

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF DONLEY)

BE IT REMEMBERED THE

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in REGULAR SESSION open to the public this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. CDT in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Courthouse. County Judge JOHN HOWARD, presiding, calling this session of Court to order with:

Commissioner Pct. #1	MARK WHITE
Commissioner Pct. #2	DANIEL FORD
Commissioner Pct. #3	ANDY WHEATLY
Commissioner Pct. #4	DAN SAWYER

LA VERNE PINION, DEPUTY County/District Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and WANDA SMITH, County TREASURER.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation - JIM FOX
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Determine if Quorum Present.
Duly noted that the above 5 members were present.
5. Public Comment - NONE
6. Approval and/or Correction of minutes of previous sessions.
Motion by DAN SAWYER and seconded by DANIEL FORD to approve the Regular Commissioner minutes held AUGUST 10, 2020.
ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.

THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, OR UPON ANY
ANY ACTION TAKEN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

7. Audit and pay bills for the month of AUGUST, 2020, approve County Treasurer's Financial report and office reports.
Motion by DANIEL FORD and seconded by DAN SAWYER to approve County Treasurer's report; and approve office reports for the month of AUGUST, 2020, submitted by the DISTRICT/COUNTY CLERK (JULY), (AUGUST COUNTY), FIRE DEPARTMENT, (JUNE & AUGUST) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1&2, JUSTICE OF PEACE 3&4, SHERIFF OFFICE, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR and COUNTY TREASURER. ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.
8. Visitors -
 1. LINDA CRUMP
 2. JIM FOX
 3. NEIL KOETTING
 4. LANDON LAMBERT

(Open Public Hearing) at 9:03 a.m.
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATE FY 2020-2021
(Closed Public Hearing) at 9:13 a.m.

1. Consider - Adoption of Tax Rate for 2020-2021 - Record Vote
I, **DAN SAWYER**, MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF 0.62879, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 2.697% INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE AND SECOND BY **ANDY WHEATLY**.
 - a. M&O = 0.457
 - b. County Special = 0.115
 - c. Debt (I & S = 0.05679**DAN SAWYER, MARK WHITE, ANDY WHEATLY, DANIEL FORD VOTED FOR. MOTION CARRIES.**

(OPEN PUBLIC HEARING) AT 9:03
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET 2020-2021
(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING) AT 9:13

2. Consider - Resolution Adopting the Tax Rate for 2020-2021 - Record Vote
THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.96% AND WILL RAISE THE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION ON A \$100,000.00 BY APPROXIMATELY \$16.47. MOTION BY **ANDY WHEATLY** AND SECOND BY **DANIEL FORD** TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE TAX RATE FOR 2020-2021. **JUDGE HOWARD, DAN SAWYER, MARK WHITE, ANDY WHEATLY, DANIEL FORD VOTED FOR. MOTION CARRIES.**
3. Consider - Contract-Donley County Appraisal District - 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2021
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and second by **MARK WHITE** to approve the contract with the Donley County Appraisal District for 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2021. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
4. Consider - Request from Tax Assessor-Collector to change budget.
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and second by **DANIEL FORD** to authorize Linda Crump to hire Christy Christopher for 29 hours to learn the job. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
5. Consider - Set Elected Official Salaries for FY 2020-2021
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and second by **ANDY WHEATLY** to set elected official Salaries for FY 2020-2021 except the County Commissioners who did not give themselves a raise. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
6. Consider - Adopt Budget for FY 2020-2021-Record Vote.
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and second by **DANIEL FORD** to adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget. **DAN SAWYER, MARK WHITE, ANDY WHEATLY and DANIEL FORD voted for. MOTION CARRIES.**
7. Consider - Supplemental Budget for CARES-CRF GRANT
Inmate rate - Set daily rate
Hazard Pay Policy - Adopt policy
Senior Citizens Grant
Expenditures for PPE/Sanitizing Supplies
"Serology" COVID-19 antibody testing at the Health Fair
NO ACTION TAKEN.
8. Consider - Hazard Pay Policy for Sheriff's office including Jailer/Dispatchers.
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and second by **MARK WHITE** to adopt the Hazard Pay Policy for Sheriff's office including Jailer/Dispatchers. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**

9. Consider - Set 2021 Sheriff & Constable Fees
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and **MARK WHITE** to leave the Sheriff & Constable fees the same as last year. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 10. Consider - Appointment of Election Judges 2020-2021
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and seconded by **DANIEL FORD** to appoint the Election Judges for 2020-2021. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 11. Consider - Update to County Road Inventory
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and second by **DANIEL FORD** to authorize the County Judge to certify the County Road Inventory as 350 miles. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 12. Consider - Room assignments for Courthouse and building office plan for County.
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and second by **DAN SAWYER** to re-assign the former Probation Office to Landon Lambert, County Attorney, to re-assign Hall Building to Probation office, the Northwest corner of the Courthouse to District Attorney Investigator to Richard Gribble and to convert Richard Gribble old office into a Conference room. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 13. Consider - Purchase of lights for long guns for DPS
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and second by **ANDY WHEATLY** to authorize the purchase 5 lights @ \$175.00 each for long guns by DPS. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 14. Consider Tax Deeds for City of Howardwick - (5) - Attachment A
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and **DAN SAWYER** to proceed with Tax Deeds for the City of Howardwick. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 15. Consider - 1 - year retirement payment for Randy Stubblefield
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and second by **ANDY WHEATLY** to allow a payment of \$890.09 for 1 year of retirement pay. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 16. Consider - Deferment of employee 6.2% FICA tax September 2020-December 2020 AND repayment January 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and second by **MARK WHITE** to opt out deferment Employee FICA tax. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 17. Consider - Resolution for Texas Department of Agriculture Grant-Senior Citizens -Texans Feeding Texans
Motion by **ANDY WHEATLY** and second by **MARK WHITE** to pass the Resolution (0109142020) for Texas Department of Agriculture Grant-Senior Citizens -Texans feeding Texans. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 18. Consider - Amending the Commissioner Court schedule and the County Holiday Schedule to allow the Court to meet Monday November 9, 2020, NOT Tuesday November 10, 2020 AND observe Veterans Day, November Day, November 11th NOT Monday November 9th
Motion by **MARK WHITE** and second by **DANIEL FORD** to hold Commissioner's Court, Monday, November 9th and to observe Veterans Day on November 11th. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
 19. Consider - IT Service Agreement with Dustin McInturf - DM-PC LLC (10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021).
Motion by **DAN SAWYER** and second by **MARK WHITE** to renew the service Agreement with Dustin McInturf for another year. **ALL VOTED FOR; NONE AGAINST.**
10. Letters to the Court. **NO ACTION.**
 11. Other Business. **NO ACTION**
 12. Adjourn, Subject to Call
JUDGE HOWARD, adjourned this Regular Session of Commissioner's Court.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

STATE OF TEXAS)(
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IN THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING MINUTES OF
COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN AND FOR DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE
FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 REGULAR SESSION THE DEPUTY CLERK
LAVERNE PINION ATTESTS THE MINUTES TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

LA VERNE PINION *Laverne Pinion*
DEPUTY EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

