

February 23, 2015

Lynn County Commissioner's met in second regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the basement Courtroom. Commissioner's Wied, Blair, Hawthorne and Durham were present with County Judge Braddock presiding.

Agenda Item # 2: Discuss and act upon the revision of the Lynn County Employee Handbook section 8.01.02 regarding Lynn County Employee Health Insurance benefits to reflect that only eligible Lynn County employees are to be covered by county health insurance at no cost to the employee and that any eligible dependents may be covered at the expense of the employee should the employee elect to do so.

Commissioner Larry Durham moved to approve a revision of the Employee Handbook section 8.01.02. The revision states that only eligible Lynn County employees are to be covered by county health insurance at no cost to the employee and that any eligible dependents may be covered at the expense of the employee should the employee elect to do so. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion with Commissioner's Wied and Hawthorne voting in favor.

Agenda Item # Addition to Agenda #1. Discuss and act upon allowing a full time eligible employee that wishes to decline the health insurance provided by the county because the said eligible employee is currently paying for other health insurance available to the employee, to receive reimbursement for the actual cost of the health insurance premium paid by the eligible employee up to the amount that would otherwise be paid by Lynn County for the employee's health insurance. Such reimbursement would only be available so long as ninety percent of full time employees are receiving county health insurance. If ninety percent of full time employees are not receiving county health insurance, then any full time eligible employee requesting reimbursement would be placed on a waiting list with the Treasurer's office. Such reimbursement would be contingent upon the employee's eligibility for health insurance, employee requesting the reimbursement, and the employee submitting verification of the insurance premium payment annually, or as deemed necessary by the Treasurer's office.

Commissioner John Hawthorne moved to approve that a full time eligible employee that wishes to decline the health insurance provided by the county because the said eligible employee is currently paying for other health insurance available to the employee, to receive reimbursement for the actual cost of the health insurance premium paid by the eligible employee up to the amount that would otherwise be paid by Lynn County for the employee's health insurance. Such reimbursement would only be available so long as ninety percent of full time employees are receiving county health insurance. If ninety percent of full time employees are not receiving county health insurance, then any full time eligible employee requesting reimbursement would be placed on a waiting list with the Treasurer's office. Such reimbursement would be contingent upon the employee's eligibility for health insurance, employee requesting the reimbursement, and the employee submitting verification of the insurance premium payment annually, or as deemed necessary by the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Wied seconded the motion with Commissioner's Blair and Durham voting in favor.

Agenda Item #3: Consider and act upon Resolution supporting the Extension of Chapter 313 of our Tax Code

Commissioner Don Blair moved to act upon a Resolution for the Extension of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code that supports the increased tax benefits to the local school district and continuation of local decision-making power to approve projects and urge the state Legislature to show its support of rural Texas communities by only passing bills that are stated in the Resolution. Commissioner Wied seconded the motion with Commissioner's Hawthorne and Durham voting in favor.

Agenda Item #4: Consider and act upon accepting Inter-local Agreement with Garza County for CVA

Commissioner Keith Wied moved to accept an Inter-local Agreement with Garza County for the Crime Victim's Advocate and Commissioner Durham seconded the motion with Commissioner's Hawthorne and Blair voting in favor.

Agenda Item #5: Discuss and act upon courthouse repair bids

Commissioner John Hawthorne moved to seek bids for courthouse repairs for masonry work. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion with Commissioner's Wied and Blair voting in favor.

Agenda Item # 6: Consider and act upon applying for unclaimed capital credits

Commissioner Don Blair moved that Lynn County apply for unclaimed capital credits with the Texas Comptroller Office and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion. Commissioner's Wied and Durham voted in favor.

Agenda Item #7: Consider and act upon annual certification of compliance, Stevens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC

Commissioner John Hawthorne moved to accept the Annual Certification of Compliance within the terms of agreement from Stevens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion with Commissioner's Wied and Durham voting in favor.

Agenda Item #8: Consider and act upon annual certification of compliance, Stevens Ranch Wind Energy II, LLC

Commissioner Larry Durham moved to accept the Annual Certification of Compliance phase II from Stevens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC. Commissioner Wied seconded the motion with Commissioner's Hawthorne and Blair voting in favor. Phase II is expected to be commercial in Q2 2015.

Agenda Item #9: Consider and act upon Completion of Construction, Stevens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC

Commissioner Don Blair moved to accept the Completion of Construction from Stevens Ranch Wind Energy, LLC that construction for the first phase is completed. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion with Commissioner's Wied and Hawthorne voting in favor.

Agenda Item #10: Consider and act upon Burn Ban (90 days)

No action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Consider and act upon updates on courthouse stabilization project Round VIII Restoration No updates are available.

Agenda Item #12: Consider and act upon budget amendments None

Agenda Item #13: Approve County Finance Report None

Agenda Item #14: Approve Bonds None

Agenda Item #15: Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin to give report

Sheriff Franklin gave a report on his office. He stated that the electronic board that is in the jail is having system failure. He is looking at replacing this. The board helps monitor prisoner cells.

Agenda Item #17: Ashley Cureton, with TAC to present Wellness Program for employees

Ashley Cureton with Texas Association of Counties gave a presentation on the Healthy County program for employees on county insurance.

Agenda Item #16: Approve and pay claims against the County

Commissioner Keith Wied moved to pay all claims. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion with Commissioner's Hawthorne and Blair voting in favor.

Agenda Item # 18: Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business.....

The court decided to have the annual cookout for Lynn County on Monday, April 13, 2015. April is County Government Month. The Treasurer informed the court that all bills must be turned into her office on Wednesday prior to Commissioner's Court meetings held on Mondays.

Agenda Item # 19: Adjourn or recess meeting

Commissioner Don Blair moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion. Commissioner's Wied and Hawthorne voted in favor.