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COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

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
Carl Johnson	County Auditor
Dianne Norris	County Clerk
Sheryl Preddy	County Treasurer

Public Attending Meeting

Norma Narramore	Gerry Evenwel	Carolyn Norman
Shane Winn	Rex McGee	Paul Lindsey
Richie Morris	Judy Lee	David Horton
Janice Chism	Steve Austin, CVSO/TCHC	Brent Smith, TCSO
Leonard Rockwell, Elections Adm.	Joyce Simpson	Lou Antonelli

Invocation: Commissioner Fields

Pledge of Allegiance: Judge Lee

1) Public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items in accordance with Section 551.042, Texas Open Meetings Act (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:02:48)

Norma Narramore from the Democratic Party came to voice her disagreement with moving the Elections Office to the building located on Riddle Street. She stated that the Democratic party and NAACP would oppose the relocation and that they would also have to have approval from the Justice Department.

2) Consider and possibly approve Minutes from April 22, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioner Court. (Listen to audio track 1, 00:05:18)

Motion made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve minutes from April 22, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Consider and Possibly Approve Installing an Additional Security Door in the Adult Probation Area (Gilbert Olivarez) (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:06:00)

Shane Winn came before the court seeking approval to add a security door similar to the County Attorney's office that would use either a keypad or push buttons which could be paid for out of the Security Fund. He did not have any information or price quotes but will work on obtaining them.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to table this item pending price quotes and information. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Consider and Possibly Approve a Complete Servicing of the Wireless Emergency-Panic Button System at a Cost of \$896.50 and a 2 Year Warranty at a Cost of \$965.00 (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:14:02 and/or see [Attachment #1](#))

Paul Lindsey, County Investigator, came before the court pertaining to the proposal on a system upgrade on the county's wireless emergency panic button system which was purchased in 2004. Richie Morris with SecureTech Systems, Inc. explained the features of the new program.

Motion was made by Commission Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve a complete servicing of the existing wireless emergency-panic button system at a cost of \$896.50 but not to take the 2 year warranty. Motion passed three to two with Judge Lee and Commissioner Hockaday voting nay.

5) Consider and Possibly Approve Renewal of Annual Maintenance Contract for Cameras with Newman Electronics (Listen to audio track 1, 00:32:22 and/or see [Attachment #2](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the renewal of the annual maintenance contract with Newman Electronics at a cost of \$2700.00. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Consider and Possibly Approve a Proclamation Designating May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month (Listen to audio track 1, 00:34:26 and/or see [attachment #3](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve a Proclamation designating May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Consider and Possibly Approve a Plan to Sell Surplus Lawn Mowing and Other Equipment Stored in the Portable Building Adjacent to the Justice Center (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:37:18)

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commission Fields to run an ad for 10 days in the newspaper to sell surplus lawn mowing and other equipment stored in the portable building adjacent to the Justice Center and get sealed bids to be given to James Webster, Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

8) Consider and Possibly Approve a Plan to Sell Fixtures Stored in the Vacant Annex Space (Listen to audio tract 1, 00:42:05)

Steve Austin, Chairman from the Titus County Historical Commission, asked that he be able to look at the items before selling to make sure that they are not of historical value.

Motion made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to include the sale of fixtures stored in the vacant annex space with the lawn equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

9) Consider and Possibly Approve Purchase of Bullet Proof Vests to be Paid for out of the Security Fund (Listen to audio track 1, 00:42:50)

Motion made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the purchase of three bullet proof vests to be paid for out of the Security Fund for three Adult Probation Officers and to leave offer open for future vests for District Judge; bailiffs; District Attorney and Assistant Attorney; County Judge and County Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

10) Consider and Possibly Approve Purchase of a Used Motor Grader for Precinct One (Tabled April 22, 2013) (Listen to audio track 1, 00:45:23)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the purchase of a used New Holland motor grade for Precinct One from George P. Bane, Inc. at a cost of \$97,500.00 delivered. Motion passed unanimously.

11) Consider and Possibly Approve Allocating Funds for Expenses Related to the Texas Historical Commission (Steve Austin) (Listen to audio track 1, 00:46:41)

Steve Austin from the Titus County Historical Commission explained that the Texas Historical Society is a civic oriented private group whereas the Texas Historical Commission is a governmental agency appointed by the Commissioners and answers to the Commissioners Court. He is requesting an allocation of \$300/year to be used for expenses related to the Titus County Historical Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve allocating \$300 per year for expenses related to the Texas Historical Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

12) Consider and Possibly Approve Transfer of Certain Pieces of Office Furniture from Riddle Street to Courthouse (Listen to audio track 1, 01:00:51)

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the transfer of certain pieces office furniture from Riddle Street to the Courthouse. Motion passed unanimously.

13) Consider and Possibly Approve the Purchase of Two Laptop Computers for Judge McNutt to be Paid for out of the Technology Fund (Listen to audio tract 1, 01:02:09)

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the purchase of two laptop computers for Judge McNutt to be paid for out of the Technology Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

14) Consider and Possibly Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials (Listen to audio track 1, 01:04:40 and/or see [Attachment #4](#))

Motion made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve travel and seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials. Motion passed unanimously.

15) Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials (Listen to audio track 1, 01:11:42 and/or see [Attachment #5](#))

Steve Austin, Titus County Veteran Service Officer, reported that Franklin County is the only county that Titus County has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from to service their veterans but will check on getting one from Upshur County since he sees a larger number from that county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously.

16) Consider and Possibly Approve Treasurer's Report (Listen to audio track 2, 00:00:01 and/or see [Attachment #6](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

17) Approve Budget Amendments (Listen to audio track 2, 00:01:08 and/or see [Attachment #7](#))

Motion was made by Commission Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve budget amendments 7-17. Motion passed unanimously.

18) Sign pay orders and approve payments (Listen to audio track 2, 00:07:24 and/or see [Attachment #8](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously.

19) Closing Comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any (Listen to audio 2, 00:07:43)

- a) Commissioner Hockaday informed the court that there would be a switch from the north lane to the south lane on the Loop project on Hwy 67 by Hatfield Trailers.

They also have to put fencing back for the adjacent land owners where the new bridge was built.

- b) Commissioner Hinton reported that the guard rails are being put up on the bridge at CR 3250 and will be open in approximately two (2) weeks.

- c) Judge Lee stated that there had been a flood in the basement of the jail and he will be looking into putting some ventilation in to avoid mold due to dampness.

He also informed the court that the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), which is based out of Sulphur Springs, would be dropping its service to Titus County as of August 31, 2013. He would like to look into the possibility of establishing a Titus County base so that the children could continue to be served.

There will be a Health Insurance workshop on June 13, 2013.

- d) Commissioner Fields – The cutoff time for CASA is August 31, 2013 and stated that we need to stay on top of this.

County Auditor, Carl Johnson, informed the court that the bid for the Depository Contract begins July 1, 2013 and should have been approved at the first meeting of May. He will check with the Texas Association of Counties and see if we can wait until the second meeting or if a Special meeting will need to be called.

ADJOURN (Listen to audio track 2, 00:19:24)

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