

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: November 26, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
MILT PURVIS - ABSENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2025 - 009**

Call to Order. * Invocation * Pledges of Allegiance

Be it remembered on this the 26th day of November 2024, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in "REGULAR" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4,
Schelana Hock – County Clerk and
Louis Ploth – County Auditor.

WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.

- INVOCATION LED BY SHAWN FERRY OF PINE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH.
- PLEDGES TO U.S. & TEXAS FLAGS LED BY COUNTY CLERK SCHELANA HOCK.

Public Comments

NONE.

Informational Reports

1. WELLNESS COMMITTEE BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS.
THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE EXTENDS HEARTFELT THANKS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT DURING THE RECENT BLOOD DRIVE. 24 APPOINTMENTS WERE SCHEDULED RESULTING IN 20 UNITS OF BLOOD DONATED PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL PLASMA DONATION.
2. RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FROM GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) AWARDED TO THE POLK COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.
Tabled so the auditor could be present.
3. REPORT FROM PINEY WOOD LAKES CHAPTER OF THE TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS.
4. DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROJECTS FOR POLK COUNTY.
WITH THE GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS WITH THE HIGHEST LIKELIHOOD OF SECURING FUNDING, THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE SELECTED:

		Estimate	Grant	Match	Total Funding
Pct 1	Siesta Country	\$3,965,000	\$3,605,000	\$360,500	\$3,965,500
Pct 2	Wiggins Village 1	\$3,260,000	\$2,965,000	\$296,500	\$3,261,500
Pct 3	9 Bridges Road	\$3,140,000	\$2,855,000	\$285,500	\$3,140,500

Old Business

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL, APPROVAL UPON CONDITIONS MET, OR REJECTION OF HIGH RIDGE RANCH SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 3.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, APPROVE UPON CONDITIONS NOTED BY THE COUNTY'S ENGINEER.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

New Business - Consent Agenda

JUDGE MURPHY NOTED ADDENDUMS TO ITEM 7 IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$109,135.60 AND \$374,055.77 AND REQUESTED THAT THE COURT TABLE ITEM 6. MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE AS FOLLOWS.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: November 12 & November 18, 2024 (Regular / Special Meetings)
TABLE TO DECEMBER 10TH MEETING.

7. APPROVE SCHEDULES OF BILLS.

DATE	AMOUNT	FUND	CHECK #
11/8/2024	84.95	General	3078/43
11/8/2024	4,433.19	General	307845
11/13/2024	293,108.04	Retiree Health Trust	ACH 083/543-544/ACH 010/307942-307946
11/26/2024	8601.74	General	307964
11/26/2024	100.00	General	307966
11/26/2024	2,935.00	General	307967-307968
10/11/2024	271,750.31	General	ACH 4005,4011,4015,4021,4025,4034,4040,4044,4048,4055,4060
11/8/2024	145,764.75	General	ACH 4069,4041,4042,4043,4077,4078,4079,4081,4083,4075,4076
11/8/2024	21,723.86	General	307846-307850
11/8/2024	4,140.00	General	307844
11/8/2024	66,290.97	General	307830-307842
11/12/2024	947.77	General	307927-307928
11/13/2024	297,873.45	Retiree Health Trust	ACH 083/541-542/ACH 010/307929-307941
11/15/2024	8,286.78	General	ACH 4087,4088,4089,4091,4092,4093
11/15/2024	11,258.68	General	307947-307953
11/19/2024	20,640.04	Retiree Health Trust	ACH 083/545-551
11/19/2024	1,918.40	General	307963
11/26/2024	318,824.41	ARPA	ACH 033/278/ACH 035/1249/ACH 010/307969-308113
TOTAL:	1,478,682.34		
	ADDENDUM #1	\$109,135.60 TO BE INCLUDED ON A FUTURE AGENDA	
	ADDENDUM #2	\$374,055.77 TO BE INCLUDED ON A FUTURE AGENDA	

8. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING SURPLUS PROPERTY.

INCLUDES ITEMS NO LONGER IN USE BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE JAIL.

9. RECEIVE COUNTY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY REPORT, PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 114.025.
10. RECEIVE AND RECORD PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE THE LAST MEETING.
11. EXTEND DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR FY2024 SAFETY AWARD TO NOVEMBER 22, 2024.
12. APPROVE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 2025.
13. APPROVE UPDATE TO THE MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE (MSAG), IN PRECINCT 4. THIS UPDATE CHANGES RADIO STREET TO ALBERT DRIVE AND ADDS THE FOLLOWING ROADS TO THE MSAG AS NON-COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS: CELESTINE HINI NW, CELESTINE HINE NE, CUSTI ROAD, BRUCE A DRIVE, CHOFI SAM LOOP, BOATMAN ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD, JOE THOMAS DRIVE, EJOYIE ROAD, AND KINLEY WAY.
14. APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ONALASKA FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICES.
15. APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,887.50 FOR SEWER EXTENSION WITH MANHOLE, TO BE PAID FROM THE RESTORATION PROJECTS FUND.

New Business - Regular Agenda

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS SINCE THE LAST MEETING, AND REVIEW OF ANY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY HIRES.
JUDGE MURPHY NOTED THERE WAS ONE EMERGENCY HIRE IN THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT. MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 0
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
 - B. DISCUSSION OF CERTIFICATE PAY POLICY.
17. CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. FY2024 BUDGET REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS, AS PRESENTED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE;
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR PICK-UP TRUCK(S) FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 3, TO BE PAID FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND PRECINCT 3 OPERATING BUDGET.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
19. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SCORING COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPOINT SHERIFF LYONS, JESSICA HUTCHINS, NACOLE REEKS AND JAMES MOSTEK TO THE SCORING COMMITTEE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
20. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH SERENITY HOUSE COUNSELING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTUAL HOURS FOR THE POLK COUNTY JAIL FOR FY2025.
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
21. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TO AGREEMENT WITH MCWILLIAMS AND SONS INC. FOR TUNNEL DRAIN REPAIRS AT THE POLK COUNTY JAIL.
MOTIONED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
22. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING SETTLEMENT TERMS WITH KROGER, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS REGARDING STATEWIDE SETTLEMENT OFFERS IN THE MATTER OF TEXAS STATEWIDE OPIOID MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF *IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION*, MDL NO. 1:17-MD-022804.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED
23. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR VARIANCE FROM POLK COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATION DESIGN STANDARDS PHASE 5 OF MIDWAY ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4, AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. SECTION 7.17, PLAT REQUIREMENTS, REQUIRING THAT PLATS FOR DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS SIZE BE PREPARED AT A SCALE NO SMALLER THAN ONE-INCH EQUALS TWO HUNDRED FEET.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE.

VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

- B. SECTION 9.D, WHICH REQUIRES THAT NO MORE THAN ONE SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED DWELLING SHALL BE LOCATED ON EACH LOT.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

24. CONSIDER APPROVAL, APPROVAL UPON CONDITIONS MET, OR REJECTION OF MIDWAY ACRES, PHASE 5 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO APPROVE UPON CONDITIONS OUTLINED BY THE COUNTY'S ENGINEER.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

25. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER TO CLOSE CCC FORESTRY CAMP ROAD, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE J.J. OWNES SURVEY: A-465, IN PRECINCT FOUR.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY GUYLENE ROBERTSON, TO APPROVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

26. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING AN EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON.
MOTIONED BY MARK DUBOSE, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, TO APPROVE WITH A NOT TO EXCEED BUDGET OF \$7,500 SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONERS AND GENERAL FUND. COMMISSIONER PURVIS, COMMISSIONER CASSITY AND COUNTY CLERK SCHELANA HOCK WILL TAKE THE LEAD ON PREPARATIONS, AND WELCOME ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS WILLING TO HELP SERVE.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 4
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn



SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK