COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Court Meeting Room, Kaufman Texas with the following members present: **Jakie Allen**, County Judge; **Mike Hunt,** Commissioner Precinct 1; **Skeet Phillips,** Commissioner Precinct 2; **Terry Barber,** Commissioner Precinct 3; **Tommy Moore**, Commissioner Precinct 4; **Laura Hughes,** County Clerk.

INVOCATION;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG;
REMARKS FROM VISITORS;

CONSENT AGENDA

2. There came on to be a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

A. Accept Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024.

B. Accept the Auditor's Monthly Report for October 2024.

C. Appoint Rhonda Hughey to the Children's Shelter for a three-year term, beginning September 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT

3. There came on to be a motion to accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2024.
Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION

4. There came on to be a motion to accept the Donation of a Vietnam Era AH-1 Cobra helicopter to the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park from Mr. Ken Watterson of Terrell, TX.
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT GRANT

5. There came on to be a motion to accept the 2024 Ladd & Katherine Hancher Foundation Library Grant in the amount of $5282.00 for use by Kaufman County Library.
Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CANVASSING OF ELECTION

6. There came on to be a motion to approve canvass of the election results for the November S, 2024, General Election.
Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE TRAINING AND OFFICE CLOSURE

7. There came on to be a motion to approve attendance of Election Staff to the TACEO (Texas Association of County Election Officials) Midwinter Conference in South Padre, TX January 5-10, 2025 (FY 25 Budgeted Item), and the associated closure of the Elections Office during this timeframe.
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE VARIANCE

8. There came on to be a motion to approve the variance requested by Nextera (Kaufman Solar, LLC) for Screening Standards; Per Section 12.04 of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, originally denied by the Development Support Committee. Variance includes 8' chain length fence with barb wire on top, surrounding facility, with 3'+ shrubbery/landscaping as shown on drawing.

Motion was made by County Judge Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

9. There came on to be a motion to approve the County Motor Fuel Tax Exemption Resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOX CULVERT

10. There came on to be a motion to approve one concrete box culvert for Road and Bridge Precinct 4 utilizing Kaufman County Bid 24-14: Annual Contract Concrete Box Culverts and Miscellaneous Concrete Work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE LINE-ITEM AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/CORRECTIONS

11. There came on to be a motion to approve Line-Item and Budget Transfers/Corrections.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

12. There came on to be a motion to approve Claims for Payment for $4,258,956.56.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry Barber and seconded by Commissioner Mike Hunt.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING

AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session: Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071: Consultation with counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation arising from the construction of the Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center, the Kaufman County Justice Center, and the Kaufman County Justice Center Expansion buildings against, but not limited to, the following entities:

a. Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. ("HOK") - Architect;
b. MEPCE - HOK's Subconsultant for the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing scopes;
c. JQ- HOK's Subconsultant for structural and civil engineering;
d. Texas General Mechanical ("TGM") - Prime Contractor for MEP and HVAC;
e. SuperVoid Systems -TGM's Subcontractor for SuperVoid's proprietary plumbing system;
f. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company- Surety for Performance Bond for TGM;
g. Gallagher Construction Services - Construction Manager Agent;
h. Quorum Architects, Inc. ("Quorum") - Architect for the Pet Adoption Center;
i. Baird, Hampton, & Brown, Inc. - Quorum's Subconsultant for MEP scopes;
j. Kimley Horn Associates - Quorum's Subconsultant for civil engineering;
k. Frank & Neal Associates, Inc. - Quorum's Subconsultant for structural engineering; and
l. Any and all other potential responsible entities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held. Judge has certified agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION

AND ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING

14. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE

15. There came on to be a motion to approve the County proceeding with litigation arising from the construction of the Kaufman County Pet Adoption Center, the Kaufman County Justice Center, and the Kaufman County Justice Center Expansion buildings against, but not limited to, the following entities:

a. Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. ("HOK") - Architect;
b. MEPCE - HOK's Subconsultant for the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing scopes;
c. JQ- HOK's Subconsultant for structural and civil engineering;
d. Texas General Mechanical ("TGM") - Prime Contractor for MEP and HVAC;
e. SuperVoid Systems -TGM's Subcontractor for SuperVoid's proprietary plumbing system;
f. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company- Surety for Performance Bond for TGM;
g. Gallagher Construction Services - Construction Manager Agent;
h. Quorum Architects, Inc. ("Quorum") - Architect for the Pet Adoption Center;
i. Baird, Hampton, & Brown, Inc. - Quorum's Subconsultant for MEP scopes;
j. Kimley Horn Associates - Quorum's Subconsultant for civil engineering;
k. Frank & Neal Associates, Inc. - Quorum's Subconsultant for structural engineering; and
l. Any and all other potential responsible entities.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

16. There came on to be a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Terry Barber.

Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

I, Laura Hughes, County Clerk of Kaufman County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above Commissioner Court Minutes are true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

Laura Hughes

Laura Hughes, County Clerk