

**\*\*\* CERTIFIED COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE \*\*\***

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020** at **9:00AM** in the **CENTRAL JURY ROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER AT 1200 W. PEARL STREET** Granbury, Texas 76048. At which meeting the following subjects will be discussed and the following matters acted upon.

**FIRST AMENDED AGENDA**  
*(added item VIII. C. 10.)*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION**

Deacon Craig McAlister – St. Frances Cabrini

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. PLEDGE OF TEXAS**

“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible”

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. MINUTES:**

1. Approve minutes for July 28, 2020 Commissioners' Court.
2. Approve minutes for August 4, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

**B. TREASURER:**

1. Review and accept payroll 07/20/20 - 08/02/20 - paid 08/07/20.

**C. PERSONNEL CHANGES:**

Approve personnel changes, new hires, and terminations.

**D. AUDITOR:**

**LINE ITEM TRANSFERS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

1. Consider line item transfers for the period of July 23, 2020 through August 5, 2020 and take appropriate action.
  - a. Departmental Line Item Transfers
    1. Information Technology: \$12,000.00
      - a. \$12,000.00 - Increase Infrastructure Software Maintenance
      - b. (\$12,000.00) - Decrease Infrastructure Hardware Cost Funds needed to pay for Fortinet support renewal for 1 year.
    2. Hood County Fire Marshal: \$523.20
      - a. \$523.20- Increase Vehicle Maintenance
      - b. (\$523.20) - Decrease Education and Travel Expense Need additional funds to cover maintenance on FM vehicle.

3. County Judge: \$3,000.00
  - a. \$3,000.00 - Increase Special Judge
  - b. (\$3,000.00) - Decrease Attorney Fees  
To pay Statutory Probate Judge, Pat Ferchill.
  
4. County Attorney: \$6.00
  - a. \$6.00 - Increase Bonds
  - b. (\$6.00) - Decrease Witness Testimony  
To add enough money to bonds account to cover cost of bond renewal.
  
5. General Administration: \$40,000.00
  - a. \$40,000.00 - Increase Autopsies
  - b. (\$10,000.00) - Decrease Attorney Fees
  - c. (\$30,000.00) - Decrease HCAD Service Fees  
To increase this budget for current and anticipated expenditures for the remainder of fiscal year 2020.
  
6. Road Operations: \$1,500.00
  - a. \$1,000.00 - Increase Road Administrator
  - b. \$500.00 - Increase Secretary
  - c. (\$1,500.00) - Decrease Personnel  
To budget salary and benefits for 26 pay periods plus 3 days.
  
- b. Dedicated/Accounting Line Item Transfers
  1. General Fund Salaries & Benefits: \$85,058.00
    - a. \$85,058.00 - Increase Salary & Benefits in General Fund
    - b. (\$85,058.00) - Decrease Sheriff Jail Deputies Budget  
To budget salary and benefits for 26 pay periods plus 3 days.

**E. SHERIFF:**

1. Accept donation to Hood County Animal Control from Mark and Michele Grella in the amount of \$500.00. Check #923.
2. Accept donation to Hood County Animal Control from Andrea Hummer donation of \$100.00. Check #1928.
3. Accept donation to Hood County Animal Control from Elaine Admire of \$150.00. Cash.
4. Accept donation to Hood County Animal Control from Clint and Sandra Head of \$100.00, in memory of Glenda Mockbee. Check #1505.

**F. PURCHASING:**

1. Approve list of Abandoned Inventory Items and outside lights from the Sheriff's Office as surplus equipment and sell at the next Rene Bates Auction.

**G. HISTORICAL COMMISSION DONATIONS:**

1. Accept donation of limestone doorstep.
2. Accept donation of hitching post.

**VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

**A. SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS:**

**1. ROAD OPERATIONS**

- a. Public Hearing to discuss and consider approval of the following traffic regulations and take appropriate action:
  1. Reduce the speed limit of 40 MPH to 30 MPH on a section of Old Granbury Road from M&M Ranch Road to the 5400 Block of Old Granbury Road.
- b. Approve certification of the County Maintained Road mileage for Hood County as of July 31, 2020.

