

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2003**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
met in *Regular Session* Tuesday, October 14, 2003, in the Titus County Courtroom with the
following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKS.....COUNTY JUDGE-ABSENT-VACATION
BOB FITCH.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
BILLY J. THOMPSON.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
THELMA SCULLIN.....DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING;

JUDY COOK, TAX ASSESSOR
CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR

DEBBIE RHEA, TREASURER
LEO SCHAKEL, JP #2

MELISSA HILL
NORMA NARRAMORE
REX MCGEE

LARRY MCRAE
JAKE NARRAMORE
CHRIS BRAGG

Invocation: Commissioner Bob Fitch

**IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 551-042, TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

No Request

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF
2 COMPUTERS FROM THE JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY
FUND, J.P.#1

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Bob Finch to approve 2 computers and a digital camera for JP #1.
Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE 2004 TITUS COUNTY
RESOLUTION, INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve 2004 Titus County Resolution, Indigent Defense Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.
EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TAX ROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve tax roll. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE DUPUTATION
OF SIDNEY E. PATTERSON AS DEPUTY
SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve the deputation of Sidney E. Patterson as Deputy Sheriff.
Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments. No action taken.

IN THE MATTER
SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to sign pay orders and pay bills. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF
COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve oral and written reports of County Officials. When the County Treasurer gave her report of who had or had not turned in their reports and money for the month, Commissioner Thomas Hockaday ask how long it had been since the County Clerk had turned her reports in. The Treasurer answered: Ninety days.

IN THE MATTER OF
OPEN MEETING - ACTION MITIGATION PLAN AT
10:00 A.M. MONDAY CONCERNING DISASTER
PROGRAM AND PLANNING WITH COORDINATOR
CHRIS MILLER

Court recessed at 9:15 AM and resumed at 10:00 AM.
Chris Miller spoke to the Court and informed them on the progress of the Disaster Program. This was the second meeting of the required three meetings on the program.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT A
2004 Titus County Resolution
Indigent Defense Grant Program

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Fair Defense Act, 77th Regular Session, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation of the provisions of the Fair Defense Act and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Titus County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Titus County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Task Force on Indigent Defense.

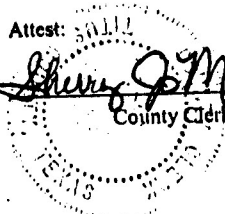
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Judge is designated as the Program Director and contact person for this grant and the County Auditor is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 2003.



Danny Pat Crooks
County Judge

Attest: 



County Clerk

Internet Submission Form

After submitting the formula grant application on-line, the following Internet submission confirmation number was received #200422520030930. This grant application submission was in accordance with the Commissioners Court Resolution above.



Danny Pat Crooks
County Judge

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2003**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Special Session* on Monday, October 27, 2003, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKS.....	COUNTY JUDGE
BOB FITCH.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
BILLY J. THOMPSON.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
THELMA SCULLIN.....	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING

DEBBIE RHEA
JUDY COOK

CARL JOHNSON

NORMA NARRAMORE
MIGUEL LARSON
MELISSA HILL
CHRIS BRAGG

JAKE NARRAMORE
BURNIS COVINGTON
CHRIS MILLER

**IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 551-042, TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT**

No request

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE COURT
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2003

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve the Court Minutes for September, 2003.
Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PLAT OF
LOT 1R-B, BLOCK 399, CITY OF MT. PLEASANT,
PRECINCT 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve Plat of Lot 1R-B, block 399, City of Mt. Pleasant, Precinct 4. Motion carried unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RESOLUTION TO
NOMINATE PERSON OR PERSONS TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE TITUS COUNTY
APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR 2004-2005

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to nominate Gerald Hampton to the Board of Directors for the Titus County Appraisal District for 2004-2005. Motion carried unanimously. Signed Resolution attached.
SEE EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE APPLICATION MADE BY
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO LAY
BURIED LINE AND BORE CR 4215, PRECINCT #4

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve application made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to lay buried line and bore CR 4215, Precinct #4. Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT B

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE DEPUTATION OF
ELODIA GRISSOM AS DEPUTY CLERK, DISTRICT
CLERK'S OFFICE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve the deputation of Elodia Grissim as Deputy District Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE
2004 HOLIDAYS FOR TITUS COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by Bob Fitch to approve the 2004 holidays. Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT C

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments.
No action taken.

IN THE MATTER OF
SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to sign pay orders and approve payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF
COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve the reports of Sugar Hill Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Talco Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
OPEN MEETING-PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:30 A.M. ON THE PROPOSED
USE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK FUNDS.

