as doing the mowing, should get a raise; that, it was a large increase "to swallow"; nothing against this person personally, acknowledged he has been very good and is saving money. **Judge Blanchette** responded, "the best investment you can make is into the people that are responsible to what you charge them with". He stated to Commissioner Blacksher that the court may have to come back and re-visit these concerns. **Commissioner Marshall** stated the increase would be funded from the money budgeted for mowing. All voted yes with exception of Commissioner Blacksher voting no. SEE ATTACHED

Executive Session was not held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:33 pm

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on February 8, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 25th day of January, 2021.

Attest: _____ Donece Gregory, County Clerk