

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
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Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Special meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.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
Sheryl Preddy	County Treasurer
Carl Johnson	County Auditor

Public Attending Meeting:

Norma Narramore	Brenda Kemp	E. J. Kemp
Larry Horsley	Angie Horsley	Emily Aikman
Ted Aikman	Jerry Clark	Dorothy Brightwell
Tony Gesino	Judy Kent	Dorthey West
Barbara Parker	Jimmy Parker	Terry McDowell
Randy Reed	Samantha Miller	Lisa Toland
Karen Gatherer	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)

There were no public comments and/or requests.

2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2014 REGULAR 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 March 7, 2014 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION BY SAMANTHA MILLER, CHIEF WINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Judge Lee recognized Samantha Miller, new Fire Chief of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department, who came before the court to give an update on the status of the Fire Department. At present, there are 14 names on the roster with only 3-4 being active. All of the equipment is in good condition with the exception of Truck 81 which needs a new pump, brakes & tires. There is enough money in the bank to get these repairs made. There are radios missing. The locks on the building were changed June, 2013 with only four (4) people having keys. She does not feel that security is an issue. Brad Eubanks and Chief Larry McRae have offered their assistance in getting the Volunteer Fire Department up and running. Judge Lee reiterated that if she needed any help to please be sure and come to the County and to also keep them updated as to their progress.

4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve Proclamation proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #01](#))

5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PLANS TO RENOVATE THE VACANT SPACE OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT (Tabled 3-7-14) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Chris Basham came before the court stating that the demolition of the vacant space at the Courthouse Annex was completed. During the course of the demolition, he found that there were some changes that could be made thus reducing the cost by approximately \$20,000 less than was originally quoted. He then presented the court with the new design plans for the renovation to accommodate the Adult Probation Department. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #02](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve taking action on plans to renovate the vacant space of the Courthouse annex to accommodate the Adult Probation Department at a cost not to exceed \$220,000.00. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE DISTRICT JUDGES APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

The Appointment of County Auditor being Carl Johnson Jr., by Judges of the 276th and 76th Judicial Districts of Titus County, Texas was recognized by the Commissioners' Court. This order shall be duly filed and recorded in the Minutes of the 276th and 76th District Courts of Titus County, Texas. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #03](#))

7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 PRESENTED BY Lanny Walker with AWA (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve financial statements and independent auditor's report for the year ended September 30, 2013 presented by Lanny Walker with AWA. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS NORTH EAST TEXAS ON THE RIDDLE STREET PROPERTY (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Hockaday to approve lease agreement with Workforce Solutions North East Texas on the Riddle Street Property in the amount of \$3250.00/month for three (3) years. After the initial three years, an adjustment will be made according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a twelve (12) month option term for seven (7) years. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #04](#))

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY SCHEDULE SEMI-ANNUAL WORKSHOP WITH CAPPS INSURANCE TO DISCUSS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE ON FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2014 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve scheduling semi-annual workshop with Capps Insurance to discuss County health insurance on Friday, April 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m... Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT 303 EAST 11TH STREET, CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTER (HHSC) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

A request was received from Health and Human Services to allow them to furnish and install three (3) 5-ton HVAC units to replace old systems and to replace 18,000 BTU unit currently located in the LAN room at the State's expense to the property they currently occupy from the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the above mentioned repairs and improvements to the county owned property at 303 East 11th Street currently occupied by Health and Human Services Center (HHSC). Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #05](#))

11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TIME EXTENSION 01 FOR US 271 REDESIGN AND COORDINATION FOR CR 2040 OVERPASS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve time extension for US 271 redesign and coordination for CR 2040 Overpass. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #06](#))

12. 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 Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #07](#))

13. 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 #08](#))

14. 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 Commissioner Fields to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #09](#))

15. 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 #03-19. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #10](#))

16. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #11](#))

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

Commissioner Fields informed the court that the County Cleanup would be April 23-26, 2014 and the City of Mount Pleasant would be April 26, 2014.

He also invited the court to attend Fort Sherman Days 2014 at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park on Friday, March 28 and Saturday March 29, 2014. ([SEE ATTACHMENT #12](#))

Judge Lee stated that the court needed to replace Dr. Reichert as the County Health Officer as he is in bad health.

ADJOURN (Listen to audio and/or see video)

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