

STATE OF TEXAS

September 12, 2005

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 12th day of September, 2005, the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Johnson County, Texas, met in regular session at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M., with all members present, and following the Invocation led by County Judge Roger Harmon and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following items, having been lawfully posted and filed for record with the County Clerk on September 8, 2005 at 10:33 a.m. were considered:

II. INVOCATION

County Judge Roger Harmon led the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Special presentation of "That Ragged Old Flag" by Don Johnston

IV. WELCOME VISITORS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Candidate for Johnson County Extension Agent Agriculture Position

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to approve Chris Schneider for the position of the Johnson County Agriculture Extension Agent, beginning October 10, 2005.

All voted aye; motion carried.

2. Presentation of Check for Household Waste Clean-Up

Comm. Thompson and Julie Winchell presented a check for Household Waste Clean-Up to Johnson County in the amount of \$1,480.00.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Alford Presented Lt. Lisa Miller as a new employee for the jail in the Sheriffs Office.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commissioner's Court opened the Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m.

1. Public Hearing on Property Tax Rate for Johnson County

Judge Harmon read the [Tax Rates for the 2005-2006 year](#). No one was present to speak.

Total General Rate- 0.3646304

Debt Rate- 0.035784

Lateral Road Rate- 0.052790

Total rate- 0.434878

To be adopted September 26, 2005

The Court closed the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m.

2. Public Hearing on increase in reasonable and necessary fees for development permits and on site sewage facility permits

The Commissioner's Court opened the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. No one was present to speak. The Court closed the Public Hearing at 9:34 a.m. due to no Public Comments.

VI. PRECEDNG BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

a. August 22, 2005- Regular Session

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Court for August 22, 2005 as submitted by the County Clerk.

All voted aye; motion carried

2. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PAY BILLS

Comm. Matthews, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to [approve to pay the bills](#) as presented by the County Auditor.

All voted aye; motion carried.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Commissioner's Court acknowledged the receipt of the County Auditors reports.

4. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ROADS IN LAKESIDE ESTATE, PHASE 3 FOR THE SALE OF LOTS ONLY-PRECINCT #2

Comm. Matthews, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve roads in Lakeside Estates, Phase 3 for the sale of lots only in Precinct #2.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF SEPTIC AND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to [approve the fees for septic and development permits](#) for the Public Works Department and made a recommendation to send letters to notify of these changes.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION TO HOLD SHERIFF'S AUCTION ON OCTOBER 15, 2005 WITH JOE PIPPIN AUCTIONEERS

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to [approve the Sheriff's Auction](#) on October 15, 2005 with Joe Pippin Auctioneers.

All voted aye; motion carried.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, FINANCIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRACTS FOR RESTORATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

a. Consideration of Agreement with Priority Services for Environmental Asbestos Abatement through Johnson County's Consultant of Eco Systems Environmental, Inc

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the agreement with Priority Services for Environmental Asbestos Abatement through Johnson County's [Consultant of Eco Systems](#) Environmental, Inc.

All voted aye; motion carried.

b. Consideration of Contract for Gas Main Extension with Atmos Energy Corporation

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Matthews, to approve the contract for [Gas Main Extension](#) with Atmos Energy Corporation and to give the County Judge authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ORDER #2005-13 PROHIBITING OUTSIDE BURNING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to keep in effective Order #2005-13 prohibiting outside burning in unincorporated areas of Johnson County, Texas.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PERMIT FOR LAYING OF PIPELINES WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY UPON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to [approve the permit for the laying of pipelines](#) within County right-of-way upon certain County roads. This permit will have no fees, will have a time limit of 8 months and will be effective immediately. The signature line will be changed from the County Judge to Don Burns, Director of Public Works.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF TAX RATE AND BUDGET

Discussion. No action taken.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS/PROPOSAL

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to approve to sell two glass windows in the old County Court at Law #2 in the Sheriff's Auction.

All voted aye; motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF PETITION FOR
ADMISSION OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO THE
NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to approve the resolution of petition for [admission of Johnson County, Texas, to the North Texas Tollway Authority](#). Kay Walls, the governor's appointee to the Tollway Authority, stated that the petition will allow the County to have a permanent place on the board.

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioner's Court recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. to consider the following:

3. CONSIDERATION OF BONDS

a. Jeffery Scott Porter, Tax Assessor and Collector

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to [approve the bond of Jeffery Scott Porter, Tax Assessor](#) and Collector, and to give the County Judge authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

b. Darla Penny, Mail Clerk

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to [approve the bond of Darla Penny, mail clerk](#) and to give the County Judge authorization to sign.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. CONSIDERATION OF 2006 SHERIFF'S AND CONSTABLES' FEES

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the [2006 Sheriffs and Constables' fees](#) to be the same as last year.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH APPRISS

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Matthews, made a motion to approve the [maintenance and service agreement renewal with Appriss](#) effective August 31, 2005 to September 1, 2006.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF INTERPRETING RATES AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH HIRED HANDS, INC

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the interpreting rates and the [renewal of contract with Hired Hands, Inc.](#)

All voted aye; motion carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF BRIDGE CLOSURE, COUNTY ROAD 604 OVER IH 35 W- PRECINCT #3 AND #4

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to submit an exhibit of an alternative route of traffic with the closure of CR 604 over IH35W in Precinct #3 and #4.

All voted aye; motion carried.

8. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN VACATION BENEFITS FOR LONGER TENURED EMPLOYEES

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the [increase in vacation benefits for longer tenured employees](#), effective October 1st, 2005.

All voted aye; motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A 9 FOOT LEKTRIEVER-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Comm. Matthews, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve the Purchase of a 9 foot lektriever for Public Works Department.

All voted aye; motion carried.

10. CONSIDERATION TO NETWORK COPIER-AUDITORS OFFICE

Comm. Matthews, seconded by Comm. McFall made a motion to table this item.

All voted aye; motion carried

11. CONSIDERATION OF CALL NOTES BEING ADDED TO EXISTING PHONE LINE PRECINCT #3

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve that call notes to be added to the existing phone line in Precinct #3, with the cost of \$5.00 per line, per month.

All voted aye; motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve the [consent agenda as submitted](#).

All voted aye; motion carried.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, FINANCIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRACTS WITH MAGEE ARCHITECTS AND PETE DURANT AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE JOHNSON COUNTY CORRECTIONS REMODELING POD III

Discussion. No action taken.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATION, FINANCIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT AND CONTRACTS WITH MAGEE ARCHITECTS AND PETE DURANT AND ASSOCIATES ON THE 3RD FLOOR NORTH OFFICE SPACE IN THE GUINN JUSTICE CENTER FOR COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES DURING RESTORATION OF THE COURTHOUSE

- a. Consideration of Change Order #1

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to [approve the Change Order # 1](#).

All voted aye; motion carried.

The Commissioner's recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. in workshop session.

The Commissioner's Court went into Workshop session at 1:15 p.m. where they discussed the non-conforming issues regarding plats, permits and other fees from the Public Works Department, also the magistrate warnings for the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, and updates on new legislation. Guardian Security Services presented Video

Teleconferencing for Johnson County and a maintenance contract for the Guinn Justice Center. Budget Workshop was also discussed in Consent Agenda.

The Commissioner's Court went back into Open Session at 4:35 p.m. to adjourn.

There being further business before the Court concerning this agenda,
Commissioner's Court adjourned at 4:35 p.m. on the same date.

Submitted by: _____
Curtis H. Douglas
County Clerk

Approved by: _____
Roger Harmon
County Judge