

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 2013**

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**Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 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
Tim Ingram	County Sheriff
Cleve Johnson	Constable Precinct 2

**Public Attending Meeting**

Norma Narramore	Steve Austin CVSO	Troy Sellers
Judy Lee	Janice R. Chism	Michael Kirkwood
Leonard Rockwell	Tom & Carol Gresham	Geraldine Lum
Carolyn Norman	Joyce Simpson	Lou Antonelli

**Invocation: Judge Lee**

**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 track 1 and/or see video)**

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

- 2. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes from September 23, 2013 Workshop (Building Space Needed) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from September 23, 2013 Workshop Meeting of the Commissioners Court (Building space needed). Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes from September 23, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from September 23, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes from September 27, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from September 27, 2013 Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes from October 3, 2013 Workshop (Insurance)  
(Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from October 3, 2013 Workshop (Insurance). Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Presentation by Steve Austin, Veterans' Service Officer**

A bronze medal award was presented to the family of World War II Veteran, US Army PFC Charlie H. Peckham, as a result of his service in Italy where he was an anti-tank gunner. Mr. Peckham was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the Germans in Europe and for meritorious achievement in combat against a determined enemy on May 11, 1944 and again on June 9, 1944. His daughter, Virginia Tabor, was present along with other members of his family to receive this award. Taps was played at the end of the presentation.

**7. Consider and Possibly Approve a Resolution of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas Relating to the Conveyance of Right of Way Acquired for the Loop Projects, including US 271, FM 2348 and FM 1000 to the State of Texas (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve a Resolution of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas relating to the Conveyance of Right of Way acquired for the Loop projects, including US 271, FM 2348 and FM 1000 to the State of Texas. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #1](#))

**8. Consider and Possibly Approve a Resolution to Amendment No. 2 to the Pass-Through Agreement (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve a Resolution to Amendment No. 2 to the Pass-Through Agreement. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #2](#))

**9. Consider and Possibly Approve an Interlocal Agreement that will allow Titus County to Participate in the Texas Effective Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) Grant Project (Leonard Rockwell) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator, explained that the goal of the grant application to the Federal Voting Assistance Program is to provide military and overseas voter with the opportunity to receive their ballots online and meet the 45 day deadline to be returned by regular mail due to faster access to their ballots. It is fully funded for the first five (5) years by federal funds. Each participating county will be covered under the License Agreement between Rockwall County (as the Consortium leader) and a private vendor. ([See Attachment #3](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to table this item until they could do further research on the program. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Consider and Possibly Approve a Request from Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas, Inc. (SAFE-T Crisis Center) for a County Contribution in the Amount of \$5000 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Carol Gresham, Executive Director, from SAFE-T presented an overview of the Outreach Services and Programs that they administer to the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. ([See Attachment #4](#))

No action needed as this is currently in the new 2013-2014 Budget for \$2500.00.

**11. Consider and Possibly Approve a Resolution to Authorize the County to Make a Grant to NETO – Meals on Wheels in the Amount of \$1372.75 for the 2013-2014 Year (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve a Resolution to Authorize the County to make a Grant to NETO – Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$1372.75 for the 2013-2014 year. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #5](#))

**12. Consider and Possibly Approve Renewal of OAG Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service Grant (SAVNS formerly VINE Grant) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve renewal of OAG Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service Grant (SAVNS formerly VINE Grant). Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #6](#))

**13. Consider and Possibly Approve Rescinding the Previous Ruling to Close CR 3925 (Commissioner Hinton)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve rescinding the previous ruling to close CR 3925. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. Consider and Possibly Approve the Donation of a Retired Vehicle from the Sheriff's Office to Chapel Hill ISD for Use by the Chief of their New Police Department (Sheriff Ingram)**

Michael Kirkwood, Chief of the new Police Department from Chapel Hill ISD, came before the court asking for the approval of the donation of a retired vehicle from the Sheriff's office. It will be used for visibility; transporting juveniles to the Justice of the Peace office and to work traffic in front of the school. Sheriff Ingram informed the court that once a vehicle has 100,000 miles, it is retired and he has a vehicle that meets the requirements of being retired.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the Donation of a Retired Vehicle from the Sheriff's Office to Chapel Hill ISD for use by the Chief of their new Police Department. Motion passed three to two with Judge Lee and Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

**15. Consider and Possibly Approve a New Deputy Constable, Lisa Carol Toland (Cleve Johnson)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve a new Deputy Constable, Lisa Carol Toland. Motion passed unanimously.

**16. Consider and Possibly Approve 2014 Titus County Resolution Regarding the Indigent Defense Grant Program**

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve 2014 Titus County Resolution regarding the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #7](#))

**17. Consider and Possibly Approve Travel and Seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve travel and seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #8](#))

**18. Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Oral and Written reports of County Officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #9](#))

**19. Consider and Possibly Approve Treasurer's Report (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Judge Lee to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #10](#))

**20. Approve Budget Amendments (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Budget Amendments #39, #40 and #41. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #11](#))



**21. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #12](#))

**22. Closing Comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

There were no closing comments.

**23. ADJOURN (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

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