

COMMISSIONERS COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
May 26, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 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 MEETING

DEBBY RHEA, TREASURER	CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR	TIM INGRAM, SHERIFF
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WILLIAM WHITE	JUDY COOK, TAX ASSESSOR	BRETT THOMAS
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Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Judge Sam 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. Texas Silver-Haired Legislature ☐ Joy Lynn Jones- not present

-Michelle Arnold- Vice Chairman and Steve Austin- Chairman to the Historical Society gave a brief presentation and hand-out to the Commissioners explaining that the county's historical commission plans to survey structures, sites and collections around the county in an effort to preserve heritage. Also, Seed packets were given to Commissioners to help beautify Titus County.

-Treasurer Debby Rhea addressed the Court regarding the purchase of a safe because her office had been entered on 2 occasions without consent, knowledge, warrant, probable cause, emergency or imminent danger by the County Judge.

-Sheriff Tim Ingram requested the Court to consider making direct deposit a payroll option.

-Kay McNutt announced the East Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Conference being held August the 12th and 13th a schedule would be provided and gave a personnel invitation to attend.

2. REVIEWED MINUTES FOR May 11, 2009 REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

No Changes Recommended.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 2

3. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH AUCTIONEER EXPRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUCTIONING USED AND CONFISCATED VEHICLES.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and was seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to accept a contract with Auctioneer Express. Brett Thomas requested the opportunity to bid on the next sale stating the only difference between Auctioneer Express and himself is that he charges a convenience fee to the buyer not the seller. Funds will be deposited into the Sheriffs seizure account.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT #3
4. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING VINE CONTRACT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and was seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to accept the VINE contract beginning September 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT # 4
5. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING THE TITUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLYING FOR A STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS UPGRADES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and was seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to apply for a State Criminal Justice Grant. The highest amount granted would be approximately \$34, 000.00 the lowest being \$10, 000.00 with no local match requirement. This grant would allow for information and communications system upgrades for the Sheriff's office.

Motion carried unanimously.
6. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING THE TITUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLYING FOR A FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR CAMERAS AND RADARS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and was seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to approve corrections to Federal Criminal Justice Grant application to receive funds of approximately \$37,000.00. There is no local match required on this grant. This grant would allow cameras and radars for the Sheriff's office to be purchased.

Motion carried unanimously.
7. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING PAYROLL CHECKS BEGINNING ON JUNE 4, 2009 TO BE PASSED OUT BY 8:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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8. IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY APPROVING CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE COUNTY TREASURERS BACKUP AND THAT THE BACKUP WILL HAVE A FACSIMILE OF THE COUNTY TREASURERS SIGNATURE.

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Judge Russell opposed.

Motion carried.

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