

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LYNN

On this, the 8th day of July, 2024, the Lynn County Commissioner's Court of Lynn County met in a Regular Called meeting at 9:30 a.m., at the regular meeting place thereof in the County Court Room in the Courthouse in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, with the following members of court, to wit:

Mike Braddock
Matt Woodley
John Hawthorne
Don Blair
Larry Durham
Karen Strickland

County Judge
Commissioner, Precinct One
Commissioner, Precinct Two
Commissioner, Precinct Three
Commissioner, Precinct Four
County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Court

Commissioner's Woodley, Hawthorne, Blair, Durham and Judge Braddock were present, and the following member(s) absent: (none), constituting a quorum of the Court present, at which time the following business, among other proceedings, was had:

Judge Braddock started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags, and County Commissioner Matt Woodley, lead the invocation.

2. Public Comments pertaining to agenda items

Judge Braddock gave the public an opportunity to discuss anything relating to agenda items. Judge Filley spoke about his budget for the FY 2024-2025.

3. Consider and act upon Budget Amendments

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht, stated there were no budget amendments to approve.

4. Approve County Finance Report

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht, stated there was not a Finance Report to approve.

5. Approve Bonds

Julia Charo, Chief Deputy, stated there was a bond for Kathy Grant. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding that motion to accept the bond for Kathy Grant. All voted in favor, motion carried.

6. Sheriff's Office to give report

Jail Administrator, Martin Rosas, gave the jail count, as follows:

Total – 41

Lubbock County – 19

Lynn County – 22

7. Discuss and act upon MOU regarding communications/coordination between LCSO and O'Donnell ISD PD

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the MOU. All voted in favor, motion carried.

8. Discuss and act upon MOU regarding communications/coordination between LCSO and Wilson ISD PD

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the MOU. All voted in favor, motion carried.

9. Discuss and act upon MOU regarding communications/coordination between LCSO and Tahoka ISD PD

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the MOU. All voted in favor, motion carried.

10. Discuss and act upon MOU regarding communications/coordination between LCSO and New Home ISD PD

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion to accept the MOU. All voted in favor, motion carried.

11. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to The City of Tahoka

Sheriff Mason stated the agreement is the same as last year. The LCSO is asking for \$5,000 for dispatching services. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

12. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to The City of O'Donnell

Sheriff Mason stated the agreement is the same as last year. The LCSO is asking for \$5,000 for dispatching services. Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

13. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to O'Donnell ISD PD

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

14. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to Wilson ISD PD

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

15. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to Tahoka ISD PD

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

16. Discuss and act upon renewing Interlocal agreement for LCSO to provide dispatch services to New Home ISD PD

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding the motion to accept the Interlocal agreement. All voted in favor, motion carried.

17. Discuss and act upon proposal to remodel the jail flooring, showers, and covered parking

Chief Deputy, Christopher Hennsely spoke about the remodel, as follows:

Jail flooring surface has started to peel away – 7400 sq ft of flooring that needs to be replaced.

Inmate showers are tile right now, which has now started to peel away, which causes a safety hazard - do away with the tile showers – renovate 14 inmate showers to stainless steel shower inserts.

Also looking at adding a carport and a metal building garage system to the Sheriff's Office, for vehicle seizures for evidence or search. Christopher stated the Sheriff's Office has the money to pay for these renovations with the money made from inmate housing.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to accept the remodel with a target budget of \$150,000. All voted in favor, motion carried.

18. Discuss and act upon setting Sheriff and Constable Fees

Sheriff Mason stated the fees will be staying the same. Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.

19. Approve and pay claims and payroll against the County

County Treasurer, Amy Schuknecht, presented the bills to the court. Commissioner Blair made the motion and Commissioner Hawthorne seconded the motion to approve and pay claims and payroll against the county. All voted in favor, motion carried.

20. Discuss any other items pertaining to County Business for informational purposes only, no action may be taken on these items except to schedule them for future agenda

Amy Schuknecht, County Treasurer, stated budgets need to be turned in, ASAP.

Judge Braddock mentioned that the Extension Office truck broke down in Comanche, and is working on trying to get it back.

21. Adjourn or recess meeting.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to recess the meeting at 10:11 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1.Consider and take possible action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024 and located as described and depicted in the application for Tax Abatement by STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDING, L.L.C., Phase I, and in the public notices published in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Durham seconding that motion to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024 for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase I. All voted in favor, motion carried.

2.Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Lynn County and STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase I, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024.

Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding that motion to approve a tax abatement agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase I, to provide economic development within the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024, located within Lynn County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a wind repower generating project of approximately 174.8 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000.00 dollars. All voted in favor, motion carried.

3.Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase I, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Hawthorne made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding that motion to approve a tax abatement agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase I, to provide economic development within the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024, located within Lynn County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a wind repower generating project of approximately 174.8 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$20,000,000.00 dollars. All voted in favor, motion carried.

4.Consider and take possible action regarding a Road Use Agreement between Lynn County and STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase II, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024.

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to approve a tax abatement agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., II, to provide economic development within the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024, located within Lynn County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a wind repower generating project of approximately 174.8.0 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$190,000,000.00 dollars. All voted in favor, motion carried.

5.Consider and take possible action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., Phase II, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

Commissioner Durham made the motion with Commissioner Hawthorne seconding the motion to approve a tax abatement agreement with STARTEX SRWE WIND HOLDINGS, L.L.C., II, to provide economic development within the Lynn County Reinvestment Zone-Stephens Ranch-2024, located within Lynn County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application and public notices required by law, for the construction of a wind repower generating project of approximately 174.8.0 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$190,000,000.00 dollars. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Woodley made the motion with Commissioner Blair seconding that motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 AM. All voted in favor, motion carried.