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COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
December 12, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting on Friday, December 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

Judge Brian P. Lee	County Judge
Don Boggs	Commissioner Precinct 1
Mike Fields	Commissioner Precinct 2
Phillip Hinton	Commissioner Precinct 3
Thomas Hockaday	Commissioner Precinct 4
Dianne Norris	County Clerk
Sheryl Preddy	County Treasurer
Carl Johnson	County Auditor

Public Attending Meeting:

Norma Narramore	Jake Narramore	Charlie Smith
Lt. Woody Hughes	Ludy Gibson	Mat Gibson
Troy Sellers	Kristen Frazier	David O'Dell
Shawn Bryan	April Ridgeway	Carolyn Norman

Pledge of Allegiance led by:	Judge Brian Lee
Invocation by:	Commissioner Boggs

1) Pursuant to section 551.042, Texas Open Meeting Act, the Court is open to hear public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:00:53).

a. None

2) Consider and possibly approve Minutes from November 28, 2011 Special Meeting of the Commissioner Court. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:07).

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Presentation by Charlie Smith with the Industrial Foundation regarding Freeport Exemption and Warehousing Exemption for Local Ad Valorem Taxes. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:34 and/or see attachment #1).

a. Judge Lee: I have asked Charlie Smith with our Industrial Foundation to come and speak today about a subject that you all were exposed to about a week ago when we had our meeting up at the extension office. This matter involves whether or not we should enact a resolution having to do with Freeport Exemptions, Warehousing and new Legislation that would allow our local companies to house inventory and thereby avoid the Ad Valorem Taxes. There are pros and cons and we heard a recommendation from Jim Allison, General Counsel for Texas Association of Counties reminding us that we have until December 31, 2011 to enact that resolution. However, before we just move forward at his recommendation, I wanted you to hear from Charlie Smith who may have a different viewpoint. I think that you are better able to make a decision if you hear both sides about it.

b. Charlie Smith references the attached Memo, attachment #1.

c. Judge Lee: If you want to make a move, like the Hospital and College have done, we will draft a resolution, which has been provided to us by Mr. Allison, and we will enact that in the next meeting two weeks from now, which will be prior to year end. That will prevent anyone from being able to take advantage of this. Again, you are protecting us from a problem that right now does not exist because of the nature of our primary manufacturers....

Discussions ensued among the Commissioners, Judge Lee and Charlie Smith, Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:34). There was no action taken on this presentation at this time the matter has been tabled until the next Commissioners' Court.

- 4) Consider and possibly approve purchase and installation of Programmable Thermostats for Courthouse, Annex, Elections Administration office, and Extension office. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:32:50).

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs to purchase the programmable thermostats with the understanding that the cost will be provided at the next meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consider and possibly approve Net Data Hardware Contract. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:39:38 and/or see Attachment #2).
 - a. Shawn Bryan presents a two-tier option for the Net Data Hardware Contract.

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs to approve the Net Data Hardware Contract, tier one, and seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Presentation from IT Committee on County's e-mail and web hosting. (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:050:40 and/or see attachment #3)

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs to turn the e-mail and web hosting service over to Kaybro and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Consider and respond to correspondence from Traveler's Insurance Risk Control regarding their recommendations for auto and property coverage. (Listen to audio track 1, 01:23:27 and/or see attachment #4)
 - a. Judge Lee reviews the recommendations from Travelers Risk Control.
 - i. Fire Detection System;
 - ii. Commercial driver qualification files;
 - iii. Motor vehicle records

There was no action taken on this matter, informational use only at this time.

- 8) Consider and possibly approve travel and seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials. (Listen to track 1, 01:30:31 and/or see attachment #5)
 - a. Sheriff Ingram requested to send Brandon Fulcher to a 40-hour Tlets class on December 5, 2011 for no cost to the County.

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Approve Oral and Written reports of County Officials. (Listen to track 1, 01:31:25 and/or see Attachment #6)

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Consider and possibly approve Treasurer's Report. (Listen to track 1, 01:33:18 and/or see Attachment #7).

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Approve Budget Amendments. (Listen to track 1, 01:37:47 and/or see Attachment #8)

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Sign pay orders and approve payments. (Listen to track 1, 01:40:07)

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Closing comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any.

- a. Commissioner Fields: There is a Job Fair at the Hampton Inn for Construction and Operators on December 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- b. Judge Lee: The Burn Ban is lifted throughout the County and the City. We are grateful for the rain and grateful that we did not have any problems while we were.
- c. Commissioner Hinton: December 15, 2011 at the Harts Bluff Administration Building from 4:30 to 7:00, they will be reviewing the plans for the turning lanes out there at the School.
All the County Road hands and Commissioners have finished their NIMS Certification for the IS 100, 200, and 700. The Commissioners have one year to complete the IS 300 and 400 tests.

14) Adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion carried unanimously