

Be it remembered, that on the 22nd of February, 2021, A.D., at 6:00 p.m. the Commissioners' Court of Goliad County, Texas met in regular session with the following present:

Judge, Mike Bennett

Commissioner Pct. #1, Kenneth Edwards

Commissioner Pct. #3, Kirby Brumby

County Attorney, Rob Baiamonte

County Auditor, Rusty Friedrichs

County Sheriff, Roy Boyd

County Constable, Pct. #2, Virginia Post

County EMC, Jimmy Schulze

Julia Post

Mary Jane Martin

Christine O'Neal

Whitney Smith

Commissioner Pct. #2, Alonzo Morales

Commissioner Pct. #4, David Bruns

County/District Clerk, Mary Ellen Flores

County Treasurer, Bryan Howard

County IT, Andy Janca

County Transit, Mary Wade

John Creech

D. Brumby

Betty Kallus

Todd Sneed

Patricia Morales

When the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

1. Judge Bennett called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation by Judge Bennett
3. Judge Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flag.

Deliberation and action on the following items:

1. No Public Comment Received:
2. Consent Agenda:
 - No Pullouts
 - a. Approval of accounts payable for Goliad County
 - b. Approval of payroll for Goliad County
 - c. Approval of budget transfers
 - d. Approval of January Minutes
 - d. Receive reports from the following county officials and departments; take appropriate action:
 - (1) County Extension Office

Motion by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda.

Four Commissioners voted "Aye".

Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Morales to approve the Goliad County Rural Transit Subcontractor with GCRPC, FY 2021 FTA & TxDOT Certifications and Assurances.
Four Commissioners voted "Aye".
Motion Carried.
4. Motion by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Bruns to approve the request by Goliad County Extension Office for use of Pct. 1 water truck and backhoe to be used at the Goliad County Fairgrounds during the County Fair and Rodeo, March 17th thru Mar. 22.
Four Commissioners voted "Aye".
Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the award of the administration services contract for the preparation of the county's 2021 - 2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent administration contract, if funded – Langford Community Management Services.

Four Commissioners voted "Aye".

Motion Carried.

6. Discussion of county response to winter storm disaster.
Commissioner Edwards stated; I just wanted Goliad folks "to know we weren't sitting on our hands". We did not know we were going to be out of power for five days. As far as I knew, it was going to be a rolling blackout. In my lifetime I have never seen this. Once we found out we would not be getting power, the Judge got us a generator to set up as a warming center at the Wimberly Building.

Judge Bennet stated we received an email from ERCOT the Friday before the storm that there would be rolling blackouts. There were 77 Counties in Texas that received Federal Disaster Status; Goliad County was not one of those counties. We filed a Declaration of Disaster on Wednesday, but apparently the Federal Government can arbitrarily decide who they accept. I called our representative with TDEM, Representative Vela and Senator Kolkhorst. No one knows the answer; apparently ERCOT is in the business of picking winners and losers. I would like to give kudos to Earl Henning, Director with the City of Goliad Water Department for working 24 hours to keep the water going and being one of the few cities in the state that didn't have a water boil.

Commissioner Bruns would like to make the fire stations or yards as warming stations with plug-in for generators. I have a water well and showers at my precinct. I would like to get a couple of generators on wheels.

Motion by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Declaration of Disaster filed.

Four Commissioners voted "Aye".

Motion Carried.

7. Recess open session.
8. Reconvene in executive session: Government Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.
9. Reconvene in open session for potential action resulting from executive session at 6:25 p.m.
Motion by Commissioner Bruns and seconded by Commissioner Morales to nominate Pat Calhoun as the Justice of the Peace, Pct. #2.
Three Commissions voted "Aye".
Commissioner Brumby and County Judge voted "Ney".
Motion Carried.


10. Public Announcements:
None received.

Motion by Commissioner Morales and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn the meeting.

Four Commissioners voted "Aye".

Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Mary Ellen Flores, Goliad County Clerk
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' court
Goliad, Texas