

**JURY SELECTION PLAN
BASTROP COUNTY**

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District Clerk, Bastrop County

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This plan shall be in compliance with all portions of Chapter 62 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated.

SOURCE OF NAMES

As stated in Section 62.001 of the Government Code, the source from which the jury wheel shall be constituted, is the names of all persons on the current voter registration lists from all the precincts in Bastrop County, Texas and the names of all citizens of the County who hold a valid Texas driver's license, and the citizens who hold valid person identification card or certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, as soon as such information is available from the Secretary of State; provided, however, that the names of persons listed on a register of persons exempt from jury service may not be placed in the jury wheel as provided in the Government code 62.108 and 62.109.

METHOD

Persons called for jury service shall be selected at random with the aid of electronic equipment in a fair, impartial and objective manner from the source of names required by Section 62.001 of the Government Code, taking into consideration those persons exempt from jury service as provided by Section 62.108 and 62.109 of the Government Code.

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE

The Clerk of the District Courts in Bastrop County, Texas is designated as the official to be in charge of the selection process and shall have the duties and authority set forth herein.

DATE OF RECONSTITUTION OF JURY SERVICE

Every two years the jury source shall be reconstituted from the certified list provided by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 62.001 of the Government Code.

NOTICE OF JURY SERVICE

The Judges of the District, County and Justice Courts shall provide in a timely manner to the District Clerk information regarding the required jury panels for the respective courts. A true and complete written list showing the names and addresses of the persons summoned to begin jury service on a particular date shall be kept by the District Clerk until said list has been used.

The District Clerk shall summons by first class mail all persons so listed to be called for jury service on such date at least ten (10) days prior to the date such persons are to begin jury service. The Clerk shall supply the computerized summon forms which shall be addressed to all persons selected.

Any authority or duty assigned to the District Clerk herein may be delegated to a deputy or other designee of such Clerk.

GENERAL JURY PANEL

A District Judge, County Court at Law Judge or Justice of the Peace may determine the number of prospective jurors that are reasonably necessary for the cases to be tried in their courts. Any District or County Court at Law Judge may act as a Presiding Judge for the jury qualifications and assign such jurors as may be needed into panels for the different courts.

ADDITIONAL JURORS

If the presiding judge determines that the number of jurors previously selected for any designated date is insufficient, he shall direct the District Clerk to prepare a supplemental list and summon such additional persons to those already summoned as may be necessary to meet the needs of the courts; provided that such supplemental summons shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to date of service.

AMENDMENTS

This plan may only be amended by the Commissioners' Court of Bastrop County, Texas upon recommendation of a majority of the District Judges of Bastrop County, Texas.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This plan shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Commissioners' Court.



Commissioners' Court Minutes, Bastrop County, Texas

October 23, 2023

Pursuant to law, the Commissioners' Court of Bastrop County, Texas, convened in a Regular Session on the 23rd day of October 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners Courtroom, Second Floor, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following members present:

Gregory Klaus	County Judge
Mel Hamner	Commissioner, Precinct # 1
Clara Beckett	Commissioner, Precinct # 2
Mark Meuth	Commissioner, Precinct # 3
David Glass	Commissioner, Precinct # 4

being five members present in the courtroom, and a quorum, and Krista Bartsch, County Clerk, ex-officio.

A tele-conference was set up to allow for virtual listening and participation.

A. Judge Gregory Klaus called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Reverend Bob Long opened with prayer. Allegiance was made to the Flags.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS: (Participation Forms Attached) None

C. CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE:

Sharlyn Green – 5 years	Nicholas Razo – 5 years	Wei-Ann Lin – 5 years
Scott Mullen - 5 years	Frances Hunter – 5 years	Deanna Carter – 5 years
Shane Kasper – 15 years	Patsy Johnson – 20 years	

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Catherine Pressler, Chairman of the Board, introduced Norma Mercado as the new Executive Director of Bastrop County Cares. Norma spoke to the Court about her appointment. Debbie Bressette spoke to the Court about her time with Bastrop County Cares and how much she enjoyed her time there.

2. Kristin Miles spoke to the Court concerning the reserved parking spaces at County Buildings for curbside early voting as required by new legislation and signage for these spaces.

3. Andre Betit spoke to the Court about the public meetings related to the Transportation Master Plan being held the week of November 13, 2023. Aimee Robertson let the Court know that a newspaper ad would be run with information on the meetings and what the dates and locations for these meetings will be. Judge Klaus held discussion about the content of the meetings at each location.

E. ACTION AGENDA: The following items are for discussion and possible action:

1. Meuth made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Hamner seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

2. Glass made a motion to approve payment of bills. Meuth seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

3. Beckett made a motion to approve minutes of previous meeting. Hamner seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

4. Meuth made a motion to approve personnel bonds. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Isaac Coronado, Deputy Sheriff

Jon Zavala, Deputy Sheriff

5. Hamner made a motion to approve a Joint Proclamation recognizing Veterans Day 2023. Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Judge Klaus read the proclamation aloud in Court.

6. Meuth made a motion to approve a 60-month Ricoh lease agreement for the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office - Finance Department. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Leon Scaife addressed the Court with information on the lease agreement.

