

# The Bandera PROPHEET

July 8, 2020

## Briefings from Commissioners' Court

Commissioners last week approved a \$30,700 grant from the Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation for EMS to purchase a Zoll X-Series cardiac monitor.

Commissioners approved a spending threshold of \$2,000 for the elections department to purchase equipment that will adhere to CoViD-19 compliance. The expenditure is expected to be reimbursed from the CoViD-19 relief fund.

Commissioners renewed county employees' life, dental and vision insurance plans with no changes. They also voted against COLA (Cost Of Living Allowance) raises for employees and retirees.

County Judge Richard Evans said many people are unemployed and financially struggling right now, and some counties have had to lay off or furlough employees. However, health insurance costs dropped by 1 percent, so employees will see a savings in their deductions.

For the month of May, the Sheriff's Office received 615 calls for service; deputies drove 24,036 with a 15-minute average response time; made five felony arrests and 12 misdemeanor arrests. 911 calls spiked to 1,577, an increase of 500 from normal. Sheriff Dan Butts said he was not sure what caused the

jump. The jail had an average population of 56 inmates, 11 of whom are contracted from out of county.

EMS received 185 calls, first responders drove 10,624 miles with an average 1.34 minutes from response to "tone out" and 10.40 minutes to on scene.

Commissioners' Court will convene on Thursday, July 9, at 10 a.m.