

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day, the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, Texas met in Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Kaufman County Commissioners Court Meeting Room with the following members present to wit: **Bruce Wood**, County Judge; **Jimmy Joe Vrzalik**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **Skeet Phillips**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **Kenneth Schoen**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; **Jakie Allen**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; **Laura Hughes**, County Clerk.

**ITEM 1. MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING SPECIAL MEETING
AND ENTERING INTO PUBLIC HEARING**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Special Meeting and entering into a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen.
Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held. Constable Keith Stephens and Lynda Paige spoke on this topic.

**ITEM 3. MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING PUBLIC HEARING
AND ENTERING INTO SPECIAL MEETING**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Public Hearing and entering into the Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik.
Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 4. MOTION TO APPROVE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

There came on to be considered a motion to approve setting salaries, expenses and other allowances of all elected county and precinct offices.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips.
Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 5. MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET

There came on to be considered a motion to adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen.

Whereupon said motion was put to a vote with Commissioner Skeet Phillips, Commissioner Jakie Allen, and County Judge Bruce Wood voting 'aye' and Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and Commissioner Kenneth Schoen voting 'nay'. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik requested "I want it put on the record that I'm not going to vote to adopt this budget for all the salary disparities that have occurred in the last 30 days. I think it is severely unfair to all the other county employees other than a handful of a, mainly the Judges employees that have received such huge expenses and there is no way that the citizens of Kaufman County should support this, and that's all."

Commissioner Kenneth Schoen said, "I suppose their going to have to live with it."

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 6.

MOTION TO RATIFY PROPERTY TAX RATE

There came on to a considered a motion to ratify the Property Tax Rate increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote with all Commissioners and County Judge Bruce Wood voting 'aye'. Motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 7.

MOTION TO ADOPT TAX RATE

There came on to be considered a motion to approve the Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption of a Tax Rate of: \$0.588700 which is effectively a 2.18 percent (2.18%) increase in the Tax Rate: Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate - \$0.4345; Road & Bridge Fund - \$0.0920, Interest & Sinking Fund Rate - \$0.0622. Total Tax Rate - \$0.5887. This tax rate will raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's tax rate. *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 8.

MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGE

There came on to be considered a motion to approve changing Personnel Handbook, page 12 of 68, regarding the rehire of former employees, specifically the rehire of retired employees, to state "the retiree has been retired for at least (3) calendar months". *See Attachment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 10.

MOTION TO APPROVE HANDGUN PURCHASE

There came on to be considered a motion to approve allowing retiring Officer Keith Ramsey to purchase his issued handgun for \$218.33 (50% of fair market value).

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 11.

MOTION TO APPROVE HANDGUN PURCHASE

There came on to be considered a motion to approve allowing retiring Officer Tim Spillman to purchase his issued handgun for \$218.33 (50% of fair market value).

A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Joe Vrzalik. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 12.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING SPECIAL MEETING

AND ENTERING INTO PUBLIC HEARING

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Special Meeting. and entering into a Public Hearing to receive input on the adoption of the Kaufman County Clerk's Records Archive Plan, pursuant to Local Government Code §118.025(g).

A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 13.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held. No-one from the public spoke on this topic.

ITEM 14.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING PUBLIC HEARING
AND ENTERING INTO SPECIAL MEETING**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Public Hearing and entering into the Special Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Skeet Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 15.

MOTION TO ADOPT PLAN

There came on to be considered a motion to adopt the County Clerk's Records Archive Plan. *See Attachment.* A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 16.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

There came on to be considered a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging. *See Attachment.* A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Jakie Allen. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXITING SPECIAL MEETING
AND ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There came on to be considered a motion to approve exiting the Special Meeting and entering into Executive Session, pursuant to Government Code 551.074; Personnel Matters regarding reappointment of Fire Marshal. Executive Session not entered into based on request from Randy Richards, Fire Marshal.

ITEM 9.

MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF FIRE MARSHAL

There came on to be considered a motion to approve reappointing Randy Richards as Kaufman County Fire Marshal for a two (2) year term. A motion was made by Commissioner Jakie Allen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips. Whereupon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

ITEM 17.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

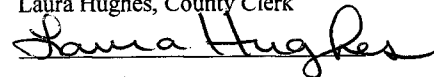
There came on to be considered a motion to adjourn Special Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Skeet Phillips. Where upon said motion was put to a vote and motion carried.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Laura Hughes, County Clerk of Kaufman County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above Commissioner Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

Laura Hughes, County Clerk



Laura Hughes

County Clerk

