

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Jeff Davis County, Texas was called to order on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. with commissioners 1, 2, 3 and 4 present.

Commissioner Precinct 1 – Jody Adams

Commissioner Precinct 2 – Roy Hurley

Commissioner Precinct 3 – John Davis

Commissioner Precinct 4 – Royce Laskoskie

County Judge – Curtis Evans

Deputy Clerk – Carol Truax

Pledges to the United States and Texas State flags were recited.

The invocation was given by Carol Truax

001 – The Judge determined that a quorum was present and proof of posting.

002 – Public Comments: David Dobler to speak on item #015 Woodward Avenue drainage and Jennifer Wright on item #019 Hudspeth County Jail Contract

Reports:

County Judge stating what a good turnout for the Smoke in the Mountains, attended an investment training, Commissioners Adams, Hurley, Davis and Laskoskie thanking everyone who helped out with the Smoke in the Mountains, Commissioner Davis speaking about the HB1330 infrastructure grant and thanks to Representatives Morales and Blanco, Judge Evans and Todd Jagger for their help in getting the bill passed, Commissioner Laskoskie thanking Outwest for their support in getting storage tanks to the DMR for water storage for fires, Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Luedecke, County Attorney Glenn Eisen, County Clerk Jennifer Wright going live with Tyler, working with the County Attorney on a criminal docket, County Road Maintenance Lance Jarratt, Chamber of Commerce Reagan Stone, DMRVFD Edna Queen, Jeff Davis County Historical Commission Jerry Dumas, and Community Center Advisory Committee purchasing tables and chairs for the center.

Consent agenda:

003 – approval of the minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting May 8, 2023 and the Special Commissioners' Court Meeting on May the 1st and the 15th

004 – received and filed the Official Justice Court Monthly Report for May 2023

005 – received and filed the County/District Monthly Report for May 2023

006 - received and filed the Tax-Assessor Collector Report for May 2023

007 – authorized the County Treasurer to pay all undisputed county bills

008 – accept all the Commissioners continuing education hours for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

009 – approved the Bond Number 100080248 for Priscilla Rubio Muniz who was appointed to the Office of Secretary – Sheriff's Office

010 – authorized the Jeff Davis County EMS to use the Community Center for PIO class on June 21-22, 2023 and August 4-6, 2023 for EMT testing

011 – requests from the Chamber to approve the following events at the Kelly Pavilion:

July 29th – VIVA Big Bend and September 1st – Barn Dance Labor Day

Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Royce Laskoskie. All in favor. Motion carried.

Information Only:

012 – Larry Francell addressed the Court discussing Grants

013 – A Budget Workshop will be on June 27, 2023

General Business:

014 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the sale of alcohol during the Coolest 4th of July as allowed by TABC with permission to request a Picnic Permit between June 30th and July 2nd. John Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

015 – Lance Jarratt, County Road Maintenance, addressed the Court concerning the drainage issues on Woodward Avenue. David Dobler also addressed the Court. Royce Laskoskie made a motion to allow the County Judge to contact Spencer and Associates to have a study done on Woodward Avenue concerning the drainage. John Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

016 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the new Insurance rates for Elected Officials and Employees adding Option I Plan II with ortho. John Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

017 – John Davis made a motion to approve the computer hardware for the Community Center which is paid for with Brown Grant Funds. (CTSI Computer Transition Services, Inc.) Jody Adams seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

018 – John Davis made a motion to accept the (RFP) Request for Proposal on the Bunkhouse submitted by the Mayan SIP Manufacturing and Sales, LLC. (\$432,500.99 labor and materials for completion). Jody Adams seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

019 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the amendment to the Hudspeth County Jail Contract, Integrated Prescription Management, Inc. John Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

020 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve order 2023-2 Fireworks Ban with a second by Royce Laskoskie. All in favor. Motion carried.

021 -Roy Hurley made a motion to approve order 2023-3 Burn Ban with a second by Royce Laskoskie. All in favor. Motion carried.

022 – **Executive Session:** 12:26 P.M. convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), specifically, 551.071 (1) (A) (pending litigation) and 551.071 (2) (privileged attorney-client communications) and 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property) to consult with attorney (s) regarding Fort Davis Independent School District (Plaintiff) v. Jeff Davis County, Texas, County Judge Curtis Evans, Jody Adams, Todd Jagger, John Davis, Albert W. Miller and Teresa L. Todd, in their official capacities, and Fort Davis Water Supply Corporation and Janet Adams in her official capacity.

023 – Reconvene into open session 12:45 P.M.

Royce Laskoskie made a motion that we agree to accept the agreement sent by the county's representative to authorize the attorneys to move forward with the Execution document and to bring us the Execution documents for signatures with a second by Roy Hurley. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Davis stating that the attorneys are the winners and the taxpayers are the losers. The longer this goes on the more it will cost the taxpayers, so the best thing we can do is go forward.

024 – Royce Laskoskie made a motion to adjourn with a second by John Davis All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Truax". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Carol Truax
Deputy Clerk

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Jeff Davis County, Texas was called to order on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. with commissioners 1, 2, 3 and 4 present.

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Commissioner Precinct 4 – Royce Laskowskie
County Judge – Curtis Evans
Deputy Clerk – Carol Truax

Pledges to the United States and Texas State flags were recited.

The invocation was given by Judge Evans.

001 – The Judge determined that a quorum was present and proof of posting.

002 – **Public Comments:** no comments were made

Reports: County Treasurer Dawn Kitts, EMS Chief Peggy Fonseca and DMRVFD Edna Queen

Consent Agenda:

003 – approval of the minutes from the Regular Commissioners' Court Meeting on June 15, 2023

004 – authorized the County Treasurer to pay all undisputed county bills

005 – approve the Bond Number TX5944371 for Kelly Boatright

006 – authorized the Jeff Davis County Clerk to use the Community Building for a Region 3 Area Meeting on October 5th and 6th, 2023

Royce Laskoskie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to reflect #006 District/County Clerk to use the Community Center for a Region 3 Area Meeting on October 5-6, 2023, with a second by Roy Hurley. All in favor. Motion carried.

General Business:

007 – Stephen Hummel from the Observatory addressed the Court concerning Dark Skies and Streetlighting in Fort Davis.

008 – Lance Jarratt, Road Maintenance, was not present to address the Court on how to proceed with the drainage issues on Woodward Avenue. Roy Hurley made a motion to table #008 with a second by John Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.

009 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the Retirement rate of 7%, which has stayed the same, for Elected Officials and Employees with a second by Royce Laskowskie. All in favor. Motion carried.

010 – John Davis made a motion to conduct an (RFP) Request for Proposal for pre-application, application, and administrative services and (RFQ) Request for Qualifications for engineering services for participation in the United States Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Fixed Award Grant Program. Roy Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Peggy Fonseca addressed the Court stating that it is a zero match.

011 – John Davis made a motion at the request of the EMC to close streets around the courthouse for thru traffic during the July 4th festivities which include Webster and State, Webster and Front, Court and Front

and Court and State with a second by Roy Hurley. John Davis amended his motion to change the street name to Woodward instead of Webster. All in favor. Motion carried.

012 – John Davis made a motion to approve the computer wiring for the Community Center paid for with Brown Grant Funds. Jody Adams seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

013 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the computer hardware for the County switch boxes from CTSI, that is necessary to improve the security of our County Network. John Davis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. (\$67,940.00)

014 – Roy Hurley made a motion to approve the Subscriber Monitoring Agreement Terms and Conditions for the Clerk's Office for another year with a second by Royce Laskowskie. All in favor. Motion carried.

015 – Royce Laskowskie made a motion to approve applying for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Park Grant for up to \$150,000.00 with a second by John Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.

016 – John Davis made a motion, as requested by King Land and Water, to close the alleyway for the remaining lots in Block 5 of Paradise Valley Subdivision with a second by Roy Hurley. John Davis amended his motion to state that the County has relinquished and abandoned all rights concerning the alley in Block 5 of Paradise Valley Subdivision. All in favor. Motion carried.

017 – Executive Session: 11:02 A.M.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), specifically, 551.071 (1) (A) (pending litigation) and 551.071 (2) (privileged attorney-client communications) and 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property) to consult with attorney (s) regarding Fort Davis Independent School District (Plaintiff) vs. Jeff Davis County, Texas, County Judge Curtis Evans, Jody Adams, Todd Jagger, John Davis, Albert W. Miller and Teresa L. Todd, in their official capacities.

018 – Reconvene into open session: 11:08 A.M.

No action was taken.

019 – item 019 was combined with item #020

020 - Executive Session: 11:09 A.M.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.0725 (contracts), deliberation regarding the jail contract in Hudspeth County and looking at a draft jail contract with Presidio County Sheriff's Office

021 – Reconvene into Open Session: 12:00 P.M.

No action was taken.

022 – Roy Hurley made a motion to adjourn with a second by John Davis. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Truax
Deputy Clerk