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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 14th day of November, 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 November 9, 2017 at 11:10 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 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 9:10 o’clock a.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was called by Clerk Reyes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Court took a moment of silence in honor of the victim of the shooting in Sutherland Springs. The Court then recited the Lord’s Prayer. All Commissioners were present.

2. **Open Forum.** No one appeared to address the Court in Open Forum.

3. **Staff Reports.** Commissioner Barnebey had a question about a check that was written out to the Sonora Medical Clinic. Judge Shanklin answered that a potential employee was sent over there for a psychological evaluation.

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

a. **Prior minutes.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the minutes from October 2017; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

b. **Burn Ban.** No action was taken at this time.

c. **Consider and/or act upon approving preliminary subdivision plat West Nueces Ranch Subdivision located in Precinct 3. – Sam Poorman.** Poorman appeared to address the Court. Commissioner Fry and County Attorney Moody stated that the subdivision plat approves the old regulations. The hydrology study will be done before final plat presented. Commissioner Fry made the motion to approve the preliminary subdivision plat in West Nueces Ranch Subdivision located in Precinct 3; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

d. **Consider and/or act upon Priority 1 Grant application for Bo’s Garage through EDC. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve and send the Priority 1 Grant application for Bo’s Garage on to the City as it should have been originally; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

e. **Consider and/or act upon Priority 1 Grant application for Douglass Goods through EDC. – Judge Shanklin.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to approve and send the Priority 1 Grant application for Douglass Goods on to the City as it should have been originally; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

f. **Discuss and Act upon contract renewal with Westlaw Legal Research. – Allen Ray Moody.** Moody appeared to address the Court. This contract he is wanting renewed is for his Westlaw subscription; it is renewed every three years. The money used to pay for this will be taken from the Law Library fund. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the contract renewal with Westlaw Legal Research; Commissioner Epperson seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

g. **Take action to transfer and amend Parts line item (20-600-665) by an increase of $2,775. – Jason Arp.** Arp appeared to address the Court. He stated that this transfer is needed to pay for part of the cost of the case roller after the flooding event. Commissioner Fry made the motion to transfer and amend Parts line item (20-600-665) by an increase of $2,775; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

h. **Take action to transfer and amend Labor On Machinery line item (20-600-668) by an increase of $39,108. – Jason Arp.** Arp stated that this transfer is needed to pay for the other part of the costs of the case roller after the flooding event. Commissioner Fry made the motion to transfer and amend Labor On Machinery line item (20-600-668) by an increase of $39,108; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

i. **Take action to transfer and amend Equipment line item (20-600-365) by an increase of $131,366. – Jason Arp.** Arp stated that this transfer is needed to pay for the purchase of a water truck. Commissioner Fry made the motion to transfer and amend transfer and amend Equipment line item (20-600-365) by an increase of $131,366; Commissioner Sweeten seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

j. **Consider and Act upon Texas Department of Transportation Grant for RAMP Airport Maintenance Program. – Carl Esser.** The grant award to Edwards County is $50,000 and the state will match this award in the amount of $50,000. Arp stated that it is estimated to cost about $119,000 to upgrade the airport. This amount will offset part of this. Commissioner Epperson made the motion to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for RAMP Airport Maintenance Program; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

k. **Consider and Act upon Resolution for STONEGARDEN Grant Application. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin announced that this was the grant that was used to pay our local deputies their overtime pay. Esser reported that the amount awarded to Edwards County was $98,473.00. However, there is a hold on these funds until the Commissioners Court approves and signs a resolution approving the grant. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Resolution for the STONEGARDEN Grant Application; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

l. **Consider correspondence Administratively Complete Letter from Texas Department of Agriculture for TxCDBG Contract 713075.** Esser announced that this was an informational item only. This is from the septic system project in Barksdale. That project is administratively complete and closed. No action taken on this item.

m. **Consider and Act upon Resolution for TxCDBG Contract 721027 from the Texas Department of Agriculture. – Carl Esser.** Esser stated that the amount awarded to Edwards County was $350,000 for County Roads 350 and 310. Our in-kind contribution is the work performed with our equipment and personnel. Esser announced that the start date for this project is December 1; so, we have to jump through a few hoops. Esser stated that we have to publish notices in the newspaper because the County will actually be working in a flood plain. There will also be a comment period of about 10-15 days. He believes that it will be the middle of December before construction will be able to start. The County will receive a letter from TDA granting authority to use the grant funds. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Resolution for TxCDBG Contract 721027 from the Texas Department of Agriculture; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

n. **Consider and Act Criminal Justice Grant #3391601 regarding the acquisition of Controlled Equipment. – Carl Esser.** After the Sheriff’s Office had to conduct a search and rescue on some of our rougher terrain, they submitted, through one of our grant application, for funds to purchase a Ranger side-by-side utility vehicle to purchase one. Since then, the federal government has declared that these vehicles are dangerous equipment. Consequently, the County now needs a resolution to acknowledge that we are aware of that. Commissioner Sweeten made a motion to approve a Resolution regarding the acquisition of controlled equipment; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

o. **Consider and Act upon Contract for Administration Services for TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027 Disaster Relief Fund from Esser & Company Consulting LLC. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Contract for Administration Services for TxCDBG Contract No. 7217027 Disaster Relief Fund from Esser & Company Consulting LLC; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

p. **Consider and Act upon Resolution authorizing CDBG – DR Grant Application to the General Land Office. – Carl Esser.** The funds received under this application will be utilized for the Miller Creek Crossing. The in-kind contribution will be Edwards County’s cash match of $3,970 dollars. Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing CDBG – DR Grant Application to the General Land Office; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

q. **Consider and Act upon Resolution Adopting/Reaffirming Civil Rights documentation as required by TxCDBG recipient. – Carl Esser.** Judge Shanklin made the motion to approve the Resolution Adopting/Reaffirming Civil Rights documentation as required by TxCDBG recipient; Commissioner Barnebey seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

r. **Consider and Act upon TxCDBG 7217027 Start Up documentation to include Authorized Signatories Designation Resolution, Appointment of Labor Standard Officer, Initial Acquisition Report, & Certification of Pre-Construction Approval Form A401 as required by TxCDBG recipient. – Carl Esser.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to approve the TxCDBG 7217027 Start Up documentation to include Authorized Signatories Designation Resolution, Appointment of Labor Standard Officer, Initial Acquisition Report, & Certification of Pre-Construction Approval Form A401 as required by TxCDBG recipient; Commissioner Fry seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0.

5. **New Business.** Commissioner Barnebey gave the Court an update on his research on the issue of computer security.

6. **Set time and date for next meeting.** There will be a Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners Court on November 17, 2017 at 9:00 o’clock a.m. to canvass the votes from the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election. The next Regular Open Meeting of the Commissioners Court will be on the second Tuesday of December 2017 (December 12, 2017) at 9:00 a.m.

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

8. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Barnebey made the motion to adjourn. Judge Shanklin seconded the motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, the motion carried 5/0. This meeting of the Edwards County Commissioners Court adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

 APPROVED:

 SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

 Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk