

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HENDERSON §

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on January 26th, 2016@ 9:00 A.M. with the following members present, to-wit:

Richard Sanders	County Judge
Scotty Thomas	Comm. Pct. # 1
Wade McKinney	Comm. Pct. # 2
Ronny Lawrence	Comm. Pct. # 3
Ken Geeslin	Comm. Pct. # 4

And transacted the following business, to-wit:

Judge Sanders called the meeting to order @ 9:02 A.M.

Motion made by Comm. Thomas and seconded by Comm. McKinney to approve the Minutes as amended from the previous meeting held on January 19th, 2015, as listed on copy in file. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. McKinney and seconded by Comm. Thomas to appoint Lange Svehlak to the Henderson County Child Welfare Board. Voted unanimously by the court.

Eric Duvall, Veteran Service Officer discussed the progress of the Veteran Affairs office for the last two months. Eric stated that the Database that was started has over 1,000 veterans within the County. Eric has a Facebook page for the Henderson County Veterans to establish unity with the veteran community of Henderson County. Eric stated that he has a Vet Bulletin Board in his office which has business cards and patches of soldier's that are hiring veterans. Eric is also working on housing the homeless and is working with The Farm, Grace House, Iron House and Kings Ring 501C3. He has contacted Tuff Shed which is donating a 800 sq. ft. shell. Home Depot is overseeing the work so we can award our first house to a homeless veteran in Henderson County. Eric stated that the word has gotten out to the other outreach program. Eric stated that Ms. Christian is donating 140 acres of her 1000 acre ranch to establish a community for homeless veterans. On January 16, 2016 Eric talked with Dan West the State Commander of all the VFW's in the State of Texas to help us establish the community for the homeless. Eric stated on March 4th and 5th the Veterans of Henderson County are taking a trip to visit The Tomb of the Unknown Solider. Eric contacted Prime Flight and United Airlines to help with discounts on the flights and some will be free. He has established the Veterans Justice Outreach, to help out with the mental disabilities of the incarcerated Veterans. The next program that has been established is Bombers, where they purchased chickens, so they are able to give out the eggs to hungry Veterans. Eric has talked with Rock Hill Baptist Church and Iron House they have counseling for ex-addicts, depression, anger and post-traumatic stress disorder. Eric talked with Pine Cove Christian Camp; they will be starting a veteran's scholarship fund for the veterans and their families. He has several different events planned for the spring and summer for veterans and their families. There is a two (2) day Christmas event planned at the Cain Center for the veterans and their families and all of Henderson County December 16th through December 17th, 2016. Eric is a published author his work is with Barnes and Noble, Amazon and is on 200 different websites. He has spoken with some veterans that are in Henderson County to give their testimonies and when there are 200 pages to publish, Eric's publisher has agreed he would publish it at no cost and the proceeds would go to the survivors of fallen veterans. The Athens Review has put two (2) articles in the paper and HC Magazine has also done an article about everything that the Veteran's Office is doing for the veterans of Henderson County.

A notice will be posted for a two (2) week period to appoint members to the Henderson County Hospital Authority Board. If anyone is interested in serving on the Henderson County Hospital Authority Board, please contact the County Judge's Office or the Commissioner in their Precinct.

A notice will be posted for a two (2) week period to appoint candidates to the ETMC – Athens Board of Managers. If anyone is interested in serving on the ETMC – Athens Board of Managers, please contact the County Judge's Office or the Commissioner in their Precinct.

Financial Reports were received from the County Treasurer's Office, Auditor's Office and JP #2.

There were no contracts submitted.

There were no Right-of-Way permits submitted.

There were no budget amendments submitted.

Motion made by Comm. Geeslin and seconded by Comm. Lawrence to approve the payment of bills *FY2015* in the amount of \$7,625.87, as listed on copy in file. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. Lawrence and seconded by Comm. Geeslin to approve the payment of bills *FY2016* in the amount of \$104,571.75, as listed on copy in file. Voted unanimously by the court.

There were no plats submitted.

Motion made by Comm. Geeslin and seconded by Comm. McKinney to approve for Aggregate Materials – 2016 to: 1) S&S Trucking and 2) East Texas Crushed Rock. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. Thomas and seconded by Comm. Geeslin to approve for Oils & Emulsions – 2016 to: 1) Western Emulsions, 2) Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions and 3) P2 Emulsion Plants. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. McKinney and seconded by Comm. Thomas to Re-Bid on all 2016 material items not previously awarded. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. McKinney and seconded by Comm. Geeslin to convene into Executive Session pursuant of Texas Code, Sec. 551.074 regarding Personnel Matters. Voted unanimously by the court.


Motion made by Comm. Geeslin and seconded by Comm. Thomas to reconvene in Open Session on issues related to Personnel Matters. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. Thomas and seconded by Comm. Lawrence to approve Applicant #1, 10 Days from the sick pool. Motion carried 4 to 1. Comm. McKinney abstained.

Motion made by Comm. Geeslin and seconded by Comm. McKinney to approve Applicant #2, 30 Days from the sick pool. Voted unanimously by the court.

Motion made by Comm. Geeslin and seconded by Comm. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting @ 10:31 A.M. Voted unanimously by the court.

Read and Approved:



County Judge, Richard Sanders