

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 25, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

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
Sheryl Preddy	County Treasurer
Dianne Norris	County Clerk

Public Attending Meeting:

Carolyn Norman	Steve Austin	Gerry Evenwel
John P Livingston	Barbara Bruechner	Dennis Newman
Kris Frazier	Paul Lindsey	Sheryl Preddy

Pledge of Allegiance led by:	Judge Lee
Invocation by:	Commissioner Hinton

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.

a. Judge Lee: I would like to say a special word of welcome to Marjorie Chandler, in the back corner trying to stay anonymous; she is from Congressman Hall's office. We appreciate you being here.

b. Judge Lee: We do not have anyone with public comments.

2) Consider and possibly approve minutes from July 11, 2011 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:30)

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve that we accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:51).

3) Consider and possibly approve replacements and upgrades to video security systems at the Courthouse, Annex and Justice Center by Newman Electronics (Paul Lindsey). (Listen to Audio 1, 00:01:54)

a. Paul Lindsey: There are actually three different systems: one for the Courthouse, one for the Annex, and one for the Justice Center. Two of the three did not work when first inspected. A company out of Paris initially installed those systems about eight or nine years ago. Captain Fosdick highly recommended the system that Dennis Newman has. Dennis did some installation work on the jail with their cameras, they have minimal problems with them, if any problems, and Dennis is always there to fix it for them. Mr. Newman and I went through the Courthouse, I talked to most of the elected officials and we looked at a good camera system for the Courthouse, which is going to include a camera for the Courtroom, outside on the porches and inside, along with the elevator. We will have a camera on the second floor, and I spoke with Dianne, our County Clerk and discussed a camera that will monitor the front of her office where there are money transactions. Dennis provided bids for each of the three locations. This can be paid through the Courthouse Security Funds, which means that the Defendants that utilize the Courtroom services are the ones that get to pay for this.

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve an expenditure of \$33,100.00, which will encompass the Courthouse, Justice Center, and the Annex. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:18:40)

- 4) Consider and possibly approve payment of mileage from Memphis and a local hotel for a Witness who will need to testify in an upcoming trial.
 - a. Judge Lee: If you will recall, we had this very same request about a month ago. Unfortunately, we began our trial at the end of July, which is when our County Attorney suffered some physical problems, and we literally had to stop the trial before we even got started. We were in the middle of voir dire, choosing the jury, and we had to shut it down. I had hoped to be able to bring that same jury back in a few days, but either way our victim who was the main person testifying in that trial could not stay here indefinitely, so she had to return to Memphis. Now, we need her to come back for the planned trial on July 27, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Boggs. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:20:30)

- 5) Consider and possibly approve October 3, 2011 as the effective date of the formation of the Titus County Bail Bond Board ("TCBBB") replacing the previously approved date of October 1, 2011. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:31:58)
 - a. Judge Lee: About a week and a half ago Robert Davis, who is an attorney that is retained by Texas Association of Counties, came and spoke to the upcoming new board members of our Bail Bond Board. The Bail Bond Board has not been formed yet, we were just having a preliminary meeting where he gave us manuals on how to set up and how to run bail bond boards as well as general bail bond law. We also planned our first meeting, we looked at the calendar and realized that October 1 is on a Saturday and we are going to have our first meeting, where we will actually form the board, elect the chairperson of that board, but it cannot occur until October 3 on that Monday. Mr. Davis recommended that we make the official start date of the formation of the Bail Bond Board be October 3 rather than October 1 so we did not have 48 hour period without a chairman or specific set of guidelines in place. We are asking that you will move the formation date to October 3, 2011.

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton that we approve the Bail Bond Board formation date of October 3, 2001. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:22:19).

- 6) Consider and possibly approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and Elected Officials. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:22:24 and/or see Attachment 1)

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve travel and seminars. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:24:50)

- 7) Approve oral and written reports from County Officials. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:24:55 and/or see Attachment 2)

Motion made by Commissioner Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:26:02)

- 8) Consider and possibly approve Treasurer's report. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:26:05 and/or see Attachment 3).

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:27:01)

- 9) Approve budget amendments. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:27:05)

a. None

- 10) Sign pay orders and approve payments. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:27:06)

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday.

Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:27:25)

- 11) County Judge and Commissioners' present their closing comments, if any. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:27:26)

a. Commissioner Hinton: Titus County has five TXDOT projects on the list and one of them being the widening of 1402.

b. Judge Lee: Those other projects were

i. Widening of the road there in front of Hart's Bluff;

ii. The biggest one on the list was the straightening and widening of the road going out to the college.

iii. Adding a signal light on the Two Seniorita's side and on the El Chico's side of the interstate freeway on 271;

iv. One at the Junior High at the Y, where you split to go right to the Junior High and left to the High School.

v. One at 1734 and Hwy 11.

The purpose of our meeting with TXDOT along with other counties was to see if we could all agree on where these projects stood, where to spend the money, which projects were actually go forward because there was not enough money with TXDOT to get everybody's projects done. I feel confident that three of the five projects are going to be funded and begun within the next two years.

- c. Judge Lee: I don't know what else we can do, but we need to start thinking about ways that we can be a solid voice in expressing our concerns to the EPA about the mandates that they currently have that are effecting decision making at Luminant and SWEPCO. We are in a unique situation, not only does it impact the rates that our residents are going to pay, but here we are sitting on two significant plants that not only employ a lot of people but provide a lot of taxing base in our community. It would be a loss that I am not sure I can quantify in dollars, or time what the impact of closure of part or all of our generation activities in our county. I have been to two or three meetings with company personnel where they have expressed to us what we can do. The most effective thing that we can do is to write a letter to the EPA, which I have done. We need to have this continually on our mind; we need to have the people in our community talking about it; we need to be visiting with our Senators and State Representatives, anybody that can have an impact here. The EPA needs to get a loud clear message from us about the devastation this could cause throughout Texas but specifically Titus County.
- d. Marjorie Chandler: Mr. Hall has battled and will continue to battle the EPA until they stop destroying our industries. He asked me to come today and asked me to make this statement for him.
- e. Judge Lee: I got a visit from the Texas Association of Counties liaison regarding our Workers' Comp Insurance. I am a firm believer in doing anything you can to keep your Work Comp rates down and obviously that usually boils down to safety training. Do any of you want to utilize TAC resources to put on any kind of safety seminars or anything that might help us minimize injuries that cost us

Work Comp dollars, please let me know they would be glad to provide this at no charge.

12) Adjournment.

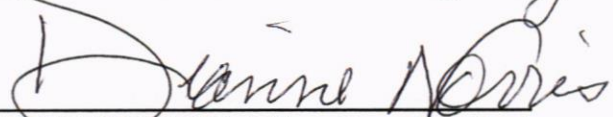
Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton.

Motion carried unanimously. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:46:14)

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

The above and foregoing is a true and complete Transcription of my notes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, on the 25 day of July, 2011 at the time and place heretofore set forth.

Attested to this 8 day of August, 2011.


DIANNE NORRIS, Titus County Clerk

