

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

OCTOBER 31, 2011

AFTER proper posting of public notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, on this the 31st day of October, 2011, the County Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas, met in the Commissioners' Courtroom in Belton, Texas, in regular session with the following members of said Court present, to-wit:

**JUDGE JON H. BURROWS, County Judge
COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORTESE, Precinct #1
COMMISSIONER TIM BROWN, Precinct #2
COMMISSIONER EDDY LANGE, Precinct #3
COMMISSIONER JOHN FISHER, Precinct #4
SHELLEY COSTON, County Clerk
BRYAN NEAVES, County Engineer**

Agenda #1 – Minutes

MINUTE ORDER #477/11: County Judge Jon Burrows called to the Courts attention that the minutes of October 24, 2011, 9:00 a.m. regular session had been received. After due discussion, these minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda #2a -- County Engineer

MINUTE ORDER #478/11: County Judge Jon Burrows opened a public hearing at 9:08 a.m. for comments regarding the abandonment of a section of Avenue F in Heidenheimer in Precinct 3. There being no public comments the hearing was closed. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second my **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court approved this abandonment with **Commissioner Richard Cortese** abstaining.

Agenda #3 - Personnel

MINUTE ORDER #479/11: Upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, the Court approved all employee status report forms, the same being attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Agenda #4 –National Family Caregivers Month

MINUTE ORDER #480/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented for approval a Proclamation declaring November as National Family Caregivers Month in Bell County, Texas. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda #5 – Order Restricting Outdoor Burning

MINUTE ORDER #481/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented for discussion the status of the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning (Burn Ban) issued on October 24, 2011 and set to expire on November 21, 2011. After due discussion, the Court took no action on this matter.

Agenda #6 – Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2011

MINUTE ORDER #482/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented for approval an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Bell County, Texas, Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, in the amount of \$13,150,000, authorizing a paying agent agreement, an escrow Agreement and a purchase contract and ordering certain other matters pertaining to the issuance of the bonds. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner John Fisher**, the Court unanimously approved this matter. A copy of the Final Pricing Summary is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda # 7 –2-1-1 Information and Referral Renewal Contract

MINUTE ORDER #483/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved the renewal of a Professional Services Contract between Bell County (Human Services Department and the Central Texas Workforce Development Board/Information and Referral System for staffing of 2-1-1 Information and Referral Call Center in Belton

Agenda #8 – Public Hearing on Taxation on Personal Property in Transit

MINUTE ORDER #484/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved setting a public hearing on Taxation of Personal Property in Transit for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 to comply with a legislative change to Section 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code that nullified previous local option actions and requires a new action to be taken. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #9 – Bell County Museum Renovation

MINUTE ORDER #485/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented for approval a proposal by Leeds Clark, Historic Preservation & Consulting, for historic window repair, renovation, replacement and associated maintenance at the Bell County Museum. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved this matter. A copy of said proposal is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #10 – Advance Funding Agreement for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation

MINUTE ORDER #486/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved an Advanced Funding Agreement for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation –Off the State System between Bell County and the Texas Department of Transportation and approved the Resolution approving the Agreement concerning one or more bridges located at CR 493 (East Amity Road) over Salado Creek. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #11 – Tax Abatement Agreement Extension – Aspen Air, Inc.

MINUTE ORDER #487/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, the Court unanimously approved a 12-month extension for the Tax Abatement Agreement with Aspen Air, Inc. effective May 10, 2011 to coincide with the Extension granted by the City of Belton on that date.

Agenda #12–Tax Abatement Agreement—ASCO Equipment, Inc.

MINUTE ORDER - #488/11: **County Judge Jon Burrows** presented for approval a request by the City of Belton to approve a Tax Abatement Agreement with ASCO Equipment, Inc. approved by the City of Belton on August 9, 2011, in accordance with the Bell County Tax Abatement Economic Development Incentive Policy adopted December 28, 2009. After due discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Richard Cortese, second by Commissioner Eddy Lange, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda #13 – Claims

MINUTE ORDER #489/11: **County Judge Jon Burrows** presented the claims for review to the Court. After proper review, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved all such claims. All according to a copy of same being of record in the office of the County Auditor.

(The Court then went into workshop session to discuss those items on the workshop agenda with no action being taken on any item.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jon Burrows, County Judge

Attest:

Shelley Coston, County Clerk