

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 1996**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Regular Session* on Monday, March 11, 1996, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKSCOUNTY JUDGE
MIKE PRICECOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDSCOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
J. W. TERRELL, JR.COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAYCOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
SHERRY MARSCOUNTY CLERK

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING:

CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR
EVA LAING WALKER, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
THOMAS GRESHAM, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

ELMER PATTON	PAULA DYKE
VANNOY CAPEHART	ANN RUNDLE
BOB BAKER	MIKE ROSS
RAY McCANN	

Invocation was given by Bob Baker.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING PURCHASING A NEW
COPY MACHINE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1**

Judge Eva Walker asked for permission to buy a new copy machine. Office Products bid was \$2,995.00 with trade-in and Randy Marshall's bid was \$2,728.00 with trade-in reported Judge Walker. Judge Walker recommended going with the lowest bid from Randy Marshall.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. W. Terrell, Jr. and seconded by Thomas E. Hockaday to approve the bid of Randy Marshall for \$2,728.00 with trade-in. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVING SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY BURYING CABLE ALONG AND UNDER
NE-26 AND NE-28, PRECINCT 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve Southwestern Bell Telephone Company burying cable along and under NE-26 and NE-28 in Precinct 4. Motion carried unanimously. *SEE ATTACHMENT "A"*

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICER, HUELLA CAMPBELL
INTRODUCTION OF YDARLENY ALVARADO AS NUTRITIONIST
AT EXTENSION OFFICE

Huella Campbell, County Extension Officer presented a letter introducing Ydarleny Alvarado as nutritionist for the BLT Program. *SEE ATTACHMENT "B"*

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action taken. No budget amendments were presented.

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner J. W. Terrell, Jr. approving reports from Tax Assessor-Collector, District Clerk, County Treasurer, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, City of Talco, Veterans Service Office, Cookville Volunteer Fire Department and Five Star Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
SIGNING PAY ORDERS AND PAYING BILLS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner J. W. Terrell, Jr. to approve the signing of pay orders and paying bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING APPOINTMENT OF VIDALIA THOMPSON TO
TITUS COUNTY FOSTER CHILDREN'S BOARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner J. W. Terrell, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to approve the appointment of Vidalla Thompson to the Titus County Foster Children's Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner J. W. Terrell, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to adjourn.



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BETTER LIVING FOR TEXANS PROGRAM TITUS COUNTY

The Better Living for Texans (BLT) will provide food and nutrition, health, financial management and parenting education for current food assistance recipients/applicants and other limited resource families in Titus County. Funding from this program comes from the Southwest Regional Food and Consumer Service through the Texas Department of Human Services to The Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

COUNTY SITUATION

We currently have 4,629 families below poverty level, or 20% of the county population. We also have 3023 households on food assistance programs, or 12% of the total population.

GOALS

The goal of the Better Living for Texans Program is to assist limited resource families, including food assistance participants and applicants, acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to maximize resources, have nutritionally sound diets, improve health status and increase self-sufficiency.

Food and nutrition, food safety, wellness, parenting and financial management will be the content focus to assist limited resource families acquire needed knowledge, skills and behaviors. These topics will be taught in an integrated, holistic manner so that families are empowered to take greater responsibility for their own health and well-being and move towards self-sufficiency.

Participants can be expected to learn to:

- GOAL 1: Make informed food choices based on an understanding of the Dietary Guidelines and the Food Guide Pyramid and plan safe, economical, nutritionally sound meals for the family.
- GOAL 2: Increase health promotion strategies that encourage individual and family well-being.
- GOAL 3: Strengthen basic parenting skills that enhance child health and well-being.
- GOAL 4: Maximize the use of individual and family resources through budgeting and sound consumer decision making.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

The Titus County Better Living for Texans Program has employed Ydarleny Alvarado as Nutrition Program Assistant to assist with implementation. Preference was given to hiring a BLT Program Assistant who represented the targeted population. Ydarleny will teach educational lessons appropriate to the program, recruit participants and volunteers and network with appropriate community and food assistance programs. Ms Alvarado will work under the supervision and leadership of Huella Campbell, Titus County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences.

Program delivery methods may include, but are not limited to, direct teaching by Ms. Alvarado or volunteers in groups and meetings; mass media efforts to develop understanding, awareness and involvement in the educational program; basic food and nutrition demonstrations at sites where food assistance program participants, applicants and other limited resource families frequent (grocery stores, food pantries, commodity food distribution sites, elderly congregate meal sites, office of agencies/organizations that target limited resource audiences), newsletters and single concept fact sheets.

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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

TO: COMMISSIONERS COURT
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75455

Application is hereby made by SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
for permission to lay buried line along/under
that certain segment of the county road in Precinct # four (4)
at the following location(s):

*NE CR 26 and NE CR 28 as
shown on attached drawings
must be under roads*

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Prince
Manager-Engineering Design
611 W. Elm
Tyler, Texas 75702

APPROVED - DENIED

Sammy P. Clark
COUNTY JUDGE

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