

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF ARCHER COUNTY, TEXAS

met in Regular Session on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Those present:

Randall C. Jackson	County Judge
Wade Scarbrough	Commissioner Prec. 1
Darin Wolf – Absent	Commissioner Prec. 2
Pat Martin, III	Commissioner Prec. 3
Todd Herring	Commissioner Prec. 4
Karren Winter – Absent	County Clerk
Karen Aulds	Chief Deputy Clerk
Shane Wright	Emergency Mgt Coordinator
Jack Curd	Sheriff
Jay Franklin	Lieutenant
Nita Lewis	Court Coordinator
Patricia Vieth	Treasurer
David Levy	County Attorney
Paul Wylie	Auditor
Christie Mooney	Election Administrator

Public in attendance:

Will Edwards – 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 Randy Jackson, and a quorum was noted.

B. Approve Final Agenda

Items #3, #4 and #5 were removed from the agenda.

ORDER TO APPROVE FINAL AGENDA

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Todd Herring to approve the Final Agenda. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS OR PRESENTATIONS AGENDA:

Jack Curd reported that there is one Deputy that has been out since December 2nd with COVID. They will have a long recovery process, but had successful surgery last week.

Patricia Vieth announced that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued new guidelines for quarantining and isolation requirements. She distributed them to Elected Officials via email.

Randy Jackson reported that we received an insurance payment from the winter storm. We will possibly receive over \$300,000 for Archer County through a grant. Patricia Vieth is working with Jack Curd to complete the grant.

D. ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve departmental reports.
Treasurer's Report
Indigent Health Care
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

ORDER TO APPROVE REPORTS

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Todd Herring to approve departmental reports: **Treasurer; Indigent Health; Extension Office.** Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

2. Approve vouchers for payment.

Because of the Brazos internet outage on Friday, Commissioners did not receive their vouchers for payment prior to the meeting. This item was postponed until after Item 9. Patricia Vieth distributed vouchers to the Commissioners, and they were provided time to review them during the meeting.

ORDER TO APPROVE VOUCHERS

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

3. Approve line-item transfers. **Removed**
4. Approve Education Certificates. **Removed.**
5. Approve Publisher's Certificates. **Removed**
6. Consider and/or take action on an Order changing the permanent polling location in Scotland, Texas.

Christie Mooney notified the court that when she contacted Keith Teichman with the Knights of Columbus in Scotland to schedule their facility for the upcoming elections, he notified her that they do not want elections held there, and the elections would be moved to Scotland City Hall. Both the Knights of Columbus and Scotland City Council have approved the polling location change, and Commissioners must approve the change also. Ms. Mooney presented the Order to Move Permanent Polling Location in Scotland, Texas for the commissioners' approval and signatures. She must also update the website with the new location by February 1, 2022.

ORDER TO MOVE POLLING SITE

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to permanently move Voting Precinct 3 to Scotland City Hall located at 272 Avenue L, Scotland, TX 76379. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

7. Consider and/or take action on purchasing highway Burn Ban signs.

Shane Wright distributed a handout to Commissioners. He is recommending purchasing Burn Ban signs to be placed on Countyline signs to increase public awareness. Archer County would purchase the signs and TXDOT would install them. We would need approximately 14 signs totally approximately \$1100. Mr. Wright does not have enough funds in his budget for the signs. Randy Jackson confirmed with Paul Wylie that there are funds available.

ORDER TO PURCHASE SIGNS

The motion was made by Randy Jackson and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to purchase Burn Ban signs. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

8. Consider and/or take action on replacing/updating Safe Alert software.

Shane Wright previously sent an email to Commissioners and distributed a handout at the meeting. He described the current software system stating that it utilizes phone providers and is very delayed because of older technology. Active911 software is more advanced with far greater technology. It is actually an application on cell phones. Mr. Wright discussed the cost difference: currently pay \$600/year and Active911 would be \$2400/year maximum. Jack Curd stated that his budget could help cover the cost until the next budget session. Wade Scarbrough suggested asking the fire departments throughout the county to contribute to the cost. Randy Jackson mentioned that he could do a line-item transfer in his budget also. Mr. Wright emphasized that it is time for an upgrade.

ORDER TO REPLACE SOFTWARE

The motion was made by Wade Scarbrough and seconded by Todd Herring to purchase Active911 software to replace Safe Alert software. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

9. Consider and/or take action on the FY2022/20 Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases interlocal agreement.

Randy Jackson gave a brief background explaining the public defender interlocal agreement. He described the partnership with Texas Tech University School of Law.

ORDER TO APPROVE AGREEMENT

The motion was made by Pat Martin, III and seconded by Wade Scarbrough to approve FY2022/23 Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases interlocal agreement. Voting yes 1-3-4-Judge

The Court resumed discussion on Item 2. Approve Vouchers for Payment

Having no further business to consider, the Court adjourned at 10:33 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