

STATE OF TEXAS

March 22, 1999

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 22nd day of March, 1999, the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in regular session at 9:04 a.m., with all members present in the Courthouse, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, and following the Invocation led by Comm. Carpenter, and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following items were considered:

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sheriff Bob Alford presented an invitation to the Commissioner's Court and other county officials to attend the award ceremony scheduled for April 27, 1999, at the LEC to honor Sheriff's Department Employees.

VI. PRECEDING BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, to approve the monthly bills as presented by the County Auditor.

All voted aye; motion passed.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Commissioner's Court acknowledged receipt of the County Auditor's Report to Commissioner's Court.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, to approve the minutes for the January 19, 1999; February 12, 1999; and March 1, 1999, Commissioner's Court Meetings.

All voted aye; motion passed.

4. ACTION ON BIDS/PROPOSALS

a. BID #99-07 AUCTIONEER SERVICES FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

Passed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ACTION ON ROOF AT LEC BUILDING

A motion was made by Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, to approve using community service personnel and prisoners to caulk around air-conditioning and heating units and all vents on the LEC roof.

All voted aye; motion passed.

2. ACTION ON SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORTH AMERICA'S SUPERHIGHWAY COALITION, INC.

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. McFall, to deny the request for a special contribution to the North America's Superhighway Coalition, Inc.

All voted aye; motion passed.

3. AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT AND THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNDING OF THE BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLAN

Passed.

4. ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH CME BUILDERS AND ENGINEERING, INC.

Passed.

5. ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH SHUTTS MAGEE ASSOCIATES, INC.

Passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. PURCHASES FROM \$2,500.00 TO \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve recarpeting, painting, and adding additional lighting in the Auxiliary Courtroom.

All voted aye; motion passed.

2. ADVERTISING FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Harmon, to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1968 Chevrolet truck equipped with a Rosco asphalt distributor (unit #16), sale of a chip spreader (unit #28), and sale of a Galion motor grader (unit #59) for Precinct #1.

All voted aye; motion passed.

3. TRAFFIC SIGNS

No requests.

4. ACTION ON USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS FOR SPRINGFEST - APRIL 24, 1999

A motion was made by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, to approve use of the Courthouse grounds by the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce for Springfest on April 24, 1999.

All voted aye; motion passed.

5. ACTION TO RELEASE CHECKS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT FROM THE AD VALOREM ACCOUNT OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE

A motion was made by Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve the release of checks that have not been presented for payment from the ad valorem account of the Johnson County Tax Office.

All voted aye; motion passed.

6. REQUEST FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT #2

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to deny the request for a part-time employee for Justice of the Peace Precinct #2. This will be reconsidered at new budget year.

All voted aye; motion passed.

7. ACTION ON FMLA POLICY AMENDMENTS

Passed to workshop.

8. REQUEST FOR FULL-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT - CONSTABLES' OFFICE

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. McFall, to deny the request for a full-time office assistant for the Constables' Office to be reconsidered on next year's budget. Services of rover to be utilized whenever possible.

All voted aye; motion passed.

9. REQUEST TO DESIGNATE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY

A motion was made by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Harmon, to contract with the Goodrich Center for the Deaf to provide sign language interpreting service for the County upon contract approval by the County Attorney and authorizing County Judge, Roger Harmon, to execute the documents. Funds to be transferred from the Court Appointed Attorney line item in the amount of \$1000.00 to a newly created line item.

All voted aye; motion passed.

10. ACTION ON ROOF REPAIRS AND OUTSIDE PAINTING FOR THE ALVARADO SUB-COURTHOUSE

A motion was made by Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve using community service personnel to mop roof and paint the exterior of the Alvarado Sub-Courthouse.

All voted aye; motion passed.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of a request from Comm. Harmon to attend Partners in Mobility meeting in Austin on March 24-25, 1999.

All voted aye; motion passed.

BE IT KNOWN that Commissioner's Court met in Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. to consider Government Code Sec. 551.071-Consultation with Attorney on contemplated litigation and Sec. 551.074-Personnel Matters for the Tax Office. Commissioner's Court reconvened into open session at 1:10 p.m. to consider the following:

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.074-PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**a. TAX OFFICE**

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve the promotion of Darla Ashley to fill a vacancy to Grade 11 with an increase in salary from \$17,438.00 to \$18,659.00 effective April 1, 1999, with no change in review date.

All voted aye; motion passed.

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to amend the motion to state that no action was taken because the Tax Assessor-Collector, W. E. Carroll rejected court's decision.

All voted aye; motion passed.

Commissioner's Court met in workshop session at 1:23 p.m. to discuss the Brazos G Regional Water Plan, the FMLA policy, and requirements for additional space at the Juvenile Services facility; and returned to open session at 2:55 p.m. to consider the following:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT AND THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNDING OF THE BRAZOS G REGIONAL WATER PLAN

A motion was made by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, authorizing County Judge, Roger Harmon, to contact water entities in Johnson County requesting their participation in the Brazos G Regional Water Plan.

All voted aye; motion passed.

4. ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH CME BUILDERS AND ENGINEERING, INC

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, to approve the contract with CME Builders and Engineering, Inc. subject to approval by the County Attorney and giving County Judge, Roger Harmon, authorization to execute documents.

All voted aye; motion passed.

5. ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH SHUTTS MAGEE ASSOCIATES, INC.

A motion was made by Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson to approve the contract with Shutts Magee Associates, Inc. subject to approval by the County Attorney and giving County Judge, Roger Harmon, authorization to execute the documents.

All voted aye; motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

7. ACTION ON FMLA POLICY AMENDMENTS

A motion was by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, to approve amending the county's FMLA policy to exclude county peace officers from the County FMLA policy requirement that accrued sick and vacation time be taken whenever an officer goes on FMLA leave due to an on-the-job injury or illness, and to delete the provision from the county's FMLA policy requiring employees to take accrued compensatory time in conjunction with an FMLA leave.

All voted aye; motion passed.

9. REQUEST TO DESIGNATE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY

A motion was made by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Harmon to amend prior motion to approve Goodrich Center for the Deaf as primary provider and Hired Hands, Inc. as the secondary provider of sign language interpreting service for Johnson County.

All voted aye; motion passed.

There being no further business before the court regarding this agenda, the Commissioner's Court adjourned on the same date at 11:53 a.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curtis H. Douglas  
County Clerk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Harmon  
County Judge

