## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ANGELINA

Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Angelina County Courthouse Annex, Commissioners Courtroom, 606 East Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, Texas with the following members present:

Keith Wright County Judge
Kent Walker Commissioner Precinct #1
Kermit Kennedy Commissioner Precinct #2
Terry Pitts Commissioner Precinct #3
Kenneth Jeffrey Commissioner Precinct #4

- 1. Judge Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.
- 2. Opening prayer by Judge Wright.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Flag of the State of Texas.
- 4. Public Forum: None

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. Consider approval of the minutes of June 25, 2024, Regular Session of Commissioners court Meeting.
- 6. Consider approval of any departmental reports and routine items.
- 7. Discussion/action on approval and authorization for payment of the bills as submitted by the County Auditor.

Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

 Kent Walker made a motion to approve the bid from Horton Excavation, LLC, for \$406,345.00 to be paid from ARPA Funds for Airport Fire Protection Distribution System. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None) Motion carried.

9. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the final plat of Herman Barnes Road-SH 63 Subdivision in Precinct #4. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

10. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve accepting a donation of \$2,370.00 from Crime Stoppers for the Sheriff's Department to purchase Spike Strips for Patrol Units. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

11. Kent Walker made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Flock Safety, subject to approval of next year's budget. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

12. Kent Walker made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise for a 5-year payment plan. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

13. Kent Walker made a motion to table this item until a future date when the Road Administrator is present (Discussion/action on the policy for the Road & Bridge Department concerning the answering of all calls during business hours, forwarding all road repair request, whether call in or online submission, to the Commissioner of that precinct). Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

14. Kenneth Jeffrey made a motion to approve the purchase of furniture, for the new Courthouse Annex, from the ARPA funds. Terry Pitts seconded the motion. Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

15. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve an Order confirming the Court's adoption and imposition of a hotel occupancy tax rate of 7% of the price paid for a room in a hotel. Kent Walker seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey

Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

16. Terry Pitts made a motion to approve the Gene Therapy Agreement between Stealth Partner Group and Angelina County as part of the Stop Loss Plan for the Employee Benefit Fund. Kenneth Jeffrey seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey Voted Against: (None)

Motion carried.

17. Judge Wright made a motion to approve the contract between Angelina County Expo Center and Region V High School Rodeo for August 24-25, 2024, February 15-16, 2025, March 15-16, 2025 and April 5-6, 2025. Terry Pitts seconded the motion. Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey Voted Against: (None) Motion carried.

- 18. Approved with Item #17
- 19. Approved with Item #17
- 20. Approved with Item #17
- 21. The Court entered into Executive Session at 10:34 A.M. and returned to Open Session at 11:09 A.M.
- 22. Kent Walker made a motion to hire Anita Scott as the Angelina County Expo Center Manager, beginning January 2, 2025, at the salary of \$75,000.00. Kermit Kennedy seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.

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23. Judge Wright made a motion to adjourn at 11:11 A.M. Terry Pitts seconded the motion.

Voted For: Kent Walker, Kermit Kennedy, Terry Pitts and Kenneth Jeffrey Voted Against: (None)
Motion carried.

I, Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk, do hereby attest to the accuracy of the Commissioners Court Minutes for July 9, 2024 on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

Amy Fincher, Angelina County Clerk