REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 12th day of August, A.D., 2019, the Commissioners Court of Lamb County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Lamb County Courthouse at Littlefield, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

JAMES M. DeLOACH, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING, AND CORY DeBERRY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1, KENT LEWIS, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2, DANNY SHORT, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3, LEE LOGAN, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4, AND TONYA RITCHIE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED, TO WIT:

ORDER NO. 1:

Judge James M. DeLoach called the meeting to order.

ORDER NO. 2:

Consent agenda items;

- (a) Consider and take appropriate action on minutes from previous meeting(s); Special Meeting, July 29, 2019 and Special Meeting, August 5, 2019
- (b) Consider and take appropriate action on budget and salary amendments and/or line item transfers: None
- (c) Consider and take appropriate action on bills presented by the County Auditor; Gina Jones
- (d) Consider and take appropriate action on Grant accounts payable; none
- (e) Consider and take appropriate action on payroll; Jerry Yarbrough
- (f) Consider and take appropriate action on departmental reports; packet

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny Short and seconded by Commissioner Lee Logan to approve the consent agenda items. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.3:

Consider and take appropriate action on the Proposed Tax Rate for 2019;

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny Short and seconded by Commissioner Cory DeBerry to approve action on the Proposed Tax Rate for 2019 which is currently set at .7943 percent. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.4:

Consider and take appropriate action to Schedule and announce Public Hearing to adopt budget;

Per Gina Jones, Lamb County Auditor the Scheduled Public Hearing to adopt budget will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 10:15 am.

ORDER NO.5:

Consider and take appropriate action on Elected Officials Salary;

Motion was made by Commissioner Kent Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Lee Logan to approve a 5% raise for three Elected Officials Salaries. The vote being called for with 2 votes opposing and 3 votes in favor, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.6:

Consider and take appropriate action on BIS Digital Technical Support Agreement Renewal;

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee Logan and seconded by Commissioner Danny Short to approve action on BIS Digital Technical Support Agreement Renewal, with Judge Felix Klein's signature. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.7:

The Commissioners Court of Lamb County, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing on August 12th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of providing public information and to receive public comment on the creation of a Reinvestment Zone, to be known as Lamb County Reinvestment Zone No.4-Cage Ranch, as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code for purpose of tax abatement to provide economic development within Lamb County.

10:00 a.m. Judge DeLoach Opened the Public Hearing. Bob Bass, Attorney from Austin, Texas and Wes Jackson, Representative from Cage Ranch Solar, LLC, both spoke regarding the Reinvestment Zone, to be known as Lamb County Reinvestment Zone No. 4-Cage Ranch. 10:30 a.m. Judge DeLoach Closed the Public Hearing.

ORDER NO.8:

The Commissioners Court will consider and take possible action on the application for tax abatement as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as file by Cage Ranch Solar, LLD, described in a public notice published in a newspaper of general circulation within Lamb County not less than seven days before the date of the Public Hearing, in the Reinvestment Zone(s) described in said notice for each project and as described in separate notice provided to affected taxing entities within Lamb County;

Motion was made by Commissioner Kent Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Lee Logan to approve action on Order Determining That Lamb County be Eligible to Participate in Tax Abatement and Creating Lamb County Reinvestment Zone No.4-Cage Ranch. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.9:

Consider and take appropriate action on Department of Motor Vehicle Optional Fee update;

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee Logan and seconded by Commissioner Cory DeBerry to approve action on Department of Motor Vehicle Optional Fee update. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.10:

Consider and take appropriate action on Managed Serviced Agreement with Warren Computers;

Motion was made by Commissioner Kent Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Danny Short to approve action on Managed Serviced Agreement with Warren Computers. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.11:

Discuss Adult Probation Budget;

Ben Diaz, Lamb County Adult Probation Officer gave presentation of Adult Probation's Budget.

ORDER NO.12:

Consider and take appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for 911 Services and Equipment;

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee Logan and seconded by Commissioner Cory DeBerry to approve action on Interlocal Agreement with South Plains Association of Governments for 911 Services and Equipment. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.13:

Consider and take appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases;

Motion was made by Commissioner Kent Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Danny Short to approve action on Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

ORDER NO.14:

Budget Work Session;

Ambulance services and pay raises were discussed until 11:58a.m.. at which time Judge DeLoach recessed Commissioners Court until 1:30 p.m.

ORDER NO.15:

Future agenda items;

Future agenda items were discussed.

ORDER NO.16:

Adjournment;

There being no further business to come before this Commissioners Court, motion was made by Commissioner Danny Short and seconded by Commissioner Lee Logan to adjourn. The vote being called for and all voting Aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved in open Court, the _______ day of ______, A.D., 2019.

James M. DeLoach
Lamb County Judge

Tonya Ritchie
Lamb County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court Lamb County, Texas