

REGULAR SESSION  
July 25,2023

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday July 25 ,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 2:30 PM, July 20,2023. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included, County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, County Attorney Colton Hay, County Tax Assessor Nancy Shanafelt, Trinity County Treasurer Orrin Hargrave and County Clerk Shasta Bergman, Judge Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Commissioner Loftin 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. David Robinson with Groveton EMS addressed the court regarding Groveton EMS services.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2023, Regular Session was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Independent Auditor's Financial Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2022 - Eric Carver, Axley & Rode was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
6. Approval of Personnel Action Forms as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
7. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for June 2023.
8. Approval of Addition to the Trinity County Employee Handbook Section 1C-5 on Prohibiting Social Media Application Tik Tok and any Owned by ByteDance Limited on County Devices per Senate Bill 1893. was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Allocation of the Secure Rural Schools Grant Funds from the Forestry Service was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

10. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for June 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
11. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for June 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
12. Receive County Auditor's Third Quarter Report as of June 30, 2023.
13. Approval of Budget Amendments, as presented, was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
14. Discuss and Act on DRG Architects Invoice and Necessary Budget Amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin to table this item until more information can be received. Motion carried.
15. Approval of Contract with IT Enabled for Discretionary IT Support Service Through Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Contract CPO-5019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
16. Receive Monthly Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office.
17. Approval of the Reports for the Month of June 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.
18. Conduct a Hearing to Add a New County Road, said Road Would Branch Off of Josserand Road at on or about 30.97232, -95.09207 and Extend an Estimated Total of 639 Feet to on or about 30.9723, 95.09411 and End. Said Road Would Extend Through Property Owned by Crown Pine Timber 1 LP and End at a Tract of Land Owned by Kerry Minter (Property ID 13357). Open @ 9:35 AM Closed @ 9:40 AM
19. Approval of Adding a New County Road, said Road Would Branch Off of Josserand Road at on or about 30.97232, -95.09207 and Extend an Estimated Total of 639 Feet to on or about 30.9723, 95.09411 and End. Said Road Would Extend Through Property Owned by Crown Pine Timber 1 LP and End at a Tract of Land Owned by Kerry Minter (Property ID 13357). was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

20. Approval of Alliance Mobile Health, option 2, Ambulance Service for Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.

21. Approval of Allocation of Funds from Texas Comptroller Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties in Accordance with Local Government Code Section 381.004 was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

22. Discuss Drought Conditions in Trinity County.

23. Approval of Finding that Circumstances Present in Unincorporated Areas of the County Create a Public Safety Hazard that Would Be Exacerbated by Outdoor Burning was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

24. Approval of Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

25. Budget Workshop and Preparation for FY 2024.

26. A Closed Session will be Held Pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.071.

27. Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071: County of Trinity v. Purdue Pharma, Inc., et al., MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, in the 152d District Court of Harris County, Texas.

28. The Court will Reconvene in Open Session.

29. Approval authorizing the County Judge to execute the Settlement participation and release forms regarding settlement offers from Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart 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.

30. 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