The Law Enforcement Block Funds provided the County is \$8,075.00 and the County's match amount is \$897.00. The Sheriff would like to use this for equipment that the Department needs. Live scan, etc. Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to agree with the Sheriff's needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Court recessed from 9:35 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

IN THE MATTER OF
OPEN MEETING-ACTION MITIGATION PLAN AT 10:00 A.M.
CONCERNING DISASTER PROGRAM AND PLANNING WITH
COORDINATOR CHRIS MILLER

This was the third and last meeting on the Action Mitigation Plan. Chris Miller informed the Court that the Chief of City Police had been working with Chris and that the plan is moving along very well. Chris stated that he has had cooperation from everyone and this has helped things move along. Chris also thanked the Court and everyone else that has helped him and encouraged him.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Billy Jack Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



EXHIBIT A

Titus County Commissioners' Court

Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session October 27, 2003; and

WHEREAS, there came for consideration a nominee to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Titus County Appraisal District, at which time the Titus County Commissioners' Court nominated Gerald Hampton, Rt. 7, Box 405, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, 75455.

Approved this 27th day of October, 2003.

Danny P. Crooks
Danny P. Crooks, County Judge

R.A. "Bob" Fitch
Commissioner, Precinct #1

Billy Thompson
Commissioner, Precinct #3

Mike Fields
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Thomas E. Hockaday
Commissioner, Precinct #4



TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ceylon Thompson, Chairman
Hulen Michael Reynolds, Secretary
Gerald Hampton
Jack Blackburn
J. W. Terrell

Katrina S. Perry, RPA, RTA, CTA
Chief Appraiser

October 16, 2003

Judge Danny Pat Crooks
Titus County Courthouse
100 W 1st St
Mount Pleasant TX 75455

Dear Judge Crooks:


In accordance with Section 6.03(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code this is to notify you of the voting power (number of votes) that Titus County will have in the election of 5 members of the Board of Directors for the Titus County Appraisal District. You will find enclosed a copy of the calculation of the votes.

Titus County will have a total of 673 votes to cast in the election of the Board. This is 13.45 percent of the number of votes and could allow you to seat zero Directors with your votes only.

Your nomination for up to five directors is to be sent to me in the form of a written resolution containing the names and addresses of the nominees. The resolution must be in my office by November 10, 2003. I will then prepare and deliver the ballot as directed by Section 6.03(j) of the Texas Property Tax Code. You will then have until December 15, 2003 to submit the completed ballot to me for counting. I will notify all parties by December 30, 2003 of the results of the election.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions let me know.

Respectfully,


Katrina S. Perry, RPA, RTA, CTA
Chief Appraiser

Enclosure

PC Titus County Commissioners

**2003 CALCULATION OF VOTES FOR 2004/2005
TERM FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 18, 2003**

1998 TAX LEVIES

Mt Pleasant ISD	\$ 18,701,713.78
Daingerfield ISD	5,163,052.83
Titus County	4,410,455.75
City of Mount Pleasant	1,750,298.85
Winfield ISD	875,852.54
Harts Bluff ISD	975,556.78
Chapel Hill ISD	854,507.85
City of Talco	47,227.09
City of Winfield	<u>5,130.27</u>

TOTAL \$ 32,783,795.74

VOTE CALCULATIONS

	<u>VOTES</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Mt Pleasant ISD \$18,701,713.78 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 2,852	87.05
Daingerfield ISD \$5,163,052.83 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 787	24.00
Titus County \$4,410,455.75 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 673	20.52
City of Mount Pleasant \$1,750,298.85 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 267	8.15
Winfield ISD \$875,852.54 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 134	4.09
Harts Bluff ISD \$975,556.78 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 149	4.55
Chapel Hill ISD \$854,507.85 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 130	3.99
City of Talco \$47,227.09 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= 7	0.21
City of Winfield \$5,130.27 / \$32,783,795.74 X 1,000 X 5	= <u>1</u>	<u>0.02</u>
TOTAL VOTES	5,000	100.00

EXHIBIT B

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
(572)

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(572)TO: COMMISSIONERS COURT
MT PLEASANT, TX 75455

Application is hereby made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for permission to lay buried line and bore along that certain segment of the county road in Precinct #4 at the following location:

Bore C R 4215 just north of C R 4205, place cable to east side of C R 4215 then south approx. 250ft to Oakview Dr. and into Hidden Lake estates.

