COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025

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, Absent; **Terry Crow,** Commissioner Precinct 1; **Skeet Phillips,** Commissioner Precinct 2; **Kelly Lane,** Commissioner Precinct 3; **Tommy Moore**, Commissioner Precinct 4; **Bobbie Bartlett,** Chief Deputy.

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 January 21, 2025.

B. Accept Auditor's Monthly Report for the month of December 2024.

C. Accept Sheriff's Surety Bond renewal for Bryan Beavers.

D. Accept Tax Assessor-Collector's Monthly Property Tax Collections Report for December 2024.

E. Accept Tax Assessor-Collector's Monthly Auto Collections Report for December 2024.

F. Accept Kaufman County Library's 1st Quarter Report for October – December 2024.

G. Approve authorizing Judge Allen to execute contract extension documents for existing contract between Kaufman County and Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC relating to ARPA funds consulting and reporting services.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Kelly Lane.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT

3. There came on to be a motion accept the resignation of ESD #5 Board Member Marvin Cates and appoint Stuart Andrus to ESD #5 board for the remainder of their term.
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT

4. There came on to be a motion to approve an ETJ Interlocal Agreement between Kaufman County and the City of Poetry.
Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Lane and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT

5. There came on to be a motion to accept the Texas Association of County Election Officials (TACEO) appointment of Tandi Smith to the Legislative Committee to assist in data compilation and legislative testimony as requested per TACEO.
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Kelly Lane.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

6. There came on to be a motion to approve ordering one Concrete Box Culvert for Road and Bridge Pct. 4 utilizing Kaufman County Bid 24-14.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE VENDOR

7. There came on to be a motion to approve declaring Kustom Signals a sole source for Argus in-car video system, Argus body-worn camera and the Argus Data Vault File Management System.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Lane and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

8. There came on to be a motion to approve purchasing Argus in-car/body camera equipment and software quote 00009551 for Kaufman County Sheriff's Department utilizing Sole Source.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

9. There came on to be a motion to approve purchasing Argus in-car/body camera equipment and software quote 00012262 for Kaufman County Sheriff's Department utilizing Sole Source.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Lane and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ASSIGNING CREDIT CARDS

10. There came on to be a motion to approve assigning credit cards to departments that frequently require access.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

ITEM #11 PASSED

~~11. There came on to be a motion to approve Kaufman County Criminal District Attorney's Office grant applications and supporting resolutions as required per grant application.~~

ITEM #12 PASSED

~~12. There came on to be a motion to approve the Final Contract for the County Showgrounds.~~

MOTION TO APPROVE LINE-ITEM AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/CORRECTIONS

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

14. There came on to be a motion to approve Claims for Payment in the amount of $886,042.64.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Lane and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Pursuant to 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners Court will meet in closed session to consult with counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, subjects, or settlement offers, including, but not limited to the following cases/subjects:

A. Price v. White; Case 3:24-CV-1387-L

B. Toombs v. Kaufman County; Case 3:24-CV00892-B

C. Kaufman County v. Texas General Mechanical, et al, Case 119216-86

D. Construction of and renovation of county building matters

E. Potential claims involving EEOC, Civil Rights, county issues

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Lane and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.
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

16. There came on to be a motion to approve exiting Executive Session and enter into Regular Meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Tommy Moore and seconded by Commissioner Terry Crow.
Motion was put to a vote. Motion carried and is so ordered.

MOTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

17. There came on to be a motion to approve entering into contract negotiations to hire the law firm of Calhoun, Bhella, and Sechrest as lead counsel for the county's construction litigation case.
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 ADJOURN

18. There came on to be a motion to adjourn.
Motion was made by Judge Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Tommy Moore.
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