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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS NOVEMBER 12, 2010

#### **ELECTED OFFICALS AND PUBLIC ATTENDING**

Sam W. Russell, County Judge
Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2
Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4
Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator
Norma Narramore
Marcia Davis-Seale

Don Boggs, Commissioner Precinct 1
Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Precinct 3
Teresa Price, County Clerk
Joyce Simpson, Administrative Assistant
Mike Ahrens

Judge Russell called the Special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

## 1.) Canvass the returns from the November 2, 2010 General Election and certify the results of the election

Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator of Titus County, came before the court and presented them with a Summary of Precinct Returns, both Early Voting and Totals including Early Voting, received under Section 87.1231 of the Texas Election Code. Mr. Rockwell hereby certified that the Summaries were a true and correct tally list of the votes cast in the November 2, 2010 General Election as tabulated by the 650 Ballot Scanner and the model 100 precinct counter. He further certified that the three (3) required test of the automated tabulating equipment, as required by Section 127.093, Texas Election Code, were conducted and all were successful.

Mr. Rockwell went over the summary of precinct returns on both early voting and total votes including early voting as attached.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the canvassing of the returns from the November 2, 2010 General Election and to certify the results of the election. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rockwell wanted to clarify on reports that there was voting fraud going on. He went on to say that nobody got two (2) ballots unless you lived in the Chapel Hill or Mt Pleasant ISD precincts. The two ballots that might have been in question was the one time that a husband and wife mailed their ballots in the same envelope. No one was registered in more than one precinct. It is virtually impossible to do this since we are on a State wide list. If someone goes to register in another county and they are also registered here, it will kick out that registration.

There were also reports of several applications for ballot by mail having the same writing. This is not a violation or voter fraud. Each election, a stack of cards is received with all of the information filled out from either candidates or some party mails them out. All the voter has to do is sign their name as long as they are not in the presence of any voter. The signature has to be different. The Signature Board addressed this issue.

The Secretary of State's office sent a state inspector and Mr. Rockwell will give a report once that is received.

Judge Russell asked if funds had been received from both parties for the Primary election. Mr. Rockwell answered in that the Republican Party had not turned their money in. When asked how much this was, the court was told approximately \$20,000.00.

# 2.) Consider and possibly approve Memorandum of Understanding for Support of Continuity of Court Operations in the Event of an Emergency between Titus County and the Supreme Court of Texas

Judge Russell informed the court that after Hurricane Katrina, the Supreme Court formed a task force to come up with a interim plan that in the event of an emergency, that essential operations are available to those who seek access to the court when a courthouse is unavailable or inoperable. Judge Russell stated that Judge Jimmy White was on this task force committee.

By entering into an MOU with the Supreme Court in which each county agrees to support the continuity of court operations in any other county that has experienced a disaster, this will allow Titus County to participate in this program. Counties providing assistance pursuant to this MOU will be reimbursed for reasonable costs associated with that assistance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve Memorandum of Understanding for Support of Continuity of Court Operations in the Event of an Emergency between Titus County and the Supreme Court of Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

# 3.) Consider and possibly approve RFP for Statement of Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the Titus County Pass-Through Program

There has been some question as to whether the County needed to request Statements of Qualifications from qualified concerns about providing Construction Management Services. In order to satisfy TxDOT and make sure that there are no grounds to declare us in default, we need to advertise for Statement of Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the Titus County Pass-Through Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve RFP for Statement of Qualification for Construction Management Services for the Titus County Pass-Through Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The deadline to submit an RFP would be December 10, 2010.

#### Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.