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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 9th day of April, 2019, 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 Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on April 4, 2019 at 10:13 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

Honorable Kenneth Reed, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 were present.

2. **Open Forum.** Andrew Barnebey appeared to address the Court with regard to the Devil’s Sinkhole tours. It looks like it is going to be a good bat season.

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.**

**March 12, 2019.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2019; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**March 21, 2019.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2019; Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** Judge Shanklin addressed last month’s vote in objection to the Burn Ban by Commissioner Reed. He asked Reed to explain his vote to the Court. Reed explained that he voted in opposition to the burn ban because he looks at the ban as government involvement in private property owners’ rights. He believes that people should use common sense and not burn materials when the conditions are not favorable. Sweeten addressed his concerns that people may have the right to burn on their property as they see fit but the need for a burn ban arises when that fire crosses a property line and affects the property rights of others. Fry interjected that he sees the burn ban as an awareness issue. No further action was taken.

c. **Discuss and/or take action upon Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2019. – Judge Souli Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Proclamation of April 2019 (and every other month) as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month; Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. No Commissioners noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Presentation of the 2017-2018 audit. – Eric Ede.** Ede appeared and presented the budget to the Court. There was a surplus of funds in excess of $200,000 from fiscal year 2017-2018. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2017-2018 Audit. Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Consider and act upon Resolution authorizing submission of Stone Garden Grant with Val Verde 2018 OPSG Fund. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing submission of Stone Garden Grant with Val Verde 2018 OPSG Fund; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Consider and act upon TxCDBG 7218129 Draw #2 requesting $13,650.00 for TRC Engineers Invoice No. 59787 and $61,318.17 for MGB Construction Invoice No. 1 for Fairgrounds Project, and authorize County Judge and Treasurer to sign. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve TxCDBG 7218129 Draw #2 requesting $13,650.00 for TRC Engineers Invoice No. 59787 and $61,318.17 for MGB Construction Invoice No. 1 for Fairgrounds Project, and authorize County Judge and Treasurer to sign; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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 held on the second Tuesday of May, 2019 (May 7, 2019) at 9:00 a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to pay bills; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

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

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk