

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING
August 11, 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
Tim Dale

Bob Fitch, Commissioner Pct 1
Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3
Lydia Gonzalez, County Clerk's Office
Debby Rhea, County Treasurer
Arvel Shepard, Titus County Sheriff
Norma Narramore
Gerry Evenwell

Judge Sam W. Russell called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on August 11, 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 Bob Fitch gave the invocation.

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

- a. **Update on Loop Project** – Scott Young with PBS&J informed the Commissioners Court that there hasn't been much change since the last update. At the last Commissioners Court, he presented each Commissioner and Judge with a notebook containing updated notes, schedules and financing. He will continue to give updates to the notebooks every other month.

The environmental assessments have been presented to TxDOT for their review and they are still waiting on their comments. There have been four potential sites for archaeological review located on FM 1000. TxDOT has approved the intersection at Tennyson and 271. There will be a five point signal light at this location. A meeting was held last week with Union Pacific Railroad. They are looking to make sure that we are outside of their right of way. This is a very important issue with the railroad. Financing has been added to the budget for Utility Coordination and ROE/Abstracting. ROW Acquisition should decrease. Construction costs should decrease due to some jobs being cut back and material already being purchased for them.

2. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes for Commissioners' Court on July 28, 2008

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to table this item because the minutes were not received until time for Commissioners Court to start and Commissioners have not had time to review. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and Possibly Approve the following:

- a. Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract #23379939, Renewal #09-01**
- b. Commissioners Court Resolution**
- c. Budget for Title IV-E County Contract (Form 2030ive)**

Judge Russell explained to the court that this is a contract that is renewed each year between Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Titus County for Child Welfare Services. The contract is being modified to coincide with the federal fiscal year 9/1/08 -Judge Russell explained to the court that this is a contract that is renewed each year between Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Titus County for Child Welfare Services. In prior years, the contract ended on August 31st of each year but is being modified to coincide with the federal fiscal year ending September 30th of each year. Therefore, the contract is for 9/1/08 – 9/30/09.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract #23379939, Renewal #09-01, Commissioners Court Resolution and Budget for Title IV-E Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve 2009 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve 2009 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees. Motion carried unanimously. The fees remain the same as 2008.

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

No travel requests were turned in.

6. Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials

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

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

7. Approve Budget Amendments

Carl Johnson, County Auditor, presented the Commissioners Court with Budget Amendment #25 to amend budget carryover for Pct 1.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve Budget Amendment #25. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.