**2. DEVELOPMENT**

1. Set a Public Hearing for the following replat:
  - a. ORCHARDS ON THE BRAZOS, LOT 13 (PCT 2)
2. Discuss and consider the following Final Plat:
  - a. BOWEN SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 & 2 (PCT 3)

**B. FINANCIAL:**

1. Consider "Certification of Payment of Invoices" for the period July 23, 2020 through August 5, 2020, discuss Vendor payment over \$10,000 and take appropriate action.  
Expenditures for August 11, 2020 Commissioner's Court: \$291,633.70
2. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 2 Financial Records.
3. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 3 Financial Records.
4. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Environmental Health & Citizens Collection Station Financial Records.
5. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 4 Financial Records.
6. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of the Library Financial Records.

**C. MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the order of the November General election. (EA; COM P1)
2. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the appointment of the election judges for a one year term. (EA; COM P1)
3. Discuss and take appropriate action to move the polling location from Acton Baptist Church to Acton Methodist Church for all future elections. (EA; COM. P1)
4. Approve contract with Political Subdivisions for the November General Election. (EA; COM. P1)
5. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020, fiscal year 2021 (AUD; CJ)
6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the City of Granbury Event Application to allow the use of the Courthouse parking lot on August 16, 2020 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. (CJ)
7. Discuss possible changes, and take appropriate action to approve 2020-2021 Commissioners Court Schedule. (COM. P1; AUD)
8. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve 2020-2021 Library Holiday Schedule. (COM. P2; LIB)
9. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize AgriLife Extension to purchase a livestock trailer, previously presented in capital improvements budget hearings. (AG; COM. P1)
10. Consider and take appropriate action to nominate one person for the vacant position on the Hood County Appraisal District Board of Directors. (COM. P1)

## ADJOURN

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020** at **9:00AM** in the **CENTRAL JURY ROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER AT 1200 W. PEARL STREET** Granbury, Texas 76048. At which meeting the following subjects will be discussed and the following matters acted upon.

### **FIRST AMENDED AGENDA** *(added item VIII. C. 10.)*

\*\*\* Watch live at <https://stream.lifetimesizecloud.com/extension/1242079/35ab6698-f11f-4a4b-b03b-41df1af47c1c> \*\*\*

#### **THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT**

James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1  
Ron Cotton, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Bruce White, Commissioner Precinct 3  
David Eagle, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Katie Lang, County Clerk

**REGARDING ITEM I** James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1 called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. on the aforesaid date of Tuesday, August 11th, 2020.

**REGARDING ITEM II: Invocation** Deacon Craig McAlister – St. Frances Cabrini

**REGARDING ITEM III:** Pledge of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Cotton

**REGARDING ITEM IV:** Pledge of Texas lead by Commissioner White.  
“Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible”

**REGARDING ITEM V: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**REGARDING ITEM VI: No comments given.**

#### **REGARDING ITEM VII: CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

##### **A. SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS:**

##### **1. ROAD OPERATIONS**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:A.1.a.** Motion made by Commissioner Eagle to move the Public Hearing for approval of the following traffic regulations until the next court:

1. Reduce the speed limit of 40 MPH to 30 MPH on a section of Old Granbury Road from M&M Ranch Road to the 5400 Block of Old Granbury Road. Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:A.1. b.** Motion made by Commissioner White to Approve certification of the County Maintained Road mileage for Hood County as of July 31, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

##### **REGARDING ITEM VIII:A.2.1. DEVELOPMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve setting a Public Hearing for September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the following replat:

a. ORCHARDS ON THE BRAZOS, LOT 13 (PCT 2) Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:A.2. 2. DEVELOPMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner White to approve the following Final Plat:

a. BOWEN SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 & 2 (PCT 3). Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:B.FINANCIAL:**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:B.1.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve "Certification of Payment of Invoices" for the period July 23, 2020 through August 5, 2020, Vendor payments over \$10,000 and Expenditures for August 11, 2020 Commissioner's Court: \$291,633.70. Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:B.2.-6.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve items **VIII:B.2.-6.**

- 2. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 2 Financial Records.
  - 3. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 3 Financial Records.
  - 4. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Environmental Health & Citizens Collection Station Financial Records.
  - 5. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of Constable, Precinct 4 Financial Records.
  - 6. Acknowledge and accept the 2020 review of the Library Financial Records.
- Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 1.** Motion made by Commissioner White to approve the Order of the November General election. (EA; COM P1). .Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 2.** Motion made by Commissioner Deaver to approve the appointment of the election judges for a one year term.(Exhibit A.) (EA; COM P1). Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 3.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve moving the polling location from Acton Baptist Church to Acton Methodist Church for all future elections. (EA; COM. P1). Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 4.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve contract with Political Subdivisions for the November General Election. (EA; COM. P1). Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 5.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to set the **proposed tax rate of .426777** for tax year 2020, fiscal year 2021 (AUD; CJ). Seconded by Commissioner White. All voted. Motion carried 3-0.

