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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 13th day of June, 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 Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Proposed Agenda for this Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on June 8, 2017 at 3:05 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 9:04 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was called by Clerk Reyes. The Court was led in an opening prayer by Kenneth Reed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Commissioners were present.

2. **Open Forum.** Mary Louise Baird appeared to address the Court. He spoke on the condition of CR 350. Road Supervisor Arp also joined in the discussion.

Sam Epperson appeared to give the Court an update on behalf of the Preservation of South West Texas Wildlife. He also presented the Court with a spreadsheet that shows how the funds that they received from the Court were expended.

3. **Staff Reports.** Commissioner Sweeten stated that Commissioner Epperson had previously mentioned some maintenance records from the Road Department. Sweeten went to this office and retrieved a stack of notebooks from the Road Department that had some maintenance records in them. However, you can see that the books are there, but there is nothing in them. There are a couple of occasional entries; the last entries he could find were from 2014. Judge Shanklin stated that this was on the County equipment. Commissioner Epperson asked if the reports that former employee Robert Superintendent gave to the Court had any maintenance information in them. Sweeten answered that most of the information in these reports was work performed.

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

a. **Prior Minutes.**

**May 9, 2017.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**May 23, 2017.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** No action will be taken on this item at that time.

c. **Presentation of the 2015-2016 audit. – Eric Ede.** The County’s auditor, Eric Ede, appeared to address the Court. At the outset of his comments, Ede stated that the County had received the best report that it could receive. Ede reviewed the “Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2016” with the Court, paying special attention to the County’s Balance Sheet which is found on Pages 20 and 21 of the report and to the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances which is found on Pages 24 and 25 of the report. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 Edwards County Financial Report; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Presentation for Public Health Education regarding Zika Virus. – Infectious Disease Control, DSHS.** Dr. Wozniak from the Department of State Health Services appeared to address the Court. His informational presentation dealt with the two types of mosquitos that carry the Zika Virus, its causes, its ability to spread, and its prevention.

e. **Presentation of Edwards County 2016 Annual Public Health Report. – Family & Community Services, DSHS.** Marisela Zamarripa from theDepartment of State Health Services appeared to address the Court**.** She is the local health inspector for our County. Her department’s goal is to make their presence more visible to the public and to educate the public on food safety. She informed the Court that local food establishments must post a certificate stating that their inspections are available for public review.

f. **Discuss and/or approve a Proclamation declaring May 2017 as Community Action Month in Edwards County, Texas. – Robert Aguirre, Community Council of South Central Texas.** Mr. Aguirre, from the Community Council of South Central Texas, appeared to address the Court. He stated that this organization comes to Edwards County once a month, on the first Wednesday of every month, and they are housed in the Gilmer Memorial Library. They have funds of $86,000 allotted to Edwards County for monetary assistance with electrical services. They currently only have three people that avail themselves of their services. Commissioner Barnebey made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May 2017 as Community Action Month in Edwards County, Texas; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Discuss and/or approve a Proclamation declaring Health Summer Meals for Kids for Summer 2017 in Edwards County, Texas. – Judge Souli Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin announced that this was the summer meal program at school that was sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Proclamation declaring Health Summer Meals for Kids for Summer 2017 in Edwards County, Texas; Commissioner Barnebeyseconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Consider and/or act upon approving preliminary subdivision plat for Buffalo Draw Ranch Subdivision located in Precinct 3. – Sam Poorman.** Mr. Poorman appeared to address the Court. He stated that this proposed subdivision will be located along CR 450 in Precinct 3. He has already discussed this matter with Commissioner Fry, gone over the compliance checklist with County Attorney Moody, and his hydrology study will be ready by the time final approval is requested. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary subdivision plat for the Buffalo Draw Ranch Subdivision located in Pct. 3; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Discuss and/or approve Energy Procurement Contract with First Innovative Power. – Richard Faas.** Mr. Faas appeared to address the Court. He presented the Court with a pricing proposal for fixed electrical services. The lowest quote for fixed electrical services was from APG, who can provide a 58-month term for 0.04693 c/kWh. This will save the County approximately $6,000/year. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Energy Procurement Contract with First Innovative Power; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. **Discuss and potential action on soliciting bids for fuel and propane. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the soliciting of bids for fuel, propane, and other additives; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. **Discuss and potential action on bus parking at Nueces Canyon High School in Barksdale, Texas. – Commissioner Sweeten.** Commissioner Sweeten stated that during the last meeting of the Commissioners Court, this matter was brought forth. As a result, he met with the school superintendent at Barksdale and they went and surveyed the area in question. It was determined that the water line that is at issue here is indeed in the County right of way. Sweeten had thought that this segment of the street where the school buses were parking could be closed during school hours because there is a loop behind for the school for traffic. However, the superintendent though this would be a problem due to the traffic of parents coming to drop off their children during school hours. While surveying this area, Sweeten and the superintendent walked over to the old Barksdale Public Library that sits on the corner by the school; in front of this building, there is a large mesquite tree with massive branch that comes out. If this branch is removed, then the school buses will be able to park in this area and alleviate the problem with the water line. He suggests removing this limb from that tree; this is also a move that would be to the school’s satisfaction. He further suggests putting three small poles on that corner to keep traffic from cutting this corner too much. This is a workable solution. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to remove the limb from the mesquite tree to allow the buses to park on the opposite side of the highway to alleviate the problem between the school and the Barksdale Water Corporation and to protect the water line; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fry. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

**l. Consider/act on final subdivision plat Mailtrail Valley Ranch Ph. II.** Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the Mailtrail Valley Ranch, Ph. II; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** Commissioner Sweeten stated that he had new business regarding CR 376 and informed the Court about one landowner along this road who has locked off a portion of the County road. This situation needs to be addressed.

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 July, 2017 (July 11, 2017) at 9:00 a.m.

7. **Pay bills.** Epperson had a question about the bill for repairs to the belly dump. He stated that he looked at the bill for $7700 and that he couldn’t see where they had fixed anything to do with the belly dump.Jason Arp came up to address this matter with Epperson and stated that they didn’t do anything to the dump; they just got it DOT legal. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to pay bills; the motion was seconded by Judge Shanklin. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Judge Shanklin. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This regular open meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk