Minutes of the Clay County Commissioners' Court

held in Henrietta, Texas, County of Clay on FEBRUARY 24, 2014

AUDIO 1 / AUDIO 2
AGENDA

Be it known that a Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court was begun and holden on the above date, with the following members of said court present to-wit:

Lindy Choate, Precinct 1 Commissioner
Johnny Gee, Precinct 2 Commissioner
John McGregor, Precinct 3 Commissioner
A.J. Peek, Precinct 4 Commissioner
Kenneth Liggett, County Judge
Sasha Kelton, County Clerk

Guests: Ramona Seward, County Auditor; Kenny Lemons, Sheriff; Wendy Holden, County Judge Assistant; Van Blevins, commissioner candidate; Martha Hall; Jay Cantrell, attorney; Danja Bloodworth, County Treasurer's office; Matt Kelton, Pioneer Sentinel; Sherri Halsell, Missy Hodgins, Miles Dabovich, Agrilife Extension; Jimmy Horn, Horn Wind LLC

Court was opened at 9:30 a.m. and the following orders were had to-wit:

Order No. 1

Motion made by Commissioner **Gee** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve minutes from Feb. 10, 2014.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 2

Motion made by Commissioner **Gee** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve payment of all bills relating to Clay County Memorial Hospital.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 3

Motion made by Commissioner **McGregor** and seconded by Commissioner **Gee** and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve payment of bills, payroll, approve all accounts and reports relating to the finances of Clay County.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Court received updates from Sherri Halsell, Missy Hodgins, and Miles Dabovich, with Agrilife Extension.

Order No. 4

Motion made by Commissioner **Gee** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court enter into closed session as permitted by Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.087 with attorney Jay Cantrell to obtain advice regarding Clay Wind Farm LLC and Shannon-1 Wind Farm, LLC, and to deliberate tax abatement agreements, and conduct economic development negotiations.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 5

Motion made by Commissioner **Peek** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court to reconvene in open session at 11:22 a.m.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Jimmy Horn, Horn Wind LLC presented court with press release and updates on wind farms.

Motion- Died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner **McGregor** that the Court to extend burn ban for 30 days from expiration on Feb. 28, 2014.

Ayes: 0
Noes: 0

Order No. 6

Motion made by Commissioner **Gee** and seconded by Commissioner **Choate** and so ordered by the Court that the Court to approve County Treasurer's monthly report, affidavit and advertisement of the same, for month of January 2014.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 7

Motion made by Commissioner **Peek** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court allow County Clerk, Sasha Kelton to negotiate with Karnes County Elections Dept. for the purchase of surplus M-100 optical scanners and Automark Voter Assist terminals, up to $10,000, to be paid out of Election Expenses budget line.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 8

Motion made by Commissioner **Peek** and seconded by Commissioner **McGregor** and so ordered by the Court that the Court to remove from table the trading of forfeited weapon(s) awarded to the Sheriff, for needed equipment to be used by law enforcement personnel, with no monies changing hands.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

- ***Sheriff Lemons requests to trade the forfeited 9 mm Smith & Wesson pistol for a shotgun to be used by law enforcement personnel.***

Motion- Died for lack of second

Motion made by Commissioner **Peek** that the Court trades the forfeited weapon, as requested by Sheriff Lemons.

Ayes: 0
Noes: 0

Order No. 9

Motion made by Commissioner **McGregor** and seconded by Commissioner **Gee** and so ordered by the Court that the Court to authorize Judge Liggett and County Attorney to draft a request for Attorney General's opinion concerning the trading of forfeited weapons for other weapons.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Order No. 10

Motion made by Commissioner **Choate** and seconded by Commissioner **Gee** and so ordered by the Court that the Court approve Letter of Intent between Clay County and Renaissance Hotels, regarding reservations of hotel rooms for Greene murder trial, scheduled for May 2014 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0

Discussion, No action taken

- Comptroller has economic development funds, Judge Liggett sending written request for funds
- Commissioner Gee spoke regarding county employee drug testing policy and possible changes to include broader substance testing in the future
- Judge Liggett mentions letter from TAC Risk Mgmt. benefits pool: public officials liability is now covered in general liability
- County Clerk, Sasha Kelton notifies court that two surplus computers will be accepted from the Office of Court Administration (OCA) for the purpose to state-mandated e-filing. Machines will be picked up by Kelton from the Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, and will be formally accepted in Court at upcoming meeting.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



COMMISSIONERS COURT CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS

Sasha Kelton, County Clerk, Clay County, Texas