

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2014**

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Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Special meeting on Friday, January 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

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
Dianne Norris	County Clerk

**Public Attending Meeting:**

Jim Chambers	Joe Castaneda	Shea Ingram
Carolyn Norman	Joyce Simpson	

**Invocation: Judge Brian Lee**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Judge Brian 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) ([See Attachment #01](#))**

Jim Chambers from El Chico expressed his concerns regarding the loop construction in front of the businesses on the north end of 271. When the businesses first met with Pate Transportation, they were given a completion date of October, 2012 with the west side taking approximately three (3) months and the other side approximately four (4) months. He stated that businesses had been accepting the liability for this loop in loss of revenue and that if this goes on much longer, businesses will die. He is asking the court to consider opening the north end of 271.

Shea Ingram spoke on behalf of Hampton Inn & Suites stating that 99% of their business was out of town travelers and that 20% of these were from transient web reviews. With the construction going on, they will travel to the next location. Also, there have been accidents due to the construction with some of those being their guests.

Juan Castaneda with AC Automotive & Transmission was the last to speak stating this is a dangerous construction area with people going completely around to keep from traveling this end of town. It has hurt his business as well.

Judge Lee advised the court that the next time this project will be discussed will be in Commissioners' Court on 02/10/2014 at 9:00 a.m... At this time, they are trying to get TxDOT to open this section of the loop. If not, they will have to make a decision.

**2. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING THE SB 1747 PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST FOR THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM (TABLED 01-27-14) (Listen to audio and/or see video)**

A list of projects for the county transportation infrastructure to be used with the grant money in the following amounts was presented to the court. Precinct 1 had three (3) projects totaling \$155,504; Precinct 2 had nine (9) projects totaling \$555,000; Precinct 3 had projects totaling \$395,000 and Precinct 4 had a couple of projects in the amount of \$27,696. The county would have to pay 10% with the grant money being used for the rest of the cost. Once approved, the list will be sent to Allison & Bass for review.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the project list for the county transportation infrastructure fund grant program. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING COUNTY ROAD REPORT(S) FOR FILING IN THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT (TABLED 1-27-14) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to accept county road reports for filing in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously. ([See Attachment #02](#))

These reports will be submitted to Allison & Bass for review and will also give TxDOT an idea of what the roads are like in the county.

**4. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Judge Lee informed the court that he had spoken to Travis Ransom from Senator Eltife's office regarding the opening of the north end of the 271 project. They are good friends of Bob Ratcliff from TxDOT and are going to speak to him. He is going to try to get with TxDOT and ask them to reconsider their position. He will also find out if the concrete barriers are permanent or if they are to be removed as there is some question regarding this.

**ADJOURN**

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