

STATE OF TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

BE IT KNOWN that on the 24th day of September, 2001, 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 9:00 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 in the Office of the County Clerk on September 20, 2001, at 8:10 A.M., were considered:

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE COWARDLY AND DEADLY ACTIONS OF TERRORISTS AND SUPPORT FOR OUR LEADERS

Commissioner's Court issued a resolution condemning the cowardly and deadly action of terrorists on September 11, 2001, and supporting the President and other national leaders.

2. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO GEORGE TURNER, TEXAS RANGER

Sheriff Bob Alford presented a plaque from the Commissioner's Court recognizing Texas Ranger George Turner for 22 years of invaluable service and dedication to the citizens of Johnson County.

3. PROCLAMATION IN APPRECIATION TO COMPANY F OF THE TEXAS RANGERS

Comm. McFall presented a proclamation in appreciation to Company F of the Texas Rangers.

4. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING – BEN OEFINGER

Commissioner's Court presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ben Oefinger for his contributions to the courthouse landscaping.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE NEWLY FOUND WARDVILLE HISTORIC MARKER

Dan Leach of the Johnson County Historic Commission presented to the Commissioner's Court the recently found Wardville Historic Marker which had been missing for nearly 10 years and announced there will be a rededication ceremony in the near future.

6. PROCLAMATION OF CZECH HERITAGE MONTH

Commissioner's Court proclaimed the month of October, 2001, as Czech Heritage month in Johnson County.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Be It Known that the Commissioner's Court held a public hearing for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for the Sheriff's Office at 9:40 A.M. The hearing was closed at 9:42 A.M.

VII. PRECEEDING BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a

motion to approve the bills as presented by the County Auditor.

All voted aye; motion carried.

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

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

3. ACTION ON PRELIMINARY PLAT

a. ADCOCK ADDITION: LOTS 1-4 – PRECINCT #1

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a
motion to approve the preliminary plat for Adcock Addition, lots 1-4 in Precinct #1.

All voted aye; motion carried.

b. WINDY HILL RETIREMENT PLACE – PRECINCT #4

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Carpenter,
made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Windy Hill Retirement Place in Precinct
#4.

All voted aye; motion carried.

c. ISLAND GROVE ESTATES – PRECINCT #4

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, made
a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Island Grove Estates in Precinct #4 with the
opportunity to revise the final plat due to drainage concerns.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. ACTION ON PRELIMINARY REPLAT

a. EMERALD FOREST ESTATES: LOT 122 REVISED TO
LOTS 122A AND 122B – PRECINCT #2

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve the preliminary replat of Emerald Forest Estates a revision of lot 122 to lots 122A and 122B in Precinct #2.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. ACTION ON FINAL REPLAT

- a. THE HOMESTEADS PHASE IV: LOTS 26E AND 27, BLOCK 1 REVISED TO LOTS 26ER AND 27R, BLOCK 1 – PRECINCT #3

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve the final replat of The Homesteads Phase IV, a revision of lots 26E and 27, block 1 to lots 26ER and 27R, block 1 in Precinct #3.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. ACTION ON FINAL PLAT

- a. ENCHANTED ACRES: LOTS 1-15, BLOCK 1 – PRECINCT #3

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve the final plat for Enchanted Acres, lots 1-15, block 1 in Precinct #3.

All voted aye; motion carried.

7. ACTION TO ACCEPT THE ROADS IN SHADOW VALLEY, PHASE II FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE AND RELEASE OF BOND – PRECINCT #3

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve the acceptance of the roads in Shadow Valley, Phase II for county maintenance and for the release of the bond.

All voted aye; motion carried.

8. ACTION TO AWARD RFB'S/RFQ'S

a. RFQ #2002-01: FUELS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve the bid from Lambert Oil for RFQ #2002-01 for fuels for Johnson County.

All voted aye; motion carried.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ACTION ON ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- a. GUINN JUSTICE CENTER
- b. JOHNSON COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX

Discussion. No action taken.

2. ACTION TO ADOPT BUDGET FY 2001-2002

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the budget for FY 2001-2002 as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

3. ACTION TO ADOPT TAX RATE FY 2001-2002

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve the Tax Rate of .345440 Ad Valorem and .071910 Lateral Road and FMLR totaling .417350 for FY 2001-2002.

All voted aye; motion carried.

Comm. Thompson left the proceedings.

4. ACTION ON SALARY ISSUES REGARDING RECENTLY HIRED EMPLOYEES AND JOB VACANCIES EXISTING ON 10/01/01

Passed for discussion in workshop session.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. ADVERTISING FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS AND TO SET OPENING DATES

a. RFB #2002-03 SALE OF REAL PROPERTY – LAND AND FACILITIES, JOSHUA, TEXAS, AND TO SET OPENING DATE OF OCTOBER 15, 2001 – PRECINCT #2

Comm. Harmon, seconded by McFall, made a motion to approve advertising for bids or proposals for RFB #2002-03 for the sale of real property including facilities located in Joshua, Texas; to require a minimum bid of \$67,000.00 as is; and to set the opening date as October 15, 2001.

All voted aye; motion carried.

2. ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO SELL STRUCK OFF PROPERTY BEING LOT 5, BLOCK 270, ORIGINAL TOWN, CLEBURNE, TEXAS, TO THE CITY OF CLEBURNE AND TO TRANSFER TITLE

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve the resolution for the sale of lot 2, block 270, Original Town, Cleburne, Texas, to the City of Cleburne for the amount of \$10.00 and to transfer title to the City of Cleburne.

All voted aye; motion carried.

3. ACTION TO APPROVE ONLINE SERVICES FOR THE TAX OFFICE FOR REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNERS TO RENEW THEIR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve online services for the Tax Office to enable registered vehicle owners to renew their vehicle registration.

All voted aye; motion carried.

4. ACTION ON COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS FOR CHILD SUPPORT SDU CONTRACT – COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve the cooperation agreement with the Attorney General of Texas for Child Support SDU Contract with the County Clerk’s Office.

All voted aye; motion carried.

5. ACTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREEN THUMB PROGRAM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT ASSIGNED TO JOHNSON COUNTY

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Thompson, made a motion to approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the Green Thumb Program and for the funds to be taken from the Courthouse Repairs line-item.

All voted aye; motion carried.

6. ACTION ON UPGRADE OF EQUIPMENT WITH CONTINENTAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY – PRECINCT #3

Comm. Carpenter, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve the upgrade of equipment with Continental Equipment Company for Precinct #3 at a cost of \$16,200.00.

All voted aye; motion carried.

7. ACTION TO APPROVE INCREASE FOR FIXED ASSETS LIMITS

Passed for discussion in workshop session.

8. ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING MANUAL

Passed for discussion in workshop session.

9. ACTION TO APPROVE INVENTORY/FIXED ASSET POLICY

Passed for discussion in workshop session.

10. ACTION TO SET COMMISSIONER'S COURT DATES FOR
REGULAR TERM IN 2001-2002

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve the Commissioner's Court dates for regular term 2001-2002 as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

11. ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF SURPLUS RIGHT-OF-
WAY: TRACTS 4-01 AND 5-01 – PRECINCT #2

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve a resolution for the Texas Department of Transportation to sell surplus right-of-way being tracts 4-01 and 5-01 in Precinct #2.

All voted aye; motion carried.

12. ACTION FOR DISMISSAL OF CHECKS ON THE AD VALOREM
ACCOUNT OF JOHNSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE FROM
JANUARY 1, 2000 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2000

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve the dismissal of checks totaling \$5,913.92 from the Ad Valorem account of the Tax Office for the period of January 1, 2000, through December 3, 2000. The checks have not been submitted for payment and the funds are to be transferred to the General Fund of Johnson County.

All voted aye; motion carried.

13. ACTION ON COURT ORDER #2001-03 – ABATEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH WAL-MART STORES EAST, INC.

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve Court Order #2001-03 for a tax abatement agreement with Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. for a period not to exceed twenty years and does not include inventory.

All voted aye; motion carried.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

BE IT KNOWN that Commissioner's Court met in Executive Session at 10:44 A.M. in accordance with Government Code Sec. 551.071 - Consultation with attorney regarding pending litigation. Commissioner's Court reconvened into open session at 1:09 P.M. to consider the following:

Commissioner's Court moved immediately into workshop session to discuss the increase of fixed asset limit, the Purchasing Manual, the Inventory Fixed Asset Policy, salary issues regarding recently hired employees and job vacancies existing on 10/01/01, and ETJ issues raised by HB 1445. Commissioner's Court reconvened into regular session at 3:30 P.M. to consider the following:

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. ACTION ON SALARY ISSUES REGARDING RECENTLY HIRED EMPLOYEES AND JOB VACANCIES EXISTING ON 10/01/01

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. McFall, made a motion to approve new employees who have completed the orientation period may receive up to a 5% raise effective October 1, 2001, and employees still in the orientation period may receive up to a 5% raise at the discretion of the Elected Official or Department Head.

All voted aye; motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

7. ACTION TO APPROVE INCREASE FOR FIXED ASSETS LIMITS

Comm. Harmon, seconded by Comm. Carpenter, made a motion to approve increasing the fixed assets limit to \$5,000.00.

All voted aye; motion carried.

8. ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING MANUAL

Passed.

9. ACTION TO APPROVE INVENTORY/FIXED ASSET POLICY

Comm. McFall, seconded by Comm. Harmon, made a motion to approve the Inventory/Fixed Asset Policy as presented.

All voted aye; motion carried.

There being no further business before the court concerning this agenda,
Commissioner's Court adjourned at 3:34 P.M. on the same date.

Submitted by: _____
Curtis H. Douglas
County Clerk

Approved by: _____
Roger Harmon
County Judge