

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 7, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 7th day of July, 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. Reverend Claude Axel 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 9:12 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, Emergency and Risk Management Specialist.
- E. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Was given by Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn.
- F. Adopt the following Resolution(s), Proclamation(s), and/or Order(s):
 - 1. The Court adopted a resolution in recognition of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 31st Anniversary.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney
Vote: 5 - 0 Approved
- G. Present the following Certificate(s) of Recognition:
 - 1. The Court recognized Kyle McManus, County Extension Agent - Agriculture, 4-H, for 6 years of service to Nueces County.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

H. GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Maria Bedia, Grants Administrator, on administration of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), COVID-19 response, plans for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and alternative care sites.
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, and other infrastructure.
3. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator, on Severe Winter Storm Weather Recovery.
4. The Court received an update from Melissa Munguia, Emergency Management Coordinator, on May 2021 Flooding and Rain Events recovery.

I. Accept the following Minutes:

1. The Court accepted the minutes from June 9, 2021, and June 23, 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

J. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. The Court appointed Commissioner Brent Chesney, Commissioner John Marez and County Judge Barbara Canales to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Fare Review Committee.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. Coastal Bend Council of Governments

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Motion: To appoint Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn as an alternate for Tyner Little, Cynthia Creek as an alternate for Michael Robinson, Aidee Hernandez as an alternate for Dale Atchley and a write-in Diana Acosta as an alternate for Veterans Services.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

3. The Court appointed Joe Morales, Place 4, and reappointed Kathy Lowman, Place 8, to the South Texas Water Authority Board.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Marez was not present for the vote.

Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney
Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Items A-E and J-L.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- A.** The Court authorized payment of bills - regular bill summaries dated June 18, 2021, and June 25, 2021.
- B.** The Court authorized payment of bills - manual check registers dated June 15, 2021, to June 27, 2021.
- C.** The Court authorized payment of bills - special motions list dated July 07, 2021.
- D.** The Court authorized payment of bills - group health insurance claims and fees by Boon Chapman dated June 15, and 22, 2021.
- E.** The Court approved the following "Outside Agency" Contract for FY 2020-2021.
 - 1. Calvary First Baptist Church - Commissioner Pct. 1 - \$800
- F.** The Court authorized the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi for the purpose of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY2021 Local Solicitation Award.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- G.** The Court tabled the adoption of the Nueces County Courthouse Attorney ID – Personal Identification Verification (PIV) Card for Attorneys - Conditions and Procedures as created by the Courthouse Security Committee until the last meeting in July or the first meeting in August.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- H.** The Court approved agreement, including all insurance requirements, between Texas General Land Office/Veterans Land Board and Nueces County related to the operation of the Coastal Bend Veteran's Cemetery, and related matters.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- I.** The Court authorized execution of agreement with Jacobs Engineering, LLC for RFQ No. 3152-21 Engineering Services for Rebuilding Bob Hall Pier.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- J.** The Court authorized execution of agreement with Generac Power Systems for IFB No. 3155-21 Nueces County Courthouse and Jail Annex Generators.
- K.** The Court authorized execution of agreement with Generac Power Systems for IFB No. 3154-21 Nueces County Courthouse and Jail Emergency Generators.
- L.** The Court approved method of procurement (request for proposals) for Food Service Management at the Juvenile Justice Center; authorized Purchasing Agent to publish a notice; and adopted an Order delegating selection to an Evaluation Committee.
- M.** The Court approved BuyBoard Contract No. 597-19 purchase with ROMCO Equipment Co. for standby generators and transformers for Nueces County Courthouse, Jail, and Jail Annex.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Hernandez

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.** The Court approved Quarterly Investment Report ending March 31, 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Chesney was not present for the vote.

Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

- 2.** The Court approved an Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and Nueces County for Jail Services related housing of prisoners, subject to the COVID-19 language being added by the County Attorney.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- 3.** The Court approved an Interlocal Agreement between Victoria County and Nueces County for Jail Services related to housing of prisoners, subject to the COVID-19 language being added by the County Attorney.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

4. The Court received a presentation from Mark Hendrix, Director of Operations, of the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) on the possible renovation of the MHID facility at 1630 South Brownlee, Corpus Christi, Texas, for purposes of a Nueces County Diversion Center.
5. The Court approved Change Order No. 1 from Mako Contracting for recovery repairs to the I.B. Magee Multipurpose Building caused by Hurricane Harvey. Discussed additional costs related to unknown findings during construction recovery.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

6. The Court approved a Dune Protection Permit for a single family residence DPP-202105-01p located at 6149 State Highway 361 Corpus Christi TX.

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

Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

7. The Court received an update from Peter Collins, Committee Appointed Chairperson, on Metrocom activities, including budget requests.
8. The Court received an update from Peter Collins, IT Director for the City of Corpus Christi, on the purchase of additional electronic data storage for the District Attorney's office.
9. The Court adopted an order fixing the monthly compensation of the Nueces County Drainage District No. 2 Board Commissioners pursuant to HB 4621; and related matters.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

10. The Court received update from Belinda Hinojosa-Persohn, Governmental Affairs, on establishment of Colonia Self-Help Center in Nueces County pursuant to HB2893.
11. The Court adopted the Texas Legislature Interim Session Agenda.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

12. The Court approved personal services contract(s) with Legislative Consultant(s), Hugo Berlanga, Joel Romo, and Patricia Shipton for services related to the 87th Texas Legislative Special Session(s), 88th Texas Legislative Session, strategic planning, consulting, and governmental relations services, and other related matters.

Motion by: County Judge Canales, Second by: Commissioner Marez
Motion: Approve a two-month contract ending September 8, 2021, at a rate of \$5,000 each for a total of \$15,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

13. The Court approved a personal services agreement with Reed Clay related to facilitating economic recovery and applying for any applicable federal/state programs.

Motion by: County Judge Canales, Second by: Commissioner Marez
Motion: Approve a two-month contract at a rate of \$5,000 per month.

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Gonzalez

14. The Court approved adding the Nueces County Veterans Service Office to list of approved donees of jury service fees, effective September 1, 2021, pursuant to Senate Bill 456 of the 87th Texas Legislative Session.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

15. The Court tabled the approval of BCFS Incident Management Team Response Services Contract, in the event of a disaster to support response operations in Nueces County.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Marez

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

Motion by: Commissioner Hernandez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

17. The Court received a presentation from Tyner Littler, ADA Coordinator, on 2021 report to the Department of Justice related to the Project Civic Access Settlement Agreement.

18. The Court tabled the Commissioners Court agenda development procedures.

Motion by: Commissioner Chesney, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

19. The Court approved overtime pursuant to County policy for essential exempt employees during declared disasters as it relates to COVID-19, and storm preparedness and response; severe weather preparedness and response; in addition, authorized payment of overtime to essential exempt City County Health District Employees.

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

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: County Judge Canales
Motion: Authorize payment for the next two weeks.

Vote: 4 - 1 Approved

Against: Commissioner Gonzalez

B. PUBLIC WORKS

1. The Court approved the plat of Indian Flats Unit 2, in Commissioners Precinct 1, on FM 624 east of CR 101.

Motion by: Commissioner Hernandez, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. The Court approved the selection of Halff Associates, Inc. to provide a drainage study of the Stonegate Subdivision area and unincorporated north-central area of Nueces County. Authorized execution of the Engineering Service Contract.

Motion by: Commissioner Hernandez, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Motion: Approve the selection of Halff Associates, Inc.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

Motion by: Commissioner Hernandez, Second by: Commissioner Gonzalez

Motion: Approve the execution of the Engineering Services Contract.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

C. PURCHASING

1. The Court awarded RFP No. 3159-21 Nueces County Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds Management Services to Spectra Venue Management.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

D. AUDITOR

1. The Court approved Budget Change Order No. 16 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Hernandez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

2. The Court approved Monthly Financial Report for the month of March 2021.

Motion by: Commissioner Gonzalez, Second by: Commissioner Marez

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

E. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. The Court approved creating a new position, Public Information Officer (PIO), Pay Group 28, in Department #1123, Communications.

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

Motion: Include under education, associates degree with six years experience.

Vote: 3 - 2 Approved

Against: Commissioner Hernandez

Commissioner Gonzalez

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Court convened into Executive Session at 1:11 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 3:29 p.m.

- A. The Court consulted with the County Attorney regarding the claim and settlement counter-demand of Sonia Resendez on behalf of her minor son, and related matters.

Motion by: Commissioner Marez, Second by: Commissioner Chesney

Motion: Instruct the County Attorney to reject offer and continue negotiations.

Vote: 5 - 0 Approved

- B. The Court consulted with the County Attorney regarding legal matters concerning program management of Hilltop Community Center capital improvement project, and related matters.

The Court was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. in memory of Thomas "Tom" Acuna, Robert Douglas Thorpe Sr., Allen P. Johnson III, Jennifer Aitken, Dennis Dolce, Michael Lee, Shirley Best, Maureen Miller, and Ruben Cohen.

There being no further business to come before the Court, it is ordered that this meeting does now stand adjourned, this the 7th day of July, 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 July 7, 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

