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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 23rd day of May, 2017, 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 Proposed Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on May 19, 2017 at 1:40 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

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 9:05 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was called by Clerk Reyes. All Commissioners were present.

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

a. **Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Commissioners’ Court will meet in Executive Session to interview applicants for Road Superintendent.**

i. **Executive Session (closed meeting) pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT – Conduct interviews with qualified Edwards County Road Superintendent applicants.**  The Court went into executive session at 9:06 a.m. The Court came out of executive session at 11:05 a.m.

[Clerk’s Note: The Clerk had to attend a CJIS workshop at 10:00 a.m. and the minutes from this point forward were taken by Deputy Clerk Cristina Coke.]

ii. **RECONVENE in Open Session to consider and/or act on matters considered in Executive Session.** The Court reconvened in Open Session at 11:06 a.m.

b. **Discuss and/or take action to appoint Road Superintendent. – Judge Souli Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that three interviews had been conducted. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to appoint Mr. Jason Arp to hold the position of Road Superintendent contingent on his becoming a citizen of Edwards County (a qualified voter of Edwards County). Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

c. **Consider and/or act upon approving preliminary subdivision plat for Mailtrail Valley Ranch Phase II located in Precinct 3. – William (Bill) Cocke.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary subdivision plat for Mailtrail Valley Ranch Phase II. Commissioner Fry stated that the County Attorney had also reviewed this plat. The County Attorney spoke about the current state of our most current subdivision regulations and how those needed to be revised. Approval of the final plat will be put on the next month’s agenda. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Discuss and evaluate amount spent on repairs for Road and Bridge budget. – Commissioner Epperson.** Commissioner Epperson addressed the Court. He thinks that the County should begin identifying some of the problems with its equipment and making some in-house repairs. He stated that the Road Department was over budget. Sweeten stated that when our new road supervisor begins work and looks at the budget, these areas can be identified. The problem in the past was that problem equipment was set aside and no repairs were made. Fry stated that, in the past, since there was no road supervisor, per se, then it was easier for employees to just pick up the phone and call someone to undertake repairs on the equipment. Now that we have hired a Road Supervisor, and this person can review his budget and come up with ideas to save money, this situation will get better. Sweeten asked Arp to look at the budget (since we were over-budget) and request a budget amendment to project what will be needed to finish out the year. Shanklin stated that this was an informational item. No action was taken on this item.

e. **Discuss and/or take action on purchase and installation of replacement bumper for new County vehicle. – Commissioner Lee Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten addressed the Court. When the purchase of a pickup was approved during a prior meeting, he failed to include the purchase and installation of a replacement bumper on that new pickup. He would like this bumper to be installed on the new pickup before it is put into service. Sweeten made the motion for the purchase and installation of the replacement bumper. Shanklin stated that Del Rio bumper had the cheapest prices he was able to find. Arp is assigned to get quotes. Commissioner Fry provided the second to the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Consider and act upon Resolution in Support of Moving All Programs Apportioned to Edwards County from RPC 12 to RPC 10 – Judge Souli Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that the Governor’s office had moved all of the criminal defense monies up to Region 10. There is a small amount left to move. When we moved these criminal defense funds and criminal justice grant funds to Region 10, we started to receive more money in that area. There is just one small amount left to move. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Moving All Programs Apportioned to Edwards County from RPC 12 to RPC 10. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/2, with Judge Shanklin, Commissioners Sweeten and Fry voting in favor, and Commissioners Barnebey and Epperson casting their votes in opposition.

3. **Set Time & Date.** The next regular meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners’ Court will be on the second Tuesday of June, 2017 (June 13, 2017) at 9:00 a.m.

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

5. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn this Special Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court. This Special Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 11:29.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk