COUNTY OF FREESTONE

Commissioners Court
Linda K. Grant, County Judge
Andy Bonner, Precinct No. 1
Will McSwane, Precinct No. 2
Lloyd Lane, Precinct No. 3
Clyde Ridge Jr., Precinct No. 4

County Courthouse
Commissioners Courtroom
118 E. Commerce, Rm. 203
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FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Notice of Open Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: September 6, 2023
LOCATION: 118 E. COMMERCE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, FAIRFIELD, TEXAS
Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag
Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.
Posting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members of the Public who wish to speak shall each have 3 minutes to address the Court regarding matters not appearing on the agenda or on an item on the agenda.
The Commissioners Court may not deliberate or take action on any item that is not posted. Any discussion of the subject must be limited to providing specific factual information.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of August 16, 2023 regular meeting and August 8, 14, 21 and 29, 2023 special meetings.
2. Budget transfers and amendments.
3. Approve and pay bills.
4. Approve payroll.
5. Reports: Senior Services, Justices of the Peace, County Clerk, District Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Road Reports, Tax Assessor/Collector, Constables, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Agents, Health, Environmental, and OSSF, Miscellaneous Reports.
6. Burn Ban.
7. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
9. Public Hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated of Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
10. FY22 Audit Presentation- Kyle Heineman.
11. Open bids for New Dispatch Building.
12. Consider sealed bids for the sale of 2000 Ford Flatbed, 1996 International Truck, 1993 Ford ¾ ton- Precinct 4.
13. SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY2024, OAG Contract No. C-01074.
14. Receive and disburse Capital Credit Funds- Jeannie Keeney.
15. Order setting annual salaries of the County Auditor, First Assistant Auditor and the Second Assistant Auditor.
16. Salary Grades.
17. Sheriff's Office.

Comments from Commissioners Court members.
Adjournment.
Posted on bulletin board second floor at the Courthouse and on Freestone County website on September 1, 2023.

FILED FOR RECORD
At 1:00, o'clock P M
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RENEE REYNOLDS
Clerk County Court Freestone County Tex

FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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http://www.co.freestone.tx.us/default.aspx?Freestone_County/Commissioners.Court.Recordings

A regular meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners Court was held on September 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce Street in Fairfield, Texas.

Linda Grant	**County Judge**	**Present**
Andy Bonner	**Commissioner, Precinct 1**	**Present**
Will McSwane	**Commissioner, Precinct 2**	**Present**
Lloyd Lane	**Commissioner, Precinct 3**	**Present**
Clyde Ridge	**Commissioner, Precinct 4**	**Present**

1. Approve minutes of August 16, 2023 regular meeting and August 8, 14, 21 and 29, 2023 special meetings.

A correction was made to the minutes of August 16, 2023 regular meeting, #14, which should be:
Comm. Lane MOVED that the Property Tax Rate be increased by an adoption of a tax rate of .3219, which is effectively a 4.03% ***(in revenue).***
Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve minutes of August 16, 2023 regular meeting and August 8, 14, 21 and 29, 2023 special meetings. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

2. Budget transfers and amendments.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve budget transfers and amendments as presented. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

3. Approve and pay bills.
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve and pay bills. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

4. Approve payroll.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve payroll. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

5. Reports: Senior Services, Justices of the Peace, County Clerk, District Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Road Reports, Tax Assessor/Collector, Constables, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Agents, Health, Environmental and OSSF, Miscellaneous Reports.
Comm. Ridge MOVED to accept the reports for July from JP, #2, Tax Office, Auditor's Office and Treasurer Report based on the Auditor's Report. Report from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for the month of August and Plans for September 2023. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

6. Burn Ban.
NO ACTION

7. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
NO ACTION

8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
Comm. McSwane MOVED to accept certificates for Cybersecurity Awareness training for Willie Sneed, Crystal Bennett, Renee McBay, Shae Garcia; Judicial Education training for James Lawrence and Paternity Opportunity Program for Jamie Myers. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

9. Public Hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated of Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Reinvestment Zone No. 001

Court entered into Public Hearing at 9:09 a.m.
No comment from the Public.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:21 a.m.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve Designating, Creating and Establishing County Reinvestment Zone No. 001. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Reinvestment Zone No. 002

Court entered into Public Hearing at 9:21 a.m.
No comment from the Public.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:24 a.m.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve Designating, Creating and Establishing County Reinvestment Zone No. 002. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Reinvestment Zone No. 003

Court entered into Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m.
No comment from the Public.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:27 a.m.

Comm. Lane MOVED to approve Designating, Creating and Establishing County Reinvestment Zone No. 003. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Public Notice will be posted 30 days prior to Public Hearing held on October 18, 2023 on Freestone County's intent to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Tehuacana Creek Solar, LLC, Core Solar Land Holdings I, LLC and Bar C Solar, LLC.

10. FY22 Audit Presentation-Kyle Heineman.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to accept the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2022. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Open bids for New Dispatch Building.
Received bids from: G & Y Construction, LLC - $426,000.00; JWS Homes, LLC, Wayne Skelton - $768,600.00 and Built Rite Construction, dba, Tom Wright Construction, LLC - $749,275.00.

12. Consider sealed bids for the sale of 2000 Ford Flatbed, 1996 International Truck, 1993 Ford ¾ ton-Precinct 4.
Comm. Lane MOVED to approve to go out for sealed bids. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

13. SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY2024, OAG Contract No. C-01074.
Comm. Lane MOVED to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract FY2024, OAG Contract No. C-01074. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

14. Receive and disburse Capital Credit Funds-Jeannie Keeney.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to ***TABLE***. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

15. Order setting annual salaries of the County Auditor, First Assistant Auditor and the Second Assistant Auditor.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve the order setting the annual salary of the County Auditor to $66,827.04. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve the order setting the annual salary of the First Assistant County Auditor to $47,599.39. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Lane MOVED to approve the order setting the annual salary of the Second Assistant County Auditor to $40,080.00. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

16. Salary Grades.
Comm. Lane MOVED to ***TABLE***. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

17. Sheriff's Office.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve to pay Jailer & Dispatch employees accumulated Comp-Time for the current year on the next pay period. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve the cost of $13,028.00 to be paid upfront to the Watchguard Camera System, subject to the Buy-board procurement. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Sheriff Shipley presented hiring commissioned employees to pay them to go to Police Academy Training after being hired. It would be a six-month training and would cost $2,500.00 per employee. They would be paid a decreased rate of employment. He would like to hire them as Jailers and work them on the weekend for assistance in the Jail. There would have to be a contract to guarantee employment.

Comm. Lane MOVED to adjourn. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

I, Renee Reynolds, County Clerk of Freestone County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above Commissioner Court Minutes are true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

Renee Reynolds, County Clerk