- PCT 1 - Commissioner Deaver voted Aye.
- PCT 2 - Commissioner Cotton voted Aye.
- PCT 31 - Commissioner White voted Aye.
- PCT 4 - Commissioner Eagle voted No.

**Discussion on the Proposed Tax Rate: Please review Audio for a more accurate transcript.**

Auditor: We depend on the state forms to help us with our publications, to give us a rate , give us an increase, decrease.

**Three possible rates :**

.426777 - **No New Revenue** Rate (Rate Appraisal District has proposed) which is lower than our current rate of .428018. Property values has increased 2020 – Property Tax Rate of \$202,430 in 2019 and \$215,100 in 2020. It’s approximately \$12,670.00 for a taxable property and a 6.25 percent increase.

**Hood County Appraisal District:**

.426777 - **No New Revenue Rate** - According to the State Form (Costs home owner \$52.00) That is what the form comes up with.

**Commissioner Eagle:** Why is this No new revenue if it went up \$52.00 per household?

**Auditor:** Average taxable value went up by \$12,000.00. I got it again yesterday. The form changed again yesterday.

**Commissioner Eagle:** So what is the deadline?

**Auditor:** Today is the deadline for the PROPOSED Rate. Again this is just a proposed number.

**Commissioner Cotton:** Then we will have hearings on it, is that correct?

**Auditor:** Yes sir.

**Commissioner Deaver:** And it can be changed?

**Auditor:** Yes sir. This proposed rate will give me something to work with to get this online. We have until the second court in September to set this rate. Which gives me more time to download the actual state form once they have been corrected and recalculate this but I'm still waiting on them.

**Commissioner Eagle:** So have you calculated this rate where there will be zero real increase to the tax payers.

**Auditor:** That is the what the .426777 is according to the State Form-It is called the **No New Revenue Rate**. And that is the rate it comes up with.

**Commissioner Eagle:** That makes zero sense.

**Deaver:** It never has Commissioner Eagle. Every year we go through this and every year it's the same thing.

**Commissioner Eagle:** With 426777 we have a proposed tax rate that going to raise and average of \$52.00 per home.

**Auditor:** I get that, That is why we need to work on this, that is why I need more information, this is why I need the state to get their forms correct.

**Commissioner Deaver:** and by law we gotta do this?

**Auditor:** Yes.

NO I did not get this information from the publication, it was completely wrong. I got this information from looking back and knowing where we were then to where we are now.

.504185 - **Voter approved Rate** (used to be roll back rate)

.600772 - **Deminus Rate** ( adding how \$ if you fall under category A-200.) Will not even be used. We will use the Voter approved rate.

**.428018 Tax Rate Now**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 6.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve the City of Granbury Event Application to allow the use of the Courthouse parking lot on August 16, 2020 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. (CJ).). Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 7.** Motion made by Commissioner Eagle to approve 2020-2021 Commissioners Court Schedule. (COM. P1; AUD). Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. **See Attached.**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 8.** Motion made by Commissioner Cotton to approve 2020-2021 Library Holiday Schedule. (COM. P2; LIB). Seconded by Commissioner Eagle. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. **See Attached.**

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 9.** Motion made by Commissioner Deaver to authorize AgriLife Extension to purchase a livestock trailer, previously presented in capital improvements budget hearings. (AG; COM. P1). Seconded by Commissioner White. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII:C. 10.** Motion made by Commissioner Eagle to nominate Ron Sutton for the vacant position on the Hood County Appraisal District Board of Directors. (COM. P1). Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURN: 9:52**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
RON MASSINGILL, COUNTY JUDGE

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
KATIE LANG, COUNTY CLERK

UNOFFICIAL