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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 13th day of March, 2018, at 9:00 o’clock a.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Amended Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on March 9, 2018 at 11:15 o’clock a.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, was absent

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk, was absent

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:00 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court was led in prayer by Commissioner Epperson. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry, were present.

2. **Open Forum.** There were no participants in the Open Forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** There were no questions on the Staff Reports.

4. **DELIBERATE, CONSIDER and/or TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

a. **Prior Minutes.**

**February 13, 2018.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018, with an amendment to the prayer; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** The burn ban will remain in effect. Commissioner Barnebey stated that no rain was forecast for our area until approximately May 31st. No action was taken on this item.

c. **Discuss and/or approve adding Sara Franco as a commission member of The Edwards County Historical Commission. – Kari Cloudt.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to add Sara Franco as a commission member of the Edwards County Historical Commission; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

d. **Discuss and act upon approving Final Plat for Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 3. – Sam Poorman.** Mr. Poorman appeared to address the Court. The preliminary plat has previously been approved. Poorman announced that the hydrology study had been completed as had the on-site sewage permit. Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the Final Plat for Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

e. **Discuss and act upon approving Preliminary Plat for Axis Ridge Ranch Subdivision. – Sam Poorman.** This item was tabled for further consideration at the April meeting of the Commissioners Court at Mr. Poorman’s request.

f. **Discuss and act upon approving Wildlife Services County Feral hog RFP Application. – James Crockett.** Mr. Crockett appeared to address the Court and presented the Court with two options for this program.Judge Shanklin announced that this was the Hog Out program that the County had participated in two years ago.The County could use these funds for flying (aerial) purposes. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Wildlife Services County Feral Hog RFP Application; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

g. **Discuss and act upon changes to Law Enforcement policy. – Sheriff Elliott.** No action was taken since no information was turned into the Court and no representative appeared to address the Court.

h. **Discuss and/or take action regarding Road Department reports – Commissioner Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten stated that most of this discussion on this item would be turned over to Road Superintendent Arp. Both Arp and Milton have been trying to keep the Court “in the loop” about the work done by the Road Department and they are looking to submit one report to the Court. Sweeten is of the opinion that if the report is legible and meets the requirements of the Transportation Code, he is agreeable to this. Arp then began his comments by stating that the Transportation Code was kind of vague in regards to the contents of the report. He wants to make sure that the Commissioners are getting all of the information that they need so that they can piece together the activities of his department. Sweeten stated that it might be beneficial to have a summary of the amount of hours that each piece of equipment is used per month to compare to the allowable hours set forth by FEMA regulations. Ultimately, this information would help build the Road Department. It was decided that the Road Supervisor would add more detail to all future reports and account for all activities undertaken by the crews, expenditures, and so forth. No action was taken on this item.

i. **Discuss and/or take action regarding Mark Bean’s retirement. – Judge Shanklin.** The Court discussed the retirement of the Mark Bean, the current Tax Assessor/Collector and the appointment of Lori Ruiz, his deputy clerk, as the interim Tax Assessor/Collector for the time being. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to accept Mark Bean’s resignation (with regret), to appoint Lori Ruiz as Interim Tax Assessor/Collector, and to allow advertising for a full time Deputy Clerk for Ms. Ruiz; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

5. **New Business.** No new business was discussed.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** The next regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioner Court will be on the second Tuesday of April, 2018 (April 10, 2018) at 9:00 a.m. in the Edwards County Courtroom.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay the bills; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 4/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This regular, open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk