

REGULAR SESSION  
May 23,2023

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday May 23 ,2023 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom, 162 West 1st street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, with the following members present:

Danny Martin, County Judge  
Tommy Park, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Mike Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Neal Smith Commissioner Pct. 3  
Steven Truss, Commissioner, Pct. 4

1. Judge Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 8:30 AM, May 19,2023. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included, County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, County Attorney Colton Hay, JP Pct 4 Richard Steptoe, District Clerk Jillian Steptoe, Sheriff Woody Wallace, County Tax Assessor Nancy Shanafelt, Trinity County Treasurer Orrin Hargrave, Constable Cole, Constable Adamick, and County Clerk Shasta Bergman, Judge Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Lonnie Valance led the group in an opening prayer and Judge Martin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Public Forum Susanne Waller addressed the court with concerns regarding overgrown abandoned cemeteries, Kelsey Scott addressed the court regarding concerns with Groveton EMS behavior and treatment of patients.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2023, Regular Session was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin to send a 30-day notice letter to cancel the EMS contract with Groveton EMS due to Breach of Contract by Groveton EMS and Expired License. In favor: Commissioner Park, Commissioner Loftin and Commissioner Smith; Opposed: Commissioner Truss. Majority rules. Motion carried.
6. Hear Presentation from City Ambulance Service.
7. Approval of Setting a Public Hearing for June 13, 2023 to Extend Texas Transportation Code Laws to all Roads included in the Trinity Cove Subdivision was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

8. Approval of Personnel Action Forms as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
9. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for April 2023.
10. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for April 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
11. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for April 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
12. Approval of budget amendments as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
13. Approval of Refinancing R&B Pct 1 2020 CAT Wheel Loader with First National Bank Leasing and Authorize County Auditor to Arrange Financing was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
14. Approval of Declared Surplus/Salvaged Items was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
15. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Trinity County and Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) to Provide the Genasys Mass Notification System to Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
16. Approval accepting the bid made by Danny Tullos of \$150 per Grow Light (3) was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
17. Receive Monthly Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office.
18. Approval of the Reports for the Month of April 2023 of the Justices of the Peace, County Extension Agent, Constables, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Community Center, Maintenance, and 9-1-1 Addressing was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
19. Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071: The Court will enter a Closed Meeting for Consultation with Attorney. County of Trinity v. Purdue Pharma, Inc., et al., MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, in the 152d District Court of Harris County, Texas.

20. Approval of Authorizing the County Judge to Execute the Settlement Participation and Release Forms regarding Settlement Offers in the Matter of Texas Opioid Multi-District Litigation for the County in the matter of County of Trinity v. Purdue Pharma, L.P. et al. was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

21. With no further business to come before the Commissioner's Court, court adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

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Danny Martin, County Judge

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk