

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 23, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 23rd day of June, A.D., 2021, 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
ROBERTO G. HERNANDEZ	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. Yohance Warrick led the Invocation.
- B. The Court led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Texas Flags.
- C. County Judge Canales called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:11 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 Timothy Everest, Risk Manager.
- E. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Was given by Tyner Little, District Clerk Anne Lorentzen, Catherine Drolet, County Judge Barbara Canales and May Nardone.
- F. Adopt the following Resolution(s), Proclamation(s), and/or Order(s):
 - 1. The Court adopted a resolution in recognition of Julia Gilliam, 2021 Student Heroes Award for State Board of Education (SBOE) District 2.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez
Vote: 5 - 0 Approved
 - 2. The Court adopted a resolution in recognition of the 90th Anniversary of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez
Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

3. The Court adopted a resolution in recognition of the month of June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

4. The Court voted in opposition to Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) Rate Increases.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

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

1. The Court recognized the Nueces County Historical Commission for the 2020 Distinguished Service Award as presented by the Texas Historical Commission for its active and well-balanced preservation program.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

H. GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator on COVID-19 response, plans for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, alternative care sites, and the administration of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).
2. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator on Hurricane and Tropical Storm recovery, including items related to Bob Hall Pier, parking lots, roads, drainage, debris removal, other infrastructure.
3. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator on Severe Winter Storm Weather Recovery, Disaster Declarations, Utility, Electricity, and Water Supply.
4. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator on May 2021 Flooding and Rain Events recovery.

I. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. The Court appointed Darrell Earwood to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments Board.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. County Judge Canales appointed Michelle Lozano to the Coastal Bend Workforce Development Board.
3. County Judge Canales announced the appointments to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Fare Committee. County Judge Canales, Commissioner John Marez and Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn to represent the County. Lamont Taylor to represent the citizen's committee with 4 additional members, one from each commissioner precinct.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez
Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items A-G and I-O.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- A. The Court authorized payment of bills - regular bill summaries dated June 02, 2021, June 04, 2021, June 09, 2021, and June 11, 2021.
- B. The Court authorized payment of bills - manual check registers dated June 1, 2021, to June 14, 2021.
- C. The Court authorized payment of bills - special motions list dated June 23, 2021.
- D. The Court authorized payment of bills - group health insurance claims and fees by Boon Chapman dated June 01, and 08, 2021.
- E. The Court approved the following "Outside Agency" contract for FY2021-2022:
 1. Franco's Pride Boxing Club - \$2,500 - Commissioner Pct. #3
- F. The Court authorized the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District (CCNCPHD) to enter into a contract amendment with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) related to treatment, control, and prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV/AIDS; and authorized the Director of the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District to sign on behalf of Nueces County.
- G. The Court authorized TASB BuyBoard Contract No. 597-19 lease purchase from Holt Texas, LTD for a new 2020 Caterpillar 140-15AWD Motor Grader for Coastal Parks; adopted a resolution approving documents related to lease-purchase of Caterpillar Motor Grader; and authorized County Judge to execute documents and all other actions necessary to carry out such transaction.
- H. The Court authorized sole source purchase with Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) for videoconferencing upgrades for 13th Court of Appeals courtroom and Judge's chambers.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: County Judge Canales
Vote: 5 - 0 Approved
- I. The Court authorized BuyBoard Contract No. 601-19 purchase with Rockdale Country Ford dba Caldwell Country for two (2) new 2021 Ford F150 Responder 4 x 4 Super Crew Pickup Trucks for Environmental Enforcement Officers.

- J. The Court approved a finding for the method of procurement (request for qualifications) for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or firm to assist County Auditor in the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; authorized the Purchasing Agent to publish a notice; and adopted an order delegating evaluation authority to a selection committee.
- K. The Court ratified the execution of Contract No. 70100001005 and related documents with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP).
- L. The Court ratified the submission of an application to the United States Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) program.
- M. The Court authorized the submission of an application to the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health for the Court Technology Grant.
- N. The Court authorized the submission of an application to the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health for the Court Improvement Grant.
- O. The Court approved the application procedure for Place 8 with the South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. The Court received an update from Joel Romo, Patricia Shipton, Hugo Berlanga and Reed Clay on the 87th Texas Legislative Session.
- 2. The Court received a presentation from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council related to the Stop the Bleed campaign.
- 3. The Court received an update from Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend and Agape Ranch regarding foster care services in Nueces County.
- 4. The Court tabled the update on Metrocom activities, including budget requests until July 7, 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney
- 5. The Court approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Food Bank of Corpus Christi for the benefit of the Keach Family Library and Bishop Branch Library relating to making the Food Bank's Backpack program available to all participating in the 2021 Summer Library Programs.

Commissioner Marez was not present for the vote.

Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

6. The Court approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the General Land Office, the Veterans Land Board for management and operation services for the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery subject to the approval of the County Attorney's office in regard to the insurance, Attachment G.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

7. The Court approved submission of written comments to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission supporting the extension of the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver to prolong protection of the local and state health care safety net.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

8. The Court approved a letter of intent with ABM Building Services, LLC for purposes of Capital Improvement Projects, including the Courthouse and Jail Generators.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

9. The Court approved a Facilities Sales Agreement with AEP Texas related to the County Courthouse Generator Project and the County Jail Annex generator project.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: County Judge Canales
Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 2 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Hernandez

10. The Court approved Change Order No. 2 for the ABM Energy Savings Performance Agreement, related to various improvements to the Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds Facilities.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: County Judge Canales
Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 2 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Hernandez

11. The Court approved a Supplement Agreement with Global Spectrum, L.P. regarding Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds facility (ballroom) maintenance.

Motion by: County Judge Canales, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

12. The Court tabled the presentation on Hazel Bazemore Dog Park and related matters.

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

13. The Court authorized the County Attorney to conduct mediation with ABM and Wheaton Engineering and Environmental Science, L.L.C. regarding future services for the Hazel Bazemore Dog Park.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

14. The Court authorized the County Attorney to conduct mediation with ABM and Wheaton Engineering regarding future services for Hazel Bazemore Dog Park.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

15. The Court tabled Architectural and Engineering Services for Hazel Bazemore Park.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

16. The Court tabled the Commissioners Court agenda development procedures until July 7, 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

17. The Court approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi providing for the La Palmera Mall COVID-19 vaccination site cost sharing.

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

Motion: Approve subject to the approval of the City of Corpus Christi. Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

18. The Court approved overtime pursuant to County policy for essential exempt employee Edward Herrera during the declared disaster as it relates to COVID-19.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

B. GRANTS

1. The Court ratified the acceptance of a Notice of Grant Award from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance for the Veterans Treatment Court Grant.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

C. PUBLIC WORKS

1. The Court approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for IFB No. 3100-19 Hazel Bazemore Park Boat Ramp Rehabilitation Project Phase II.

Motion by: Commissioner Hernandez, Second by: Commissioner Marez
Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

D. AUDITOR

1. The Court approved Budget Change Order No. 15 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by: County Judge Canales, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Chesney were not present for the vote.

Vote: 3 - 0 Approved

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. The Court tabled creating a new position, Public Information Officer (PIO), Pay Group 28, in Department #1121, Commissioners Court Management Support until July 7, 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Court convened into Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 4:05 p.m.

A. The Court consulted with the County Attorney and outside counsel regarding Cause No. 4704, San Patricio County, Texas v. Nueces County, Texas, In the 135th Judicial District Court, Refugio County, Texas; discussed status of case and related matters.

B. The Court consulted with the County Attorney regarding health insurance and workers compensation law for law enforcement employees potentially injured during the course of their normal duty.


C. The Court consulted with the County Attorney on legal matters related to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the General Land Office, the Veterans Land Board for management and operation services for the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery.

- D. The Court consulted with the County Attorney regarding legal matters concerning billing related to Hilltop Community Center and Hazel Bazemore Dog Park.
- E. The Court consulted with the County Attorney on legal matters related to Veterans Assistance Grant Program Award 2020/2021.
- F. The Court consulted with the County Attorney on legal matters related to Engineering Services Agreement with Wheaton Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC.
- G. The Court consulted with the County Attorney on Hazel Bazemore Dog Park Agreement with ABM.
- H. The Court consulted with the County Attorney regarding Cause No. 2012-DCV-4183-F; *Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, L.L.C. v. Nueces County Appraisal District*; in the 214th Judicial District Court, Nueces County, Texas.

The Court was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. in memory of all those lost to COVID-19.

There being no further business to come before the Court, it is ordered that this meeting does now stand adjourned, this the 23rd day of June, 2021.

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 June 23, 2021 are a true and correct record of the proceedings.


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

