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COMMISSIONERS COURT

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

*See Daily Notes*

The Nacogdoches County Commissioners Court will convene in a **REGULAR MEETING** on the **19<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2023** at **9:15 a.m.** in the Commissioners Courtroom, Suite 170, on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the South Wing of the Nacogdoches County Courthouse, 101 W. Main Street, Nacogdoches, Texas.

**Call to Order**  
**Invocation**

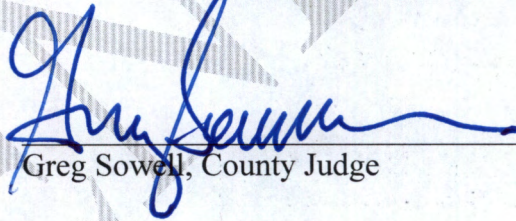
1. Public comment relating to items on the agenda.
2. Discuss and possibly take action concerning consideration and approval of the Records Archive Fund for the Nacogdoches County Clerk's Office.
3. Discuss and possibly take action concerning the adoption of the Nacogdoches County Budget for 2023-2024.
4. Discuss and possibly take action concerning the adoption of the Nacogdoches County Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate of \$0.410750/\$100 of taxable value [part of the total tax rate of \$0.4281/\$100 of taxable value] for the tax year 2023.
5. Discuss and possibly take action concerning the adoption of the Nacogdoches County Debt Service tax rate of \$0.017350/\$100 of taxable value [part of the total tax rate of \$0.4281/\$100 of taxable value] for the tax year 2023.
6. Discuss and possibly take action concerning ratification of the adoption of the 2023-2024 Nacogdoches County Budget which (At 100% collection rate) will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$574, 338 (2.72% increase) and of that amount \$161, 837 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.
7. Items to be removed from Consent Agenda.
8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following agenda items are of a routine nature and the Commissioners Court has received supporting materials for consideration. All of these agenda items will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately, unless a member of the Commissioners Court or the public requests that a particular agenda item be discussed. If so, that agenda item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.
  - 8.1 Approve minutes from the September 12, 2023 Commissioners Court meeting;
  - 8.2 Approve payment of invoices;
  - 8.3 Approve Road and Bridge monthly report for August 2023;
  - 8.4 Approve bond for Troy David Counts, Parks Board Commissioner; and,
  - 8.5 Approve Exposition & Civic Center contract as follows:
    - The Daily Sentinel for an event at the Civic Center on October 24, 2023.

9. Discuss and possibly take action to authorize the County Judge to execute an engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP as an independent outside auditor for FY 2023 financial statements.
10. Discuss and possibly take action to approve FY2024 Service Agreement Renewal #20222344900-457-01 with Appriss Insights, LLC., reimbursed by the Office of the Attorney General.
11. Discuss and possibly take action to approve a FY 2023 Budget Amendment for the Civic Center which does not affect the unrestricted fund balance of the Civic Center Fund.
12. Discuss and possibly take action to approve a FY 2023 Budget Amendment for Road and Bridge which does not affect the unrestricted fund balance of the Road and Bridge Fund.
13. Discuss and possibly take action to award contract for Request for Proposal (RFP) #23-03 for Courthouse Security.
14. Discuss and possibly take action concerning lifting the burn ban for Nacogdoches County

**Adjourn**

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023



  
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Greg Sowell, County Judge

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>H</sup> 2023

Nacogdoches County, Texas  
Commissioners Court

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Sowell, County Judge  
Jerry Don Williamson, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Sandy McCorvey, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Robin Dawley, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Mark Harkness, Commissioner Pct. 4

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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The meeting was called to order by County Judge Greg Sowell at 9:15 a.m. and the following actions were taken:

Invocation was led by Mark Harkness, Commissioner Pct. 3.

