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
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FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Notice of Special Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: November 6, 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. Public Hearing on the Commissioners Court's proposed action to elect to participate in tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and to adopt new Tax Abatement Guidelines.
2. Action on Resolution to Participate in Tax Abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.
3. Action on adopting order approving and adopting new Tax Abatement Guidelines.
4. Public hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 7.
5. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 7.
6. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Greenalia Solar Power Ratcliff, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.
7. Public hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 8
8. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 8.
9. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Palmera Solar Development, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.
10. Approve minutes of October 21, 2024 special meeting.
11. Budget transfers and amendments.
12. Approve and pay bills.
13. Approve payroll.
14. 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.
15. Burn Ban.
16. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
17. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
18. The DA's Office Windstream Non dedicated Circuit.
19. Net Data/I3 Vertical Data Conversion.

20. Internet Security.
21. Discussion for ARPA funds.
22. Accept donation from Corsicana Apartment Association for Senior Services in the amount of $100.00
23. Consider Extension of Oversize-Overweight Bond #42978870 for FCR 536 and FCR 540.
24. Approve Southern Daks II, Lots 9-11, Block 6 Replat Lot 9 R, Block 6.
25. Approve Stoecker Subdivision Plat.
26. Approve the Teague Library Contract.

Comments from Commissioners Court members.
Adjournment.
Posted on bulletin board second floor at the Courthouse and on Freestone County website on October 31, 2024.

FILED FOR RECORD
At 4:45 ,o'clock P M

OCT 31 2024

RENEE GREGORY
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By Jacey Jones

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 November 6, 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**	**Present**
Clyde Ridge	**Commissioner, Precinct 4**	**Present**

1. Public Hearing on the Commissioners Court's proposed action to elect to participate in tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and to adopt new Tax Abatement Guidelines.
Court entered into a Public Hearing at 9:12 a.m.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:13 a.m.
No comments from the public.

2. Action on Resolution to Participate in Tax Abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.
Comm. Lane MOVED to accept eligibility to participate in Tax Abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

3. Action on adopting order approving and adopting new Tax Abatement Guidelines.
Comm. Ridge MOVED to adopt the Freestone County Tax Abatement Guidelines. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

4. Public Hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 7.

Court entered into a Public Hearing at 9:16 a.m.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:19 a.m.
No comments from the public.

5. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 7.

Comm. Lane MOVED to create and designate Reinvestment Zone No. 7.
Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

6. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Greenalia Solar Power Ratcliff, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.

Comm. McSwane MOVED approve proposed Tax Abatement Agreement.
Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

7. Public Hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 8.

Court entered into a Public Hearing at 9:24 a.m.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:28 a.m.
No comments from the public.

8. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 8.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to create and designate Reinvestment Zone No. 8. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

9. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Palmera Solar Development, LLC and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.

Comm. Lane MOVED approve proposed Tax Abatement Agreement. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

10. Approve minutes of October 21, 2024 special meeting.

Comm. Lane MOVED to approve minutes of October 21, 2024 special meeting. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Budget transfers and amendments.

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

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

12. Approve and pay bills.

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

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

13. Approve payroll.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve payroll. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

14. 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 reports for the month of October from the Tax Office and JP #3. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

15. Burn Ban.
Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve removing burn ban. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

16. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
NO ACTION
See ***RECESS UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.*** at the end of this document.

17. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
NO ACTION

18. The DA's Office Windstream Non dedicated Circuit.
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve The DA's Office Windstream Non dedicated Circuit. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

19. Net Data I3 Vertical Data Conversion.
NO ACTION
See ***RECESS UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.*** at the end of this document.

20. Internet Security.
Comm. Lane MOVED to ***TABLE*** Internet Security. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

21. Discussion for ARPA funds.
NO ACTION

22. Accept donation from Corsicana Apartment Association for Senior Services in the amount of $100.00.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to accept donation from Corsicana Apartment Association for Senior Services in the amount of $100.00. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

23. Consider Extension of Oversize-Overweight Bond #42978870 for FCR 536 and FCR 540.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve extension of Oversize-Overweight Bond #42978870 for FCR 536 and FCR 540. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

24. Approve Southern Oaks II, Lots 9-11, Block 6 Replat Lot 9 R, Block 6.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve Southern Oaks II, Lots 9-11, Block 6 Replat Lot 9 R, Block 6. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

25. Approve Stoecker Subdivision Plat.

Comm. Lane MOVED to ***TABLE*** the approval of Stoecker Subdivision Plat. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

26. Approve the Teague Library Contract.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve the Teague Library Contract. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to recess until tomorrow, November 7, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

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

Comm. Lane MOVED to adopt the new Road Use Agreement. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

19. Net Data I3 Vertical Data Conversion.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve to pay Net Data I3 Vertical $30,000.00 for the Data Conversion. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to adjourn. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

I, Renee Gregory, 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 Gregory, County Clerk