**THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT OF ARCHER COUNTY, TEXAS**

met in Regular Session on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The public was

allowed access via teleconference.

Those present:

Randall C. Jackson County Judge

Richard Shelley Commissioner Prect. 1

Darin Wolf Absent Commissioner Prect. 2

Pat Martin, III Commissioner Prect. 3

Darryl Lightfoot Commissioner Prect. 4

Karren Winter County Clerk

Dawn Vieth Tax Assessor/Collector

Patricia Vieth Treasurer

Joe Aulds Justice of the Peace, Prect. 1

Staci Beesinger Sheriff

Paul O. Wylie, Jr. Auditor

David Levy County Attorney

Nita Lewis Court Coordinator

Lori Rutledge District Clerk

Jack Curd Sheriff-Elect

Citizen in attendance:

Nathan Lawson with the Archer County News

A. CALL TO ORDER:

 Greeting, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags

 Registration of Attendees by the County Court Clerk

***The meeting was called to order by Randall C. Jackson, and a quorum was noted.***

*B. Approve Final Agenda.*

**Item #3 was struck from the Action Agenda due to no action being required.**

**ORDER TO APPROVE FINAL AGENDA**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Darryl Lightfoot to approve the Final Agenda. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS OR

 PRESENTATIONS AGENDA:

Public Comments: **Randal C. Jackson advised the Court that retired Commissioner Ben Buerger had passed away.**

**Randall C. Jackson reported that there were no active cases of COVID-19 in Archer County at this time.**

**Randall C. Jackson reported that the schools and the Health Department were discussing procedures on when to send students or teachers home if someone is showing symptoms of COVID-19. Darryl Lightfoot asked if the school districts had received any COVID money. Jackson reported that the cities and County had received money, and that the cities would assist the schools first, then if there was a need, the County could assist.**

**Randall C. Jackson discussed a feral hog grant that is available; he had forwarded the information to the county agents.**

**Patricia Vieth discussed COVID relief funds. Vieth reported that Windthorst ISD had brought a school bus to Archer to test sprayer on their bus. The County loaned a sprayer to Windthorst ISD until theirs is delivered. Shane Wright took a sprayer to Holliday ISD for their use until their sprayer is delivered.**

D. ACTION AGENDA:

1. Approve departmental reports.

**ORDER APPROVING REPORTS**

The motion was made by Darryl Lightfoot and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve departmental reports: **Treasurer; County Agent; Sheriff.** Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Approve vouchers for payment.

**ORDER APPROVING VOUCHERS**

The motion was made by Darryl Lightfoot and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve vouchers for payment. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Approve line item transfers. Removed.
2. Approve Education Certificates.

**ORDER APPROVING CERTIFICATES**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve education certificates: **Darryl Lightfoot; Christie Mooney.** Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Approve Publisher’s Certificates.

**ORDER APPROVING CERTIFICATES**

The motion was made by Darryl Lightfoot and seconded by Randall C. Jackson to approve publisher’s certificates. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Approve Minutes from previous month –July, 2020*.*

**ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve minutes from July 2020. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Open sealed Bids for *Courthouse Repair.*

**OPEN BIDS**

Mooring Construction

$66,897.00

1. Consider and/or take action to award bid for *Courthouse Repair.*

**ORDER TO POSTPONE BID**

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Randall C. Jackson to postpone accepting the bid of Mooring Construction for the Courthouse repair in the amount of $66,897.00 until clarification on bid is addressed. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Consider and/or approve bid proposal for Trust Property described below: Lot Six (6) Block Seventeen (17) of the Original Town of Archer City, Archer County, Texas (212 E. Plum).

**ORDER ACCEPTING BID PROPOSAL**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Pat Martin, III to approve bid proposal from Justin Miller in the amount of $400.00 for Lot Six block Seventeen of the Original Town of Archer City, Archer County (212 E Plum). Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Consider and/or take action on proposed pipeline improvements. Darryl Lightfoot discussed pipeline work that Atmos Energy will be doing in the future in his precinct. Lightfoot asked to have work request in writing. Jackson asked if there were any guidelines or policy the County had in place for this type of work.

**ORDER TO TABLE APPROVING PIPELINE IMPROVEMENTS**

The motion was made by Darryl Lightfoot and seconded by Randall C. Jackson to table approving proposed pipeline improvements submitted by Atmos Energy. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Consider and/or take action to *Propose the Tax Rate for FYE September 30, 2021.* **Paul O. Wylie, Jr. discussed the guidelines to set a proposed Tax Rate*.* Randall C. Jackson discussed working with Wylie to get the budget prepared. Dawn Vieth discussed the law change of the amount of hearings that are required to be held.**

**ORDER PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Darryl Lightfoot to set Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2021 of .59726. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

General/R&B Gen .46000

I&S .04926

FM & LR .05300

County Road .03500

**Total .59726**

1. Consider and/or take action on Budget items. **Randall C. Jackson discussed holding a budget meeting to discuss departmental budgets.**

**ORDER TO SET BUDGET HEARING**

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Richard Shelley to set August 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. as date to set budget hearing and adopt tax rate. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Discuss and/or take action on personnel matters. **Court convened into Executive Session.**
2. Adjourn into Executive Session.

**ORDER TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Richard Shelley to adjourn into Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.071(1). Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

Executive Session convened at 10:36 a.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

**ORDER TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion was made by Richard Shelley and seconded by Pat Martin, III to adjourn Executive Session. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

1. Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.071. **No action needed from Executive Session.**

**Having no further business to consider, the Court adjourned at 11:09 a.m.**

**I, Karren Winter, County Clerk of Archer County, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, Archer County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

**ATTEST: Karren Winter**

**Karren Winter, Archer County Clerk**