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
Fairfield, Texas 75840
903/389-3335 Phone
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FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Notice of Open Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: April 3, 2024
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. [In accordance with the 30 day notice of meeting] hold public hearing on Freestone County's intent to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC relating to solar energy storage, generation, and transmission equipment.
2. [In accordance with the 30 day notice of meeting] discussion and possible action on approval of Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC.
3. Approve minutes of March 20, 2024 regular meeting and March 25, 2024 special meeting.
4. Budget transfers and amendments.
5. Approve and pay bills.
6. Approve payroll.
7. 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.
8. Burn Ban. NO Action
9. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
10. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
11. Discuss tax sale funds held by the District Clerk. ~~NEXT~~ PUT ON May
12. Credit Application for Rexel – John Gallegos ?
13. Notifications on emergency incidents within the county. - Leonard
14. Discuss reporting process for reimbursement from TDCJ.
15. Solar Eclipse.

FILED FOR RECORD
At 3:00, o'clock P M
MAR 28 2024
REREE REYNOLDS
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By

Comments from Commissioners Court members.
Adjournment.
Posted on bulletin board second floor at the Courthouse and on Freestone County website on March 28, 2024.

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DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 3, 2024
STREET LOCATION: 118 E. COMMERCE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
CITY LOCATION: FAIRFIELD, TEXAS

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

16. Credit/Debit Card or alternatives.

Posted on bulletin board second floor at the Courthouse and on the Freestone County website on March 28, 2024.

FILED FOR RECORD
At 4, o'clock P M
MAR 2 8 2024
RENEE REYNOLDS
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By Alicia Davis

FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

VIDEO OF THIS MEETING MAY BE VIEWED AT:
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 April 3, 2024, 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**	**Absent**
Clyde Ridge	**Commissioner, Precinct 4**	**Present**

1. [In accordance with the 30-day notice of meeting] hold public hearing on Freestone County's intent to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC relating to solar energy storage, generation, and transmission equipment.
Court entered into Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m.
No comment from the public.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:08 a.m.

2. [In accordance with the 30-day notice of meeting] discussion and possible action on approval of Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

3. Approve minutes of March 20, 2024 regular meeting and March 25, 2024 special meeting.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve minutes of March 20, 2024 regular meeting and March 25, 2024 special meeting. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

4. Budget transfers and amendments.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve budget transfers and amendments. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

5. Approve and pay bills.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve and pay bills. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

6. Approve payroll.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve payroll. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

7. 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. Bonner MOVED to accept report from IT. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

8. Burn Ban.

NO ACTION

9. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.

NO ACTION

10. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve Certificate of Training for Andy Bonner completing 4 hours of Educational Training from the VG Young Institute of County Government for County Budgeting; Beth Smith, Misty Lewis, LaTonya Jenkins and Kelly Rangel for completing 2023-2024 DIR-Certified Cybersecurity Awareness Training. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Discuss tax sale funds held by the District Clerk.

NO ACTION

12. Credit Application for Rexel – John Gallegos.

NO ACTION

13. Notifications on emergency incidents within the county. - Leonard

Emergency management was not notified of the school Bus incident. State Representative called Leonard Smith concerning such incident and he directed him to someone that knew more about the situation. The Dispatch Board will address such issue at the next monthly meeting.

14. Discuss reporting process for reimbursement from TDCJ.

We received a list of inmate transports. TDCJ was contacted and they said that they had never received anything since she started in that position in 2019. The Sheriff states that he follows practice of the past two sheriff's that were in Office and that we probably have never been reimbursed. The Auditor forwarded the information from TDCJ in June, 2022 to the Sheriff's Office of the procedures to collect on inmate transfers for reimbursement. Judge Grant suggested to the Sheriff to get with TDCJ to find out what proper paperwork that needs to be sent in to receive reimbursement.

15. Solar Eclipse.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve all County Offices to be closed on April 8, 2024. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

16. Credit/Debit Card or Alternatives.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve a County Debit Card for emergency or necessity purchases only. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to adjourn. Comm. Ridge 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