

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING
July 14, 2008**

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC ATTENDING:

**Sam W. Russell, County Judge
Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2
Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4
Carl Johnson, County Auditor
Joyce Simpson, Assistant to County Judge
Ron Staggs, Environmental Investigator
Scott Young
Gerry Evenwell**

**Bob Fitch, Commissioner Pct 1
Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3
Teresa Price, County Clerk
Debby Rhea, County Treasurer
Arvel Shepard, Titus County Sheriff
Ashley Tompkins
Norma Narramore
Christine Adair**

Judge Sam W. Russell called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on July 14, 2008 noting that for the record, notices have been posted for the appropriate amount of time prior to this meeting according to government regulations.

Judge Sam W. Russell led the Commissioners' Court in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Thomas Hockaday gave the invocation.

1. Public Comments and/or Requests for Information on Non-agenda Items in accordance with Section 551.042, Texas Opens Meetings Act

- a. **Update on Loop Project** – Scott Young with PBS&J presented the Commissioners Court with notebooks with tabs showing (1) Project Maps (2) Agreements (3) Status Reports (4) ROW – Utilities (5) Budget (6) Schedule (7) Miscellaneous and (8) Contact Information. Each month, he will present Progress Reports to the Commissioners Court to be added to each section.

TxDOT advised that ROWs should not be obtained in advance. See Progress Reports for further updates.

2. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes for Commissioners' Court on June 23, 2008

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve minutes for Commissioners' Court on May 23, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Open Bids and Consider and Possibly Approve the Following:

a. Gasoline and Diesel – 1 year and 3 year contract

Bids were received from Jackson Oil Company and Pleasant Oil Company. (See attachments for price quotes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to accept the low bid from Jackson Oil Company for a 3 year contract. Motion carried unanimously. See attachments

b. Air Conditioning and Heating Maintenance – 1 year and 3 year contract

Only one bid was received for the air conditioning and heating maintenance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the bid as submitted from Roberts Air Conditioning for 1 year with an option of 3 years. Motion carried unanimously. See Attachment

c. Steel Culverts: 16 gauge galvanized-steel 2.66 x ½ spiral lock seam construction all diameters

Contech had called stating that they had mailed a bid in last week but has not yet been received. They were contacted to fax a copy of their bid but also has not been received.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commission Phillip Hinton to table this item until the next Commissioners Court on July 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution Endorsing Texas Parks and Wildlife hold out Certain Funds from its Annual License Renewal Fees and Direct that said Funds to be Used Strictly for Predator Control

A letter was received from John Wade, Commissioner from Sutton County requesting assistance in raising funds to help in predator control that is affecting livestock, wildlife and agriculture.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve Resolution Endorsing Texas Parks and Wildlife to hold out certain funds from its annual license renewal fees and direct that said funds to be used strictly for predator control. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and Possibly Approve Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2009

Annually, the Texas Department of Transportation contacts each county to determine the Commissioners Court's intention with respect to the collection of optional local fees in addition to the registration fee for the new calendar year. Currently, Titus County has a County Road and Bridge Fee of \$10.00 in addition to the registration fee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve Imposition of Optional Fee for Calendar Year 2009 and retain the current County Road and Bridge Fee of \$10.00. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and Possible Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials

No travel requests were turned in.

7. Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials

Written reports were turned in from the following: *District Clerk; Environmental Investigator; Sugar Hill VFD; Nortex VFD; Five Star VFD; Winfield VFD* and Auditor's Department.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve oral and written reports of County Officials. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments.

9. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion carried.

10. Closing Comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any

Judge Russell informed the court that letters have been sent on the budget for 2009. Carl Johnson stated that a Budget meeting would be scheduled for some date after August 9, 2009. The Certified Roll should be received after the last week of July, 2008.

Bid specs will be ready to be picked up the week of July 21, 2008 for the following insurance coverage: Public officials; Law enforcement; General liability; Auto; Building and Contents; Employee blanket and Inland Marine. Legal notices will be placed in the newspaper.

Adjourn

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