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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 19th day of September, 2016, 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 Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on September 15, 2016 at 1:56 o’clock p.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

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:02 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll was then called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Fry and Commissioner Sweeten were present. However, Commissioner Sweeten arrived at 9:07 a.m.

2. **Open Forum for public comment.** There were no participants in the open forum.

3. **Public Hearing for Proposed Budget 2016-2017.** Commissioner Barnebey stated that the pay raises were unbalanced. He stated that the Sheriff has submitted 3 different budgets, one with a 1% pay increase, one with a 3% pay increase, and one with a 5% pay increase. He is wondering how the Court eliminated the first two. Commissioner Sweeten interjected that he had compiled a survey of our officials’ salaries compared to those officials’ in the surrounding counties. In doing so, he does not look at the individual persons, but at the positions. He gave a copy of this information, entitled “Edwards County Salary Survey,” to the Court. A copy is attached to these minutes.

County Tax Assessor/Collector, Mark Bean asked the Court if, when the tax rates were approved, he would receive a notice with those tax rates listed. Judge Shanklin responded that yes, Bean would receive a notice from the Judge’s office with those tax rates.

There were no participants from the public with regards to the proposed budget for 2016-2017.

4. **Adjourn.** This Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was adjourned at 9:15 o’clock a.m. The Court will reconvene at 10:00 a.m. for purposes of conducting a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2016-2017.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk