

REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 4, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 4th day of November, A.D., 2020, there was begun and held a REGULAR MEETING of the Honorable Commissioners Court of Nueces County, Texas, wherein the following members thereof were present, to-wit:

BARBARA CANALES	COUNTY JUDGE
CAROLYN VAUGHN	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOE A. GONZALEZ	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
JOHN MAREZ	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
BRENT CHESNEY	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

and KARA SANDS, COUNTY CLERK of Nueces County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A.** Commissioner Chesney led in the Invocation.
- B.** County Judge Barbara Canales led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Texas Flags.
- C.** County Judge Canales called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and certified that a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Courtroom located at 901 Leopard Street, on the 3rd floor of the Nueces County Courthouse.
- D.** SAFETY BRIEFING was given by Rebecca Ramirez.
- E.** **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Was given by County Judge Barbara Canales and Jose Olivarez.
- F.** GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS:
 - 1.** The Court discussed the COVID 19 response, plans for COVID 19 testing, alternative care sites, Isolation and Community Protection Sites (Isofac), amended Orders, and activities related to area economic recovery; received an update from the Nueces County Emergency Operations Center.
 - 2.** The Court discussed Hurricane and Tropical Storm recovery, including items related to Bob Hall Pier, parking lots, roads, drainage, other infrastructure; received an update and reports, including Disaster Summary Outlines and Dune Surveys from consultants, Court members, and staff.
- G.** Adopt the following Resolution(s), Proclamation(s), and/or Order(s):
 - 1.** The Court recognized the Annapolis Christian Academy Girls Volleyball team.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

H. Present the following Certificate(s) of Recognition:

1. Announcement of November 2020 Employee of the Month.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Commissioner Vaughn, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Motion: To approve Consent Agenda Items B, C (except for C-1), D-F, I-O, Q-S, and U.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

A. The Court authorized payment of bills - regular bill summaries dated October 16, 2020, October 20, 2020, and October 23, 2020.

Motion by: Commissioner Vaughn, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Motion: The Court approved the check register with the contingency of removal of item C-1 - Crosswind, from the check register and from approval by the Court.

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Gonzalez

B. Authorize payment of bills - manual check registers dated October 13, 2020 to October 26, 2020.

C. Authorize payment of bills - special motions list dated November 04, 2020.

Motion by: Commissioner Vaughn, Second by: Commissioner Marez

The Court approved the check register with the contingency of the removal of item C-1 - Crosswind, from the check register and from the approval by the Court.

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Gonzalez

D. Authorize payment of bills - group health insurance claims and fees by Boon Chapman dated October 13 and 20, 2020.

E. Accept the following "Family Protection Fee Reports" for FY 2019-2020:

1. Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend
2. Nueces County CPS Community Partners Board
3. The Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter
4. The Purple Door

F. Accept the following "Outside Agency" Reports for FY 2019-2020:

1. Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend
2. Coastal Bend Food Bank
3. Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation.
4. Corpus Christi Police Officers' Association
5. Del Mar College Foundation
6. Hammons Education Leadership Programs, Inc (HELP)
7. Nueces County CPS Community Partners Board
8. Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce
9. Robstown Area Historical Museum

- 10. The ARK Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter
- 11. The Purple Door
- 12. Wesley Community Center

G. The Court approved the Interlocal agreement for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, between San Patricio County and Nueces County regarding sharing expenses for the Intoxilyzer Program and Technical Supervisor services.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

H. The Court authorized the execution of agreement with Geofill Materials Technologies dba Geofill Construction for IFB No. 3129-20 Horace Caldwell Pier Observation Deck.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

I. Authorize execution of Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with CrowderGulf, LLC for RFP No. 3027-16 Disaster Debris Removal, Reduction Disposal and other Emergency Services.

J. Accept the executed Agreement Amendment No. 4 with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for RFP No. 3011-16 Food Service Management as approved by the Juvenile Board for the Juvenile Department.

K. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application for FY2021 Formula Grant Program of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program.

L. Approve the submission of a grant application for the 2021-2022 General Assistance grant made available through the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance Grant Program

M. Authorize the submission of a grant application to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance for Veterans Treatment Court Grant.

N. Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement by and between Nueces County and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for the Feral Hog Abatement Program.

O. Ratify the execution of a no-cost time extension to a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services under the Hurricane Crisis Cooperative funding opportunity for traditional vector control.

P. The Court ratified the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division for the Nueces County Local Border Security Program under the Local Border Security Program, FY 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

Q. Ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor - Texas, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Nueces County Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Project.

- R. Ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor - Texas, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Nueces County Truancy Prevention Initiative.
- S. Ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Office of the Governor – Texas, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Nueces County Law Enforcement In-Car System Upgrades, Phase II Project.
- T. The Court ratified the acceptance of a grant award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the COVID-19 Response Grant program.

Motion by: Commissioner Vaughn, Second by: Commissioner Marez
 Abstained: Commissioner Chesney and Commissioner Gonzalez

Note: Commissioner Chesney requested his reason for abstention to be recorded in the minutes.

- 1. I am happy to accept the funds, but it was not used appropriately.
- 2. The Court was not involved with the selection of Crosswind but should have been because this was not an emergency.
- 3. The money should have been awarded to a local firm to lead, or be used to offset expenses of the County Clerk.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

- U. Approve the application procedure for the Nueces County Beach Management Advisory Committee and Nueces County Emergency Services District No. 6.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. The Court received a report on Bank of America Financing of ABM Energy Savings Performance Contracts, related to the 2019 Nueces County Capital Improvement Program.
- 2. The Court approved the amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi related to MetroCom, consolidated emergency dispatch and 911 center; and approved the P25 radio system upgrade Interlocal Agreement with Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the City of Corpus Christi.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Vaughn
 Motion: To approve the P25 Radio System upgrade Interlocal Agreement.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez
 Motion: Approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi related to MetroCom.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- 3. The Court received a report from Tomas Duran on the Nueces County Employee Health Plan.

4. The Court approved the adoption of an Order approving an Interlocal Agreement authorizing the Nueces County Tax Assessor-Collector (NCTAC) to lease four Registration and Title Services (RTS) workstations from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV)

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

5. The Court approved the of transfer of donated salary from Commissioner Precinct No. 4 to Precinct 4 Projects in 0138 Account.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

6. Discuss and consider qualifications, requirements and duties of the Governmental and Legislative Affairs position in the Office of Commissioners Court Administration, and related matters. No action taken.

7. The Court approved overtime pursuant to County policy for essential exempt employees during a declared disaster as it relates to COVID-19, and storm preparedness and response.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Vaughn

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Gonzalez

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. The Court received a presentation on the North Beach Re-Development Traffic Impact Study.
2. The Court received a presentation from Public Works to update the court on the Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report dated August 13, 2020, for Nueces County, Texas.
3. The Court gave authority for the submittal of roadway safety projects proposals for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Motion by: County Judge Canales, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

C. PURCHASING

1. The Court awarded IFB No. 3142-20 Copy Paper, Computer Paper, NCR Paper, and Envelopes.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. The Court awarded IFB No. 3143-20 Hot Mix Asphaltic Concrete, Type D, PG 64-22.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

D. AUDITOR

1. The Court approved the Budget Change Order No. 02 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Vaughn, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. The Court approved the asset forfeiture reports for FY 2020 for Nueces County Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 2, Constable Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 4, Constable Pct. 5, District Attorney, and Sheriff's Department.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. The Court approved the of transfer of donated salary from Commissioner Precinct No. 2 to Precinct Special Revenue department 0137 to fund salary supplement for commissioner assistant.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: County Judge Canales

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Court convened into Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 12:22 p.m.

- A. The Court approved the settlement of Shoreline Sandwich Company's Property-damage claim, and related matters.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

The Court was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. in memory of Sr. Deputy Johnny Tunches, Olga Gonzalez, Donna Weston, Colleen McQueen, Thelma Irene Teller, Gene Leavelle, and Marcia Burney.

There being no further business to come before the Court, it is ordered that this meeting does now stand adjourned, this the 4th day of November, 2020.

I, Kara Sands, County Clerk of Nueces County and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, do certify that the following Regular Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2020, are a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Kara Sands

Kara Sands, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of Nueces County, Texas

