



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that on Monday the 19th day of July, 2021 at 11:00a.m a special meeting of the Commissioners Court was called to order in the Commissioners Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas. The following members were present:

Terry Johnson, County Judge; - **absent**
Scott Ramsey, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
Robin Donnelly, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;
Luis D. Sanchez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
Randy Prude, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4- **Acting Judge.**

Recorded by Alison Haley, County Clerk

Commissioner Prude as acting Judge stated that each Commissioner will explain what is happening in their precincts in respect to the emergency water situation. They will then go into Executive session in reference to item 5. Then they will address each item on the agenda. Commissioner Sanchez explained the struggles for the residents in Precinct 3. They have pumped out all the water and he would say that there are about 50-60 families affected. The water is stagnant and causing health issues. Commissioner Ramsey explained the situation in Precinct 1. Commissioner Sanchez mentioned that Emergency Management has a list of folks affected by this. Russell Malm, County Attorney mentioned that because of the Declaration of Disaster they can discuss using county funds to help with the solutions.

Called Item 5

11:08am go into Executive Session
11:50am back into Regular Session

1. Discuss and take action on criteria for pumping out septic tanks.

Commissioner Sanchez discussed a list of suggested criteria that would need to be met before anyone could apply for financial assistance from the County for pumping out their septic tank. Commissioner Ramsey stated that this could be a slippery slope. Where does it start and where does it end? Commissioner Sanchez agreed and suggested that it be on a first come first serve basis. Commissioner Donnelly stated that we have to know how much money we are talking about. Commissioner Ramsey asked how much it would be per septic system. Justin Bunch, Emergency Management joined the conversation. There is money in the Emergency Supply fund. There could be a budget amendment per Russell Malm, County Attorney. The concern about spending county funds on public property. County Attorney stated that there is a public health concern due to the standing water and you are not just helping that person you are helping the Community at large.

Motion that we take action on emergency pumping of septic tanks under this criteria. It must be under an emergency declaration that has been declared by this Court; the area must be within the current floodway; the area must be under standing water for over 72 hours; the area must be where the water is no longer flowing freely and has been dammed up for at least 72 hours; Emergency Management must make the final decision according to their investigation.

Motion by: Sanchez
For: Ramsey,
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Ramsey
Against:

Exhibit: 4-8
Abstaining:

Motion to approve the criteria for pumping out septic tanks, which I just read. *(It must be under an emergency declaration that has been declared by this Court; the area must be within the current floodway; the area must be under standing water for over 72 hours; the area must be where the water is no longer flowing freely and has been dammed up for at least 72 hours; Emergency Management must make the final decision according to their investigation).*

Motion by: Sanchez
For: Ramsey,
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Donnelly
Against:

Exhibit: 4-8
Abstaining:

2. Discuss and take action on emergency pumping of septic tanks.

Motion to authorize the emergency pumping of septic tanks pursuant to the previously approved criteria.

Motion by: Sanchez
For: Ramsey,
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Ramsey
Against:

Exhibit: 9
Abstaining:

3. Discuss and take action on use of county credit card for Road and Bridge.

Presented by Kristy Engeldahl, purchasing Agent. Road and Bridge needed to get waders for them to walk in the stagnant water.

Motion that we allow Road and Bridge to use the County credit card to purchase waders.

Motion by: Sanchez
For: Ramsey,
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Donnelly
Against:

Exhibit:
Abstaining:

4. Discuss and take action contracting with appraiser to appraise value of real estate.

Tabled by Commissioner Sanchez.

Exhibit 10-11

5. Conduct Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

No action

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Ramsey
For: Ramsey,
Donnelly, Sanchez, Prude

Second by: Sanchez
Against:

Exhibit:
Abstaining:

Adjourn at 12:13p.m.

A Meeting of the Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 9:00a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom.

I, Alison Haley, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the special Commissioners Court meeting on July 19, 2021.





Alison Haley, County Clerk