

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

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, will be held on the 23rd day of March, 2009, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., in the Titus County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 100 West First Street, Suite 205, Mt Pleasant TX 75455, at which time the following subjects will be discussed not necessarily in the order presented:

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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
2. Review minutes for March 6, 2009 Regular meeting of the Commissioners Court
3. Consider and Possibly Approve Proclamation Designating April, 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Titus County
4. Consider and Possibly Approve Appointments to the Titus County Historical Commission for the term 2009-2010
5. Consider and Possibly Approve Scott Sartain to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee through December 31, 2009
6. Consider and Possibly Approve Shirl Ray Barrett and James Craig Brown as Deputy Sheriff
7. Consider and Possibly Approve Making a portion of CR 1690 a Private Road
8. Consider and Possibly Approve agreement with TxDOT for Railroad Crossing Arms at Project Location CR 4260 Southwest of Cookville
9. Consider and Possibly Approve agreement with TxDOT for Railroad Crossing Arms at Project Location CR 2400 West Mt Pleasant
10. Discussion & Reaffirmation of County Purchasing Policy
11. Consider and Possibly approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials
12. Approve oral and written reports of county officials
13. Approve budget amendments
14. Sign pay orders and approve payments
15. Closing comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any

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Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas

County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board and doors of the Titus County Courthouse and Annex, places readily accessible to the general public at all times, prior to 9:00 o'clock A.M., on the 20th day of March, 2009, and remained so posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

County Clerk /Deputy County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
March 23, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT met in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

SAM W. RUSSELL	COUNTY JUDGE
DON BOGGS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
PHILLIP HINTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS HOCKADAY	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
TERESA PRICE	COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETINGS

DEBBY RHEA, TREASURER	CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR	TIM INGRAM, SHERIFF
RON STAGGS	STEFANIE MORLEN	AMBER CULLEN
JOYCE SIMPSON	SCOTT SARTAIN	JOHNNY VINYARD
GERRY EVENWEL	SUE EVENWEL	REGINA CONROY
DARRELL GRUBBS	MIKE AHRENS, CITY MGR	BOBBY SPEARMAN
PAUL LINDSEY	TIM DALE	STEVE AUSTIN
SCOTT YOUNG	NORMA NARRAMORE	
WILLIAM WHITE, PA	KAY MCNUTT, PCT 1,3,4	

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Judge Sam W. Russell

Invocation: Commissioner Mike Fields

1. 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.

a) Update on Loop Project - Scott Young

2. REVIEWED MINUTES FROM Regular Meeting on March 6, 2009.

No Changes Recommended.

3. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL, 2009 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN TITUS COUNTY.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and was seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve proclamation designating April, 2009 as child abuse prevention month.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT #3

4. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE TERM 2009-2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and was seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve the appointments as attached.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 4

5. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING SCOTT SARTAIN TO SERVE ON THE REGIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and was seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve Scott Sartain to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING SHIRL RAY BARRETT AND JAMES CRAIG BROWN AS DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and was seconded by Thomas Hockaday to approve the appointments to Deputy Sheriff.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING MAKING A PORTION OF CR 1690 A PRIVATE ROAD.

Commissioner Boggs advised the property owner of possible problems that could be encountered if the CR was approved to become a private road. Most specifically, the potential problems emergency agencies would have gaining access to the property in the event there was a locked gate to the premises.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and was seconded by Mike Fields to approve CR 1690 being turned into a private road.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH TxDOT FOR RAILROAD CROSSING ARMS AT PROJECT LOCATION CR 4260 SOUTHWEST OF COOKVILLE.

This item was tabled.

9. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH TxDOT FOR RAILROAD CROSSING ARMS AT PROJECT LOCATION 2400 WEST MT. PLEASANT.

This item was tabled.

10. IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION AND REAFFIRMATION OF COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY.

On September 18, 2007, Judge Russell sent a letter to all elected and appointed officials regarding the purchase policy stating that purchases of goods and/or services are being made without the assignment of purchase order numbers from William White. Such practices are in violation of the County purchasing policy which was adopted by the Commissioners Court on April 18, 1997. Judge Russell stated the need to adhere to this policy and a purchase order number must be obtained from William before purchasing anything. If William is out sick, on vacation or out of town for the day, Joyce Simpson will be provided a group of purchase order numbers and she can be contacted. Commissioner Don Boggs asked if Dennis Wilbanks at the Maintenance Barn will still have a group of numbers also. Clarification was made in that everything other than items needed by the Commissioners' precincts need to go through Joyce in the event William White is unavailable. Teresa Price, County Clerk, asked if other offices would be allowed to go through Dennis Wilbanks to receive a purchase order. Commissioner Hockaday replied saying it would be easier for all other offices to go through the court house to get their number being that they are here at the court house. Carl Johnson, County Auditor, stated that sometimes the Sheriff's office needs something on the weekend. Only emergency items will be allowed to be purchased. A receipt will need to be taken to the maintenance barn to be placed with the assigned purchase order number. Teresa Price, County Clerk, asked if contractual purchases go through open court. Commissioner Hockaday stated yes, all contracts must go through open court. Debby Rhea, County Treasurer, asked about cell phone contracts having to go through open court. Commissioner Hockaday stated he had not considered cell phone contracts. Judge Russell answered in that at some point, hopefully in April, we

need to look at our policy covering items such as cell phones and uniforms. Judge Russell further stated that he had met with TAC concerning the policy and that suggestion had been made as to changes to the current policy, including FMLA. Ms. Price asked once again for the record if contractual purchases have to go through open court. Commissioner Hockaday said that is correct, that is the way it has always been. Commissioner Boggs asked if she had something in particular that she was referring to and was told no.

11. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING TRAVEL AND SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and was seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve travel and seminar request; special note being made to County Clerk's request being approved only if paid thru the County Clerks Record Management Fund and not thru the General Fund.

Motion carried. Judge Russell opposed.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 11

12. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and was seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve reports.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 12

13. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING BUDGET ADMENDMENTS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and was seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to approve budget amendment # 4-11.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 13

14. IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING PAY ORDERS AND APPROVING PAYMENTS.

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

Motion carried.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 14

15. IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Fields commented on a successful "Clean Up Day" stating the event has proven to be very beneficial to the residents of Titus County.

Judge Russell stated he would try to get the personal policy printed off for review.

Commissioner Thomas Hockaday requested a workshop for the commissioner's court to fully review the policy.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.