1. Public comment relating to items on the agenda. None.
2. Action concerning consideration and approval of the Records Archive Fund for the Nacogdoches County Clerk's Office. Motion by Commissioner Jerry Don Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Mark Harkness to approve the Records Archive Fund for the Nacogdoches County Clerk's Office. The motion carried unanimously. Attachment.
3. Greg Sowell, County Judge presented for approval the adoption of the Nacogdoches County Budget for 2023-2024. Motion by Commissioner Mark Harkness and seconded by Commissioner Robin Dawley to adopt the Nacogdoches County Budget for 2023-2024. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Attachment.

Mark Harkness, Commissioner Pct 4 – Yes;  
Robin Dawley, Commissioner Pct 3 – Yes  
Sandy McCorvey, Commissioner Pct 2 – Yes  
Jerry Don Williamson, Commissioner Pct 1 – Yes  
Greg Sowell, County Judge - Yes

4. Greg Sowell, County Judge presented for adoption of the Nacogdoches County Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate of \$0.410750/\$100 of taxable value [part of the total tax rate of \$0.4281/\$100 of taxable value] for the tax year 2023. Motion by Commissioner Robin Dawley

and seconded by Commissioner Mark Harkness that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4281 per \$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 2.81 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Attachment

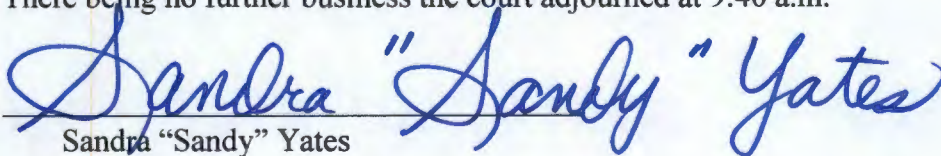
Mark Harkness, Commissioner Pct 4 – Yes;  
Robin Dawley, Commissioner Pct 3 – Yes  
Sandy McCorvey, Commissioner Pct 2 – Yes  
Jerry Don Williamson, Commissioner Pct 1 – Yes  
Greg Sowell, County Judge - Yes

5. Greg Sowell, County Judge presented for adoption of the Nacogdoches County Debt Service tax rate of \$0.017350/\$100 of taxable value [part of the total tax rate of \$0.4281/\$100 of taxable value] for the tax year 2023. Motion by Commissioner Mark Harkness and seconded by Commissioner Sandy McCorvey to adopt the Nacogdoches County Debt Service tax rate of \$0.017350/\$100 of taxable value [part of the total tax rate of \$0.4281/\$100 of taxable value] for the tax year 2023. The motion carried unanimously. Attachment.
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- Motion by Commissioner Jerry Don Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Mark Harkness to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously. Attachment.
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financial statements. Motion by Commissioner Jerry Don Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Robin Dawley to authorize the County Judge to execute an engagement letter with Whitley Penn, LLP as an independent outside auditor for FY 2023 financial statements. The motion carried unanimously. Attachment.

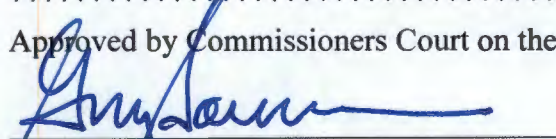
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13. Jessica Corley, County Auditor presented to award contract for Request for Proposal (RFP) #23-03 for Courthouse Security to Centurion. Motion by Commissioner Mark Harkness and seconded by Commissioner Sandy McCorvey to award contract for Request for Proposal (RFP) #23-03 for Courthouse Security to Centurion. The motion carried unanimously. Attachment.
14. Greg Sowell, County Judge and Tara Triana, Emergency Management discussed lifting the burn ban for Nacogdoches County. No action was taken on this topic and will be reevaluated at the September 26, 2023 Commissioner Court meeting. Attachment.

There being no further business the court adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Sandra "Sandy" Yates  
County Clerk

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Approved by Commissioners Court on the 26 day of September, 2023



Greg Sowell  
County Judge