7. Glass made a motion to approve annual renewal for the Bastrop County Insurance Policy with Travelers. Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Leon Scaife addressed the Court with information on the policy renewal. Ashley Mutschink with the Nitsche Group was in Court to answer questions about the renewal changes. Sheriff Cook addressed the Court concerning requests for insurance changes for the Sheriff's Department. The Court held discussion on the policy changes and budget to cover the cost increase.

8. Meuth made a motion to approve of additional contract language for RFB 22BCP09B - Bastrop County ARPA P25 Public Safety Communication Upgrades Contract with Motorola. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Leon Scaife addressed the Court with the additional language being added to the contract and the reason for these additions.

9. Beckett made a motion to approve of a one-year extension to the RFB 21BCP08A - Right-of-Way Expansion Land Clearing and Fence Construction contract with 3B Excavation & Construction Services, LLC. Hamner seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Leon Scaife addressed the Court concerning the final allowable extension for this contract, which will take the contract to October 1, 2024. The Court held discussion on the contract, which can be used by all precincts.

10. Beckett made a motion to ratify the signing of a change order with Oxley Williams Tharp (OWT) Architects for RFQ 16BCP11A - Architectural Services for the Bastrop County Community Center. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Leon Scaife addressed the Court concerning the change order to be able to apply for a grant to purchase an emergency backup generator.

11. Glass made a motion to approve amending the Bastrop County Cares Budget for ARPA Funds. Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Jerri Gauntt addressed the Court concerning the budget changes being requested.

12. Hamner made a motion to approve an exemption from platting by metes and bounds of an existing 3.531 acres, Lot 4(FR), Block A of Bluebonnet Acres No. 2; owner: Jeffrey L. Willis; Precinct 1; (pursuant to Section 232.010 of the Texas Local Government Code). Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Commissioner Hamner explained the details of the exemption from plat to the Court.

13. Beckett made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing Commissioner Beckett to enter into a MOU and Agreement to construct Maple Street. Hamner seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Commissioner Beckett discussed the request of a current landowner for the addition of roads in the Pleasant Heights Addition area in Smithville.

14. Beckett made a motion to accept Maple Street in the Pleasant Heights Addition filed in Plat Cabinet 5, Page 144-A, into County Maintenance, contingent upon execution of an MOU and Agreement and full payment for improvements contemplated in the MOU. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

15. Meuth made a motion to approve an exemption from plat by metes and bounds for tract 1, a 1.445-acre tract and tract 7, a 4.785-acre tract out of the James Doyle Survey abstract 28 in Bastrop County, (pursuant to section 232.0015 of the Texas Local Government code) Owners: Philip B & Erica L Figueroa section, Precinct 3. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Commissioner Meuth explained the details of the exemption from plat to the Court.

16. Meuth made a motion to approve vacating the plat of Pettytown Two in accordance with Section 212.013 of the Texas Local Government Code; Owners: Dee-Anna J. Petty; Precinct 3. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Patricia Trevino addressed the Court concerning the request to vacate the plat by the property owner. Staff recommends approval.

17. Hamner made a motion for approval to apply for the Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Grant Program, Hamner amended the motion to allow the purchase of tasers, vehicles and safety equipment, de minimis. Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Sheriff Cook addressed the Court concerning the grant application and expenditure of funds. The Court held discussion on expenditures allowed by the grant and what of those to allow the Sheriff's Department to spend the funds on.

18. Beckett made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Monday November 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. regarding traffic regulations on Wilbarger Bend Road. Hamner seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

F. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

D01. Jerri Gauntt presented the Court with a quarterly update on ARPA funds that were awarded to organizations in Bastrop County. Jerri discussed funds dispersed and progress made by each organization. Discussion was held on reevaluating funds in the spring to keep fund allocations on track for the deadline. Amanda Holter presented the Court with a report with the amounts of expenditures and unallocated funds for ARPA money.

G. CONSENT AGENDA: (Consent Agenda items are generally routine.)

Unless removed by a member of the Court, items listed on the consent agenda will be acted on together.

CA1. Renewal of MOU with Bastrop County Cares.

CA2. Bastrop County Jury Selection Plan.

CA3. Approve and Authorize Commissioner Beckett to sign Service Agreement with All Star Roll Off for Circle D Community Cleanup November 4, 2023.

CA4. HotDocs by CARET Classic.

CA5. DroneSense Software Agreement.

Meuth made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Glass seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes.

Court took a 10 minute break and returned into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

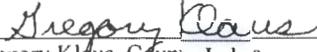
Court returned to Regular Session at 11:20 a.m.

F. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

D02. Discussion on real estate matters was held in Executive Session.

H. ADJOURN:

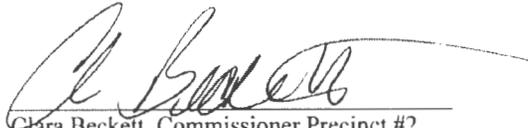
Having concluded all the business on the Agenda, Glass made a motion to adjourn. Beckett seconded; motion carried with 5 ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Gregory Klaus, County Judge



Mel Hamner, Commissioner Precinct # 1



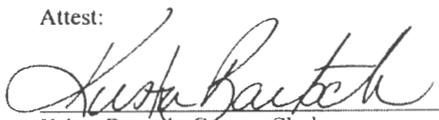
Clara Beckett, Commissioner Precinct #2

Mark Meuth, Commissioner Precinct #3



David Glass, Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest:



Krista Bartsch, County Clerk