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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 25, 2010**

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC ATTENDING:**

<b>Sam W. Russell, County Judge</b>	<b>Don Boggs, Commissioner Pct 1</b>
<b>Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2</b>	<b>Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3</b>
<b>Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4</b>	<b>Teresa Price, County Clerk</b>
<b>Carl Johnson, County Auditor</b>	<b>Debby Rhea, County Treasurer</b>
<b>Joyce Simpson, Assistant to County Judge</b>	<b>Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator</b>
<b>Tim Ingram, County Sheriff</b>	<b>Russell Dunn</b>
<b>Norma Narramore</b>	<b>Janice Chism</b>
<b>Christopher Pritchett</b>	<b>Brian Lee</b>
<b>Bob Palmer</b>	

Judge Sam Russell called the Special Meeting to order after 9:00 a.m. on January 25, 2010 stating that for the record, notices had been posted 72 hours prior to the meeting as requested by the Open Records Act.

Judge Russell led the Commissioners' Court in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mike Fields followed with the invocation.

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

See Item 2

**2. Review minutes from Commissioners Court for January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting**

Teresa Price, County Clerk, brought to the court's attention that the agenda had to review the minutes only and therefore, could not be approved since it did not have Consider and Approve. Ms. Price stated that the court had approved the minutes for December 28, 2009 but that these needed to be approved again since the agenda only had Review. Judge Russell stated that these would be added to the next agenda.

Ms. Price then asked the court if there were any corrections on the minutes that she had given to the Commissioners' Court for January 11, 2010. Commissioner Phillip Hinton stated that in Item 7, Ms. Angie Pascal's name had been misspelled and should be changed from Pascoe to Pascal. Corrections will be made.

**3. Consider and Possibly Approve Titus County Sheriff's Office Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2009**

Titus County Sheriff, Tim Ingram, presented the court with a copy of the Racial Profiling Status Report for Titus County for the period 01/01/2009 to 12/31/2009. Sheriff Ingram stated that this report is required by law and includes all stops and searches that were made during this

period. The report shows a breakdown of 403 (15.4%) African; 270 Hispanic (10.3%); 1927 Caucasian (74.0%) and 2 other (0.0%).

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the Titus County Sheriff's Office Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution for Letter of Credit for Railroad Commission of Texas**

Titus County is a gatherer and transporter of oil and files monthly P-5 reports. Based on these activities, a yearly renewal organizational report and a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$25,000 have to be filed for financial security to cover our operations with the Railroad Commission of Texas. In order to do this, the court has to approve a resolution for the Letter of Credit.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve Resolution for Letter of Credit for Railroad Commission of Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consider and Possibly Approve Yearly Insurance Payment for each of the six (6) Volunteer Fire Departments effective February 1, 2010 thru January 31, 2011**

An invoice in the amount of \$19,380.00 was received from VHIS of Texas for insurance coverage expiring on 01/31/10. Deductions will be made each month in the amount of \$281.91 from payments made to each of the following Volunteer Fire Departments: Cookville; Nortex; Tri-Lakes; Sugar Hill; Five-Star and Winfield.

Commissioner Mike Fields had spoken with Marvin Vinson, VHIS East Texas Representative, who told him that Titus County VFDs were at 98% completion on having their background checks, physicals and training done. This helps keep the premiums stay low.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve Yearly Insurance Payment for each of the six (6) volunteer fire departments effective February 1, 2010 thru January 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution approving bid for purchase of property resulting from Delinquent Tax Suit #30,806, Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD vs. Pearl Hamilton, et al**

This is a piece of property that is in Titus County but in the Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD school district and became the property of Titus County due to the fact that a sufficient bid was not received at a sale conducted by the Titus County Sheriff's Department on September 2, 2008. Approval has already been received from Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD Board of Trustees and the Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) Board of Trustees. The bid amount is \$3502.00 and if approved, will put this piece of property back on the tax roll.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to approve the resolution approving bid for purchase of property resulting from Delinquent Tax Suite #30,806, Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD vs. Pearl Hamilton, et al. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Consider and Possibly Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials**

Travel was requested for the following: Tim Ingram, Titus County Sheriff, to attend the Sheriff's Association of Texas Sheriff's Legislative meeting to be held in Austin, February 16-17, 2009; Corporal Lashanda Aston, Officer Donna Beasley, Officer Clarence Hunt and Officer Jamie Tilson for the Basic Jailer Firearms course held at the East Texas Police Academy Range in Kilgore on February 9-10, 2009; Lydia Gonzalez, Vitals Clerk, to attend the Master Registrars Certification Course in Austin February 9-13, 2009 and JP Kay McNutt to attend training for Credit Card Cases in Nacogdoches, February 12, 2009, and a 20 hr seminar in San Antonio May 12-15, 2009; Irma Ayala from JP 1, 3 & 4 office to attend New Clerk School in Tyler on July 13, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to approve all travel requests. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Consider and Possibly Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials**

Reports were turned in from the Nortex VFD and the City of Talco VFD. A cash report was given to the Commissioners Court by Carl Johnson. This cash report includes all transfers and bills paid to date. There were no oral reports.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Don Boggs to approve written reports of County Officials. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Approve Budget Amendments**

There were no budget amendments.

**10. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments**

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

**11. Closing Comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any**

Commissioner Fields asked that everyone be very careful when burning and if anticipating an uncontrolled burn, to please contact the volunteer fire departments. The Texas Forest Service and Larry McRae with the Mt Pleasant Fire Department will let us know when conditions get to the point that a burn ban will need to be in effect.

He also informed the court that the City and County are working together to have spring clean up day in March.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.