Respectfully submitted,

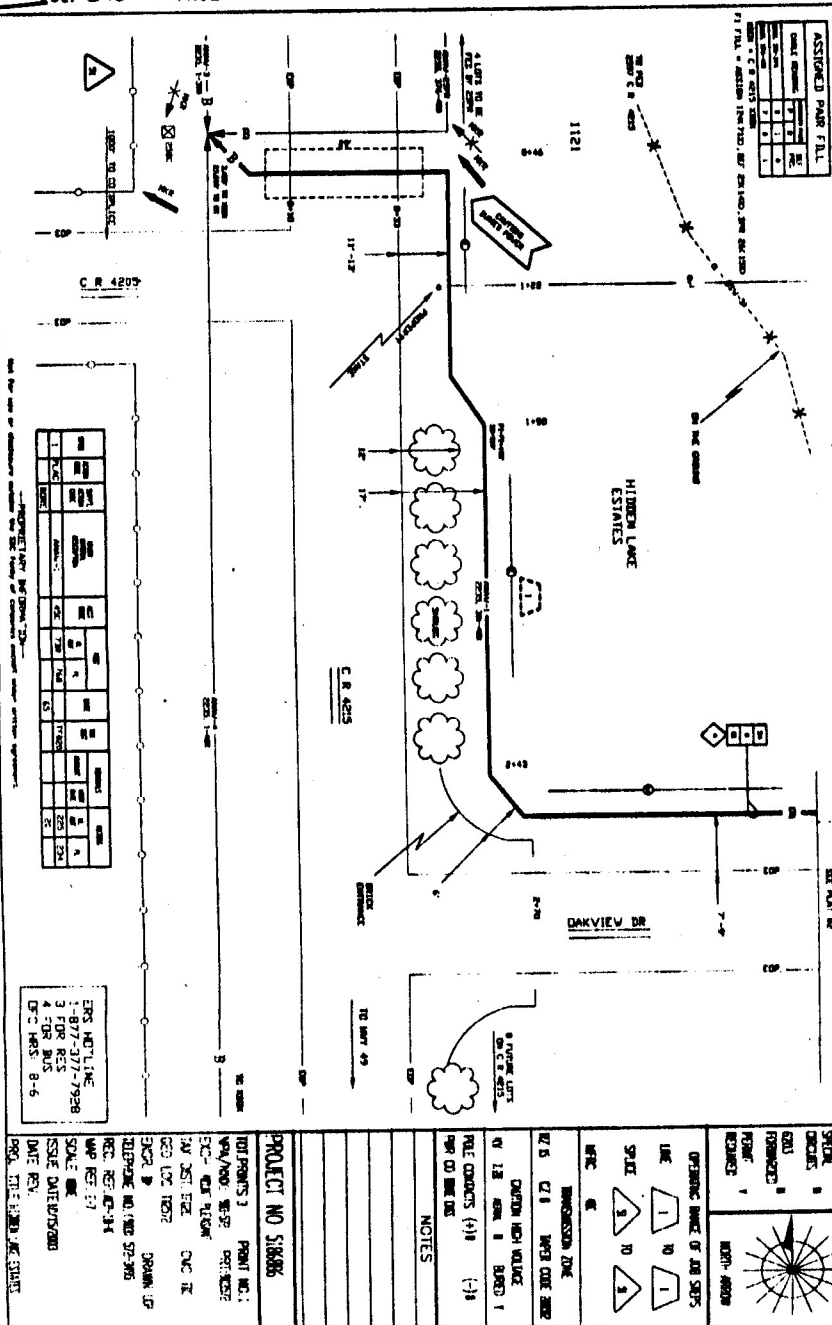
Bob McCuller

Bob McCuller
Manager Engineering Design
307 N. Van Buren
Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455
903 572-3495

10/10/03

Date

APPROVED - DENIEDDarryl Croth
County Judge10/27/03
Date



**EXHIBIT C
TITUS COUNTY
2004 HOLIDAYS**

NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1	THURSDAY
M.L. KING, JR.	JANUARY 19	MONDAY
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 16	MONDAY
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 09	FRIDAY
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 31	MONDAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 5	MONDAY
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 6	MONDAY
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 11	MONDAY
VETERAN'S DAY	NOVEMBER 11	THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER 25 NOVEMBER 26	THURSDAY FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS	DECEMBER 23 DECEMBER 24	THURSDAY FRIDAY
NEW YEAR'S EVE	DECEMBER 31	FRIDAY

APPROVED IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT OCTOBER 27, 2003

The above and foregoing minutes for the month Of September, 2003 were read and approved this 27th day of October, 2003.

Danny Crooks
DANNY CROOKS, COUNTY JUDGE

R. B. "Bob" Fitch
BOB FITCH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1

Mike Fields
MIKE FIELDS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2

Billy Thompson
BILLY THOMPSON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3

Thomas E. Hockaday
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

Sherry Mars
SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2003 A.D.
RECORDED ON THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2003, A.D.

SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Sherry Mars COUNTY CLERK

