

Agenda
Medina County Commissioners Court
1100 16th Street, Room 102
Hondo, Texas 78861
March 26, 2007
9:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order
2. Discuss and consider approval of March 12, 2007 minutes
3. Discuss and consider approval of certain budget amendments
4. Discuss and consider approval of certain line item transfers
5. Discuss and consider approval of certain bills for payment
6. Discuss and consider approval of certain personnel changes
7. Public Comment

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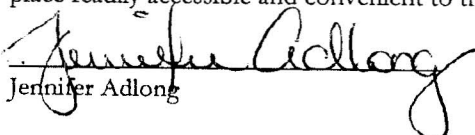
COUNTY CLERK, MEDINA CO.

10:00AM

8. Discuss and consider preliminary & final approval to Woodruff Subdivision; Located in Precinct 2 off State Hwy 471 & PR 5764 (Paul Carey, Surveyor)
9. Discuss and consider preliminary approval to Mountain Creek Crossing Subdivision; Located in Precinct 1 off of Park Road 37 (Victor Gonzales, Manager Greater Texas Development)
10. Discuss and consider adoption of property tax exemption for organizations engaged primarily in charitable activities
11. Discuss and consider adoption of vision care program for county employees
12. Discuss and consider selection of new directors for Medina County Industrial Development Board
13. Discuss and consider consolidating voting precincts for the May 12, 2007 election (Lisa Wernette, County Clerk)
14. Discuss and consider appointment to Emergency Services Districts:
 - A. ESD No. 2 – Devine VFD
 - B. ESD No. 5 – Natalia VFD
15. Discuss and consider authorization to advertise public hearing for lowering speed limit on CR 672 W (Precinct 3)
16. Discuss and consider authorization to advertise public hearing for stop signs and yield signs in Northridge Subdivision (Precinct 1)
17. Discuss and consider acceptance and award of bids for:
 - A. Patching material
 - B. Paving Rock
18. Discuss and consider newly assigned private roads:
 - A. Precinct 1 – PR 4222, PR 4561, PR 3725
 - B. Precinct 3 – PR 5670, PR 5250, PR 677
19. Commissioners Court / Court Members Announcements
20. Adjourn

NOTE: *Items will not necessarily be dealt with in the order that they are listed*

On this 22nd day of March 2007, not later than 9:00a.m., this notice was posted on a bulletin board located at the place readily accessible and convenient to the public at the Medina County Courthouse, Hondo, Texas.


Jennifer Adlong

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Ronald J. Ulbrich
Commissioner Precinct No. 1

James E. Barden
County Judge

Arturo Barrientes
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Beverly Keller
Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Kelly Carroll
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MARCH 26, 2007
9:00 A.M.

ITEM #1
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

County Judge James Barden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and noted that all members were present.

Other officials/department heads in attendance for all or part of the meeting were County Treasurer Cynthia Ivy; County Auditor Teresa Martinez, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Adlong and Benefits Specialist, Stacy Cameron

ITEM #2
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2007 MINUTES

After review of the minutes, a motion was made by Commissioner Keller and second by Commissioner Carroll to approve the minutes from January 8, 2007 with corrections to Item #5, add "Commissioner Ulbrich Abstained on payment of True Value invoices" at the end of first paragraph; Item #10 change "than" to "from" in the second sentence; Item #12 add "State" and change "in within" to "is at the end of" in the first sentence and add "Judge Barden abstained from voting"; Item #17 delete third sentence in first paragraph; Item #19 add correct price instead of \$179,119 in last sentence of first paragraph; Item #24 change "on" to "regarding" and delete "will expire in June" and replace with "issues". Motion carried.

ITEM #3
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No budget amendments were presented at today's meeting.

ITEM #4
LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

No line-item transfers were presented at today's meeting.

ITEM #5
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTAIN WEEKLY BILLS

Court members reviewed the weekly bills and one add on for Community National Bank as presented.

After review, a motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to approve the payment of the weekly bills and the-add on invoice for Community National Bank. The motion carried.

Mention was made that the court recognizes receipt and payment of bills from the District Attorney Forfeiture Fund on Supplemental page 1, but does not exercise approval authority.

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ITEM #6
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GRANTING APPROVAL OF CERTAIN
PERSONNEL CHANGES

Court members reviewed proposed personnel action forms as submitted by County Treasurer/Personnel Director Cindy Ivy. (See attachment) After discussion Court Members agreed to hold the personnel action for Malcolm Watson, Courthouse Bailiff until Judge Barden has a chance to talk to the Sheriff.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Barrientes to grant approval to the regular personnel action forms as submitted but hold personnel changes for Malcolm Watson. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #7
PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Love – Mico
John Koual – Moose Lodge
Charles Kast – Moose Lodge

Paul Carey – Woodruff Subdivision
Phillip Schaeffer – Moose Lodge

ITEM #8
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL TO WOODRUFF;
LOCATED IN PRECINCT 2 OFF OF STATE HWY 471 & PR 5764 (PAUL CAREY, SURVEYOR)

Mr. Carey presented Court Members with a preliminary and final plat for Woodruff Subdivision. Woodruff consists of 1 lot that is 4.23 acres severed from a larger property. Water will be provided by East Medina WSC. Court Members had some concerns with the subdivision being located on a private road and at some point the owners will not be able to access the lot. The owners have assured that it will be specific in the deed that part of the private road will belong to the lot owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller and second by Commissioner Barrientes to grant preliminary and final approval to Woodruff Subdivision. Motion carried.

ITEM #9
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO MOUNTAIN CREEK CROSSING
SUBDIVISION; LOCATED IN PRECINCT 1 OFF OF PARK ROAD 37 (VICTOR GONZALES,
MANAGER)

This item has been deleted from today's agenda without objection.

ITEM #10
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR
ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Mr. Charles Kast with the Castroville Moose Lodge asked Commissioners Court to adopt property tax exemptions for organizations the support charitable activities. He represents the Castroville Moose Lodge that supports scholarship funds, food pantry, women's shelter and many other charitable organizations.

Mr. Kast informed the Court that legislation passed a law allowing Commissioners Court to approve tax exemptions for these organizations. The Texas Comptrollers Office has informed the Moose Lodge that they are eligible for the tax exemption.

The tax exemption is only for the property that the building sits on, not all the property around the building.

Court Members would like to receive more information on this from the appraisal office and see how many other organizations would possibly asking for the tax exemption.

ITEM #10 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS – CONTINUED

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller and second by Commissioner Carroll to table this item until April 23, 2007 Meeting. The motion carried.

ITEM #11
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF VISION CARE PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Ms. Stacy Cameron, Benefits Specialist presented Court Members with the different types of plans that County Employees can sign up for with VSP. (See attachment) The vision plan is a voluntary coverage other than the United Healthcare coverage at the employee's expense. The VSP Signature Plan would cover eye exams and eyewear, and will become effective only if a minimum of 50 employees enroll.

Motion was made by Commissioner Keller and Commissioner Ulbrich to adopt the voluntary vision care program for county employees. The motion carried.

ITEM #12
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS FOR MEDINA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Judge Barden received a letter from the Secretary of States Office that a periodic report has not been filed for the Industrial Development Board. Along with the report a \$5.00 filing fee will be due. (See attachment). The Medina County Industrial Development Board was formed in 1999 but has not been active. There was some discussion about dissolving the Board but it was determined to keep it active. At some time in the future there may be some use for the board and it will be difficult to create again.

A motion was made by Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to designate the current court members as the board members of the Industrial Development Board. Motion carried.

ITEM #13
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONSOLIDATING VOTING PRECINCTS FOR THE MAY 12, 2007 ELECTION (LISA WERNETTE, COUNTY CLERK)

Ms. Wernette, County Clerk submitted a letter to Commissioners Court about consolidating voting precincts for May 12, 2007. This election is a Constitutional Amendment Election and there will not be many items on the ballot. On this same Election Day, Schools and Cities are having their elections and are leasing some of the County's voting equipment.

She is recommending consolidating to five polling locations. These locations will be in Castroville, Hondo, Mico, Devine and Natalia. (See attachment)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to consolidate the voting precincts for the May 12, 2007 election. Motion carried.

ITEM #14
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICTS:

- A. ESD NO. 2 – DEVINE VFD
- B. ESD NO. 5 – NATALIA VFD

A member from each of these boards has resigned. Ms. Debra Darnell, ESD No. 2 resigned and Ms. Kimberly Caddell, ESD No. 5 will no longer be able to serve as a board member.

Mr. Bill Herring from Devine had been recommend to replace Ms. Darnell on ESD No. 2 Board and Ms. Sharon Schreck from Natalia has been recommended to replace Ms. Caddell on ESD No. 5 Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to appoint Bill Herring to ESD No. 2 and Sharon Schreck to ESD No. 5. Motion carried.

ITEM #15

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR
LOWERING SPEED LIMIT ON CR 672 W (PRECINCT 3)

County Road 672 W has become a populated neighborhood and the road is gravel. During the last Commissioners Court Meeting a resident of CR 672 asked the Court to lower the speed limit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrientes and second by Commissioner Carroll to authorize advertisement of public hearing to lower speed limit on CR 672. Motion carried.

ITEM #16

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR STOP
SIGNS AND YIELD SIGNS IN NORTHRIDGE SUBDIVISION (PRECINCT 1)

Commissioner Ulbrich presented a map of Northridge Subdivision that has not had any stop signs or yield signs in place. Since the Subdivision is increasing in the number of residents certain signs are needed in the subdivision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ulbrich and second by Commissioner Keller to authorize advertisement of public hearing for stop and yield signs in Northridge Subdivision. Motion carried.

ITEM# 17

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE AND BID AWARD:

- A. PATCHING MATERIAL
- B. PAVING ROCK

Four bids were received for patching material and two bids received for paving rock. (See attached)
Patching Material: - Vulcan Construction; Martin Marietta; Medina Rock Haulers; Custom Crushed Stone
Paving Rock: J.A. Mumme Sand & Gravel; Medina Crushed Stone

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to accept all bids and award to Vulcan Materials and Medina Rock Haulers for the purchase of patching material. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to accept all bids and award to J.A. Mumme Sand & Gravel and Medina Crushed Stone for the purchase of paving rock. Motion carried.

ITEM #18

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NEWLY ASSIGNED PRIVATE ROADS:

- A. Precinct 1 – PR 4222, PR 4561, PR 3725
- B. Precinct 3 – PR 5670, PR 5250, PR 677

After review of the worksheet from Medina County 911 Emergency Communications District to assign new private roads to precinct 1 and precinct 3 (See attachment), a motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and second by Commissioner Keller to assign the newly numbered private roads. Motion carried.

ITEM #19

COMMISSIONERS COURT / COURT MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Barden will be out this week for a Judicial Conference in Lubbock.

ITEM #19 ANNOUNCEMENTS - CONTINUED

Judge Barden read a letter from Linda Fillinger thanking the Treasurer and Auditor office on their help with her state audit.

Cynthia Ivy informed the court that 80% of the employees who responded would like to participate in direct deposit of payroll checks.

ITEM #20
ADJOURN

There being no further business to address, the honorable James E. Barden, County Judge, declared the meeting adjourned.