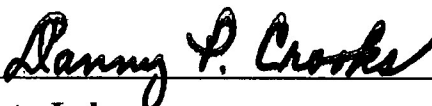


**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held the 23rd day of January, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 100 West First Street, Suite 205, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed:

1. Public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items in accordance with Section 5551-0442, Texas Open Meetings Act.
 2. Consider and possibly approve Lots No. 8-1R thru 8-5R, Lot 8, Park Hills Village. (Dellwood Townhouse) (Thomas Hockaday)
 3. Discuss and possibly approve a rental fee for the use of HAVA Voting Machine. (Judge Crooks / Leonard Rockwell)
 4. Discuss and possibly approve Michael L. Bishop and Clayton D. Gage as Deputy Sheriff. (Judge Crooks / Arvel Shepard)
 5. Consider and possibly approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. (Carl Johnson)
 6. Approve oral and written reports of County officials. (Judge Crooks)
 7. Approve budget amendments. (Carl Johnson)
 8. Sign pay orders and approve payment. (Judge Crooks)
 9. Consider and possibly approve paying for election workers' training on the new voting machines. (Mike Fields/Leonard Rockwell)
 10. Consider and possibly approve the minutes of December, 2005. (M. Fields)
 11. Consider and possibly approve as part of the county records the Disaster Declaration for Threat of Wildfires Proclamation signed by the County Judge on December 28, 2005. (M.Fields/Judge Crooks)
 12. Consider and possibly approve reconsidering SB-6. (Debra Alston)
- Adjourn**

Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas



County Judge

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting is a true and correct copy of said meeting and that same was posted on the bulletin board and doors of the Titus County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 20th day of January, 2006, and remained to posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.



**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2006**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Special Session* on Monday, January 23, 2006 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
PHILLIP HINTONCOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
THELMA SCULLIN DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING

DEBBY RHEA
DEBRA BOWEN

ARVEL SHEPARD

CARL JOHNSON
JAKE NARRAMORE
LEONARD ROCKWELL
BURNIS COVINGTON

ASHLEY THOMPkins
NORMA NARRAMORE
JUDY KENT

**IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
5551-0442, TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Burnis Covington announced the policial forum being held February 11, 2006 from 5 to 6 PM at Skidmore's barn. Invited all to come.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE LOTS NO. 8-1R THRU
8-5R, LOT 8 PARK HILLS VILLAGE. (DELLWOOD TOWNHOMES)

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the above mentioned plat.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE A RENTAL FEE FOR THE USE
OF HAVA VOTING MACHINE

Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator, told the court that Counties around us were charging entites other than the County for using the voting machines. It was from \$150 to \$250 per machine. He recommended that the rental for our voting machines be \$125 per machine per day. Rental entites would be responsible for repairs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the \$125 rental fee for each voting machine per day and the renters would be responsible for any repairs that were needed while they were using the machines.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MICHAEL L. BISHOP
AND CLAYTON D. GAGE AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve Michael L. Bishop and Clayton D. Gage as Deputy Sheriff.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TRAVEL AND
SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no requests.

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF
COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Philip Hinton to approve the following reports: Auditor, Sugar Hill VFD, Winfield VFD, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1.

Motion carried unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments.

IN THE MATTER OF
SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve paying our bills.

Motion carried unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PAYING FOR
ELECTION WORKERS' TRAINING ON THE NEW
VOTING MACHINES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to pay election workers that show up for training on the voting machines. The estimate for the cost is \$6,000.00. They will be paid \$7 an hour and will come out of election expense.

Motion carried unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
DECEMBER, 2005

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Philip Hinton to approve the Court Minutes for December, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE AS PART OF THE COUNTY
RECORDS THE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THREAT OF
WILDFIRES PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY THE COUNTY
JUDGE ON DECEMBER 28, 2005

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve the Disaster Declaration as a part of the county records.
Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND APPROVE RECONSIDERING SB-6

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve the \$30 collected under the SB-6 Bill be given to Safe-T Shelter instead of only \$15.
Motion carried unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously

Exhibit A

DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THREAT OF WILDFIRES

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Titus County has not had rainfall for an extended period and Weather forecasters offer little promise of a change in the dry conditions in the near future; and

WHEREAS, these hot, dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfires; and,

WHEREAS, such fires have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 authorized declaration of a state of disaster "if the threat of disaster is imminent" and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity at which such a fire could escalate to major proportions constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of dangerous fires;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that I Danny Crooks, County Judge of Titus County, do hereby declare a state of disaster based on the threat of large wildfires in Titus County, Texas; and

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven days without authorization by the Titus County Commissioners Court;

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster is being declared solely for the purpose of implementing controls aimed at mitigating the hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED THAT the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 28th day of December 28, 2005.

Danny P. Crooks

Titus County Judge