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COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2010

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Sam W. Russell, County Judge
Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2
Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4
Carl Johnson, Auditor
Joyce Simpson, Assistant to County Judge
Jerene Sarratt
Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator
Norma Narramore
Troy Sellers
Jeanette Green
Brian Whitfield

Don Boggs, Commissioner Pct 1 - Absent
Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3
Teresa Price, County Clerk
Debby Rhea, County Treasurer
Captain Brad Fosdick
Steve Austin, Veterans' Service Officer
Sheryl Preddy
Bobby Joe Spearman
Brian Lee
Lou Antonelli

Judge Sam W. Russell called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on June 14 2010 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 Mike Fields 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. Steve Austin, Veterans' Service Officer, gave an initial report of services performed since he had started this position on 5/24/10 and would like to give the report on a monthly basis. Mr. Austin was informed that there was an agenda item regarding oral and written reports and he could submit his reports at that time.

Mr. Austin also informed the court that he was waiting on a fax number in order to order letterhead and that he was waiting on a copier/printer/fax machine. Once the fax number is received, his information and services will be added to the Titus County website. He now has email set up.

- b. Lou Antonelli extended an invitation to the court to attend the first annual Hill Enochs Memorial Red, White and Blue Independence Day Rally and Cookout which will be held July 3rd at the Scout Hut at Dellwood Park beginning at 5:00p.m. This is being sponsored by the Optimist Club and they will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers. This is to give the citizens of Mount Pleasant an opportunity to meet and mingle with each other as well as candidates in this fall's general election.

2. Consider and Possibly approve minutes for April 26, 2010 Special meeting; May 10, 2010 Regular Meeting; May 17, 2010 Special Meeting and May 24, 2010 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to table this item until Commissioner Boggs was able to attend. He is out due to death of father-in-law and he had questions on the last minutes.

3. Consider and Possibly Approve Agreement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co., PC to perform FY 2010 Audit

Carl Johnson, County Audit, stated that this was the annual renewal for audit of the county in the amount of \$22,800.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve agreement with Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Co., PC to perform FY 2010 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve Purchase of Computer for Elections Office with Funds from Chapter 19 Funds

Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator, explained to the court that this was funds left over from 2008 funds in the amount of approximately \$1600.00. These funds will be lost if they are not used. He stated that his office could use a backup computer with OMNI Drive. These funds come from the Secretary of State office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve purchase of computer for Elections Office with Funds from Chapter 19 Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and Possibly Approve Resolution for Nomination to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of Titus County Appraisal District

Commissioner Mike Fields nominated Tim Dale for this position and Commissioner Thomas Hockaday nominated Hudson Old.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve resolution nominating Tim Dale and Hudson Old to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of Titus County Appraisal District. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and Possibly Approve Captain Brad Fosdick to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve Captain Brad Fosdick to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and Possibly Approve Purchase of 4 computers for the County Clerk's office using Records Management Funds

Teresa Price, County Clerk, stated that she would like to replace four computers and had obtained a quote from Kaybro. The quote has a 10 year life span due to the hard drive being in the monitor. Commissioner Fields asked if Kaybro was on the State Bidders' List and Ms. Price answered that she did not know, that we had used them before. She stated that she had given a copy of the quote to William White, Business Manager. Mr. White was called in to see if Dell had responded to his request for a quote. Mr. White stated that he had faxed the information to Dell but had not yet gotten a response. He is not sure if Kaybro is getting a government price.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the purchase of 4 computers for the County Clerk's office using Records Management Funds subject to receiving quote from Dell. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider and Possibly Approve Replacement of copy machine in the County Clerk's Office using Records Management Funds

Ms. Price stated that this was in her budget for FY10. Ms. Price brought three options to the Commissioners' Court. (See attached) Commissioner Fields asked if TLC was on the State Vendor List. Ms. Price stated that she was not sure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the acquisition of copy machine (Option 1) in the County Clerk's office using Records Management Funds subject to determining if TLC is on the State Bidder's List and whether a comparable machine can be bought at same price or lower. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider and Possibly Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Official

Travel was approved for the following:

- Sheriff's office for Lt. Terry McDowell and Lt. Brent Smith to attend an Intermediate Child Abuse Course presented by the Mt Pleasant Police Department on June 30-July 1 in Mt Pleasant
- Sheriff's office for Sgt. Marcus Carlock to attend an Intermediate Crime Scene Search Course presented by the Mt Pleasant Police Department in Mt Pleasant June 22-25
- Elections Office for Joan Cross and Kristy Lytle to attend Refresher Team Training Course in August on July 21
- Elections Office for Leonard Rockwell to attend State Annual Election Administrator School in Austin in August and also for July 19th for him to attend Refresher course in Austin
- Sheriff's office for Lt. Brent Smith and Sgt. Kenneth Wilson to attend Southwest Financial Crimes forum on June 10

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve travel and seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider and Possibly Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials

Written reports were turned in from Sugar Hill VFD; District Clerk; County Clerk; Cookville VFD (March-May); Five Star VDF; Winfield VFD and cash audit from Auditor's Office.

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

11. Consider and Possibly Approve Treasurer's Report

Judge Russell asked what the \$4.6 million CIB was for was told that this was Cash in Banks and was money in CD's. Judge Russell then asked if the money received from the coke machine was used for the Flower Fund and how much did we receive. The money is going into the General Accounting and there is no longer a Flower Fund. The treasurer, Debby Rhea, stated that we receive approximately \$300 quarterly from the coke machines and this includes the Sheriff's office; JP's office; annex and courthouse. Mr. Johnson is to check and see if we can use this money for the Flower Fund. Judge Russell then asked if there was ever any request from the Child Victim Funds and what do we do with this money. He was told that this money goes to the State. Commissioner Hockaday questioned the Texas Capital Funds and interest rate. Mr. Johnson stated that the court sets the parameters and that Charlie Smith from the Industrial Foundation had made an inquiry into this fund. There is \$613,000 available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Approve Budget Amendments

Mr. Johnson presented the court with Budget Amendments 11-17. Budget Amendment #18 was not available but is being prepared for the County Clerk's office to reclassify change to copy machine from General Accounting to Records Management.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve budget amendments #11-18. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments

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

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

Judge Russell informed the court that Jennie Taraborelli from Pate Transportation was unable to be present to present a status update for the loop but had forwarded information to the court. Some of the highlights were that the FONSI had been received for 2348. Right of way acquisition is ongoing.

The Clearing and Grubbing Contract on 271 project of the loop will be awarded at the next Commissioners' Court Meeting on June 28, 2010. Bids will be received on June 15th.

Groundbreaking will be held after Commissioners' Court on June 28th.

Public Hearing will be held on FM 1000 during the week of July 19th. Notices will run in the newspaper 30 days prior to the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hockaday told the court that during the heavy rains last week, he had a culvert wash away

Adjourn

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