

REGULAR SESSION
September 26,2023

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday September 26 ,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 2:35 P.M. September 21,2023. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included, County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, County Attorney Colton Hay, District Clerk Jill Steptoe, Sheriff Woody Wallace, Constable Adamick, JP4 Richard Steptoe and County Clerk Shasta Bergman, Judge Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Gary Brown 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.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Session was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Contract Between Trinity County Election Administrator and Westwood Shores to Oversee Westwood Shores Bond Election was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
6. Discuss and Act on Official Bonds.
7. Approval of Personnel Action Forms was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
8. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for August 2023
9. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for August 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
10. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for August 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

11. Approval of Budget Amendments was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
12. Approval of Declared Surplus/Salvage Items was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
13. Receive as Information District Court Order Setting Salary for Trinity County Auditor and Assistant Auditors for Fiscal Year 2024.
14. Receive as Information District Court Order for Reappointment of Bonnie Kennedy as Auditor of Trinity County.
15. Approval of Renewal of OAG 2024 SAVNS/VINE Service Grant was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
16. Receive Monthly Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office.
17. Approval of Trinity County Sheriff's Office Accepting \$1,000 Anonymous Donation for Equipment was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
18. Approval of the Reports for the Month of August 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 Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
19. Approval of floor and structure repairs to the Rock Building was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
20. Approval of Order Setting Salaries, Expenses, and Allowances of Elected Officials for FY 2024 Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 152.013 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
21. Conduct a Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Open @ 10:00 AM Closed @ 10:02 AM No one present for the public hearing.
22. Approval of Adopting the Trinity County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
23. Conduct a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024. Open @ 10:03 AM Closed @ 10:05 AM No one present for public hearing.

24. Approval of Adopting Tax Rate for the 2023 Tax Year to Fund the 2024 Fiscal Year was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

25. Approval of Increase of Property Tax Revenue by 9.6% in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

26. With no further business to come before the Commissioner’s Court, the court adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

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Attest: _____
Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk