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COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 25, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Special meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

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

Public Attending Meeting:

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| Carolyn Norman | Norma Narramore | Rex McGee   |
| Sue Evenwel    | Brent Smith     | Judy Kent   |
| Ted Aikman     | Emily Aikman    | Troy Seller |
| Joyce Simpson  | Lou Antonelli   | Danny Clark |
| Rodney Glenn   | Lanny Walker    | Bill Wilder |
| April Ridgeway |                 |             |

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| Pledge of Allegiance led by: | Judge Lee           |
| Invocation by:               | Commissioner Fields |

1. In the matter of public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items in accordance with section 551-042, Texas Open Meetings Act (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:20)

There were no public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items.

2. Consider and possibly approve Minutes from February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Commissioner Court. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:01:37).

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve minutes from February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Status Report on Titus County Pass-Through Projects.(Listen to audio track 1, 00.01.59)

There is no Status Report today. Judge Lee stated that we are waiting on a firm date on a pre-construction meeting on the last leg of our loop which is tentatively looking like March 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> but hasn't been confirmed yet. This will be the first major meeting with all of the contractors and everyone who is a significant participant in that FM 1000 segment of the loop on Tennyson Road.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve the Submission of a Grant Application for the Technology Advancement Project to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (Lt. Brent Smith) (Listen to audio track 1, 00:02:40 and/or see [Attachment #1](#))

Lt. Brent Smith presented a Grant application applying for equipment that is law enforcement related. They are asking for a 55" LED HD TV monitor and a computer for their training room, 12 desktop computers to upgrade old computers and digital flashlight kits for all patrolmen and deputies which will also perform as a video camera. The total amount of this grant is \$44,879.99. This grant does not have to be matched or paid back. They cannot subsidize anything that has already been budgeted for.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve a Resolution for the submission of a Grant Application for the Technology Advancement Project to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation by Lanny Walker with Arnold, Walker, Arnold & Company, PC related to the Titus County Audit for the Year Ended September 30, 2012 (Listen to audio track 1, 00:18:48 and/or see [Attachment #2](#)).

Lanny Walker addressed the court by giving a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and performance for the year ended September 30, 2012.

6. Consider and possibly approve Expenditures of \$61,331.40 to Tri-Special Utility District for Relocation of Water Lines to the FM 1000 Loop Project (Tabled 2-11-2013) (Listen to audio track 1, 00:38:50)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to not pay payment of the expenditure of \$61,331.40 to Tri-Special Utility District for Relocation of Water Lines to the FM 1000 Loop Project. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and Possibly Approve Appointment Participation with the Regional Public Defender Office for Capital Cases as a Cost Containment Tool in the Event of a Capital Case Requiring a Court Appointed Defense (Listen to Audio track 1, 00:42:53)

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Judge Lee to approve Appointment Participation with the Regional Public Defender Office for Capital Cases as a Cost Containment Tool in the Event of Capital Case Requiring a Court Appointed Defense. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

8. Consider and possibly approve Replat of Waterside Subdivision Phase 1, Celia Coots Survey, Abstract No. 118, Titus County, Texas (Precinct 2) (Listen to audio track 1, 01:02:26 and/or see Plat).

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Replat of Waterside Subdivision Phase 1, Celia Coots Survey, Abstract No. 118, Titus County, Texas (Precinct 2). Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider and Possibly Approve the Purchase of Searchable Records Software by the County Clerk to Enable Data Search Functionality of Commissioners' Court Minutes (Listen to audio track 1, 10:13 and/or see [Attachment #3](#))

Dianne Norris, County Clerk, is asking for approval to replace Laserfiche with a Minute Manger, a system from IDS (Integrated Data Services). The cost will be guaranteed \$1000/year for five years whereas Laserfiche is \$1500/year with a savings for the county of \$500/year. The guarantee will include any updates or improvements to the software. There will be an installation fee of \$1500 plus the first year's cost of \$1000 due up front. The money will come from Records Management.

Ms. Norris and April Ridgway explained the benefits to this software versus Lasherfiche. Bill Wilder was then introduced to further explain the software and answer any questions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the Purchase of Searchable Records Software by the County Clerk to Enable Data Search Functionality of Commissioners' Court Minutes contingent upon affirmation of compatibility with our software. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider and Possibly Adopt a Resolution to Re-designate the FM 1000 Portion of the Loop Project as FM 4000 (Listen to audio track 1, 01:31:36 and/or see [Attachment #4](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields to Adopt a Resolution to Re-designate the FM 1000 Portion of the Loop Project as FM 4000. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider and Possibly Adopt a Resolution Granting the Commissioners' Court or Designee to Enter into Negotiations for the Acquisition of Right-of-Way Properties Related to the FM 1402 Widening Project (Listen to Track 1, 01:35:42 and/or see [Attachment #5](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commission Hinton to approve Adopting a Resolution Granting the Commissioners' Court or Designee to Enter into Negotiations for the Acquisitions of Right-of-Way Properties Related to the FM 1402 Widening Project. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider and Possibly Approve a Policy Whereby Plat Approval Does Not Imply County Ownership and/or Approval of Related Roads (Listen to track 1, 01:41:01 and/or see [Attachment #6](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve a Policy Whereby Plat Approval Does not Imply County Ownership and/or Approval of Related Roads. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider and Possibly Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials (Listen to audio track 01:43:43 and/or see [Attachment #7](#) )

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

14. Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials (Listen to audio track 01.47:10 and/or see [attachment #8](#))

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

15. Consider and Possibly Approve Treasurer's Report (Listen to audio track 01.49:19 and/or see [Attachment #9](#))

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Approve Budget Amendments (Listen to audio track 01.51:38)

There were no budget amendments.

17. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments (Listen to audio tract 1, 01:51:44 and/or see [Attachment #10](#))

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to sign and approve payments. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Closing Comments by County Judge and commissioners, if any (Listen to audio track 1, 01:55:15)

Dianne Norris invited everyone to attend a farewell party for April Ridgeway on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m...

- a.) Commissioner Hockaday expressed concerns he had regarding our insurance policy on being admitted to the hospital via the Emergency Room. He also stated that he had been approached by an employee with no doctors in Titus County being on our Dental plan and that there had been problems with prescriptions not being paid. Judge Lee asked that anyone having any problems needed to contact Capps Insurance and let him aware of any problems that might need to be addressed.
- b.) Commissioner Hinton gave an update on the bridge at CR 3250.
- c.) Judge Lee stated that the convention last week was the best he had attended thus far.
- d.) Commissioner Fields reminded the court that FM 127 will open tomorrow (26<sup>th</sup>) and that FM 899 will close.

19. ADJOURN

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