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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 22nd day of August, 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 Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on August 17, 2017 at 3:50 o’clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One, was absent

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three, was absent

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 9:03 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was called by Clerk Reyes. The Court was led in an opening prayer by Commissioner Epperson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Commissioners, except William Epperson and Matt Fry, were present.

2. **Public Forum for Open Comment.** There were no participants in the Public Forum.

3. **Public Forum for Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2017-2018.** There were no participants in the Public Forum.

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

a. **Discuss and/or approve of salary for part-time legal staff and salary supplements for the District Attorney office employees to be paid with funds from the District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Funds pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Section 59.06 (d-1)(7) amounts effective September 1, 2017. No county tax revenue is used to pay these supplements. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stressed that, as regards this action item, no Edwards County tax revenue will be expended to fund these salary supplements. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the salary for the part-time legal staff and salary supplements for the District Attorney office employees to be paid with funds from the District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Funds; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sweeten. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

b. **Discuss and/or approve contract with Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin informed the Court that, in the event a juvenile offender is detained, the Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center is where they would go to be housed, if necessary. Commissioner Sweeten indicated that two facilities were specified in the contract: one in Taylor County and the other in Tom Green County. Shanklin responded that both are listed, so we have an alternative on where to send the offender to, in case the first facility is full. The verbage is incorrect and will be corrected. This contract has been approved by all of the other counties in our judicial district. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the contract with Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center, pending the correction of language used; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

c. **Discuss and/or approve contact for Detention of Juvenile Offenders. – Judge Shanklin.** Shanklin stated that this contract corrects the situation in the first contract. This is the contact that deals with the juvenile detention facility in Tom Green County. Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve the contract for Detention of Juvenile Offenders. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

d. **Discuss and/or take action to upgrade CDP and Ceilometer at Edwards County Airport. – Judge Shanklin.** Judge Shanklin stated that this is the first part of the process to upgrade our airport equipment. It has to do with our radar. Judge Shanklin made the motion to upgrade the CDP and Ceilometer at the Edwards County Airport. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

e. **Take action to amend Airport line item (10-400-605) by $30,016.00. – Judge Shanklin.** This budget amendment to the Airport line item is to pay the CDP upgrade. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to amend the Airport line item (10-400-605) by $30,016.00; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

f. **Budget Workshop.** Judge Shanklin stated that our county budget has been taken care of. Sam Epperson had appeared before the Court to present his budget shortfalls and ask for an increase to their trapper expenses that they receive from the County. Our County pays part of the trappers’ salaries. The Treasurer went back and looked at our existing budget and found that she could move $9,000 from the “Bonds and Liability” line item and apply this towards the line item for the County Trapper Expense. Shanklin stated that we can get to $9,000 and this is all we can do to help them. They wanted $18,000 and we were able to do half. This will be a line item transfer that will appear in our final budget. Sweeten. Commissioner Sweeten asked if we needed a motion to approve this transfer in our final budget. Shanklin responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to transfer the sum of $9,000 from the “Bonds and Liability” line item and apply this towards the line item for the County Trapper expense. Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0.

5. **Set Time & Date.** The next meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court will be on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This will be a Special Open Meeting and the second public hearing for the proposed tax rate for FY 2017-2018.

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

7. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 3/0. This Special Open Meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk