**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**
**SPECIAL MEETING**
**AUGUST 25, 2014**

**AGENDA**

**AUDIO**

**ATTESTATION TO MINUTES**

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Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a Special meeting on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, with the following members present:

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| 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 - Absent |
| Dianne Norris | County Clerk |
| Sheryl Preddy | County Treasurer - Absent |
| Carl Johnson | County Auditor |
| Chris Durant | Constable Precinct 1, 3, 4 |

## Public Attending Meeting:

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| Norma Narramore | Larry McRae | Sue Evenwel |
| Nancy Leflett | Jack Smith | Renee Morgan |
| Tonya Buck | Jimmy Parker | Lena Haley |
| Paul Lindsey | Troy Sellers | Nigel Christopher |
| Emily Aikman | Tim Taylor | John Livingston |
| Kenneth Wilson | Bob Johnson | Christie Davis |
| Lou Antonelli | 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)**

County Clerk, Dianne Norris, wanted the court to know that Chris Basham, whom the county had hired as consultant for the Annex remodeling, was untrustworthy. He has owed her grandson $600 for over a month and will not pay him.

Jack Smith from Precinct 1 came before the court regarding timber trucks paying only $75.00 for a permit and tearing up the roads. They have been cutting wood for over six (6) weeks and hauling 4-6 loads per day. He thinks it would take $3000-$4000 to repair the damage that has been done and wants to know what can be done. Commissioner Fields stated that they are responsible for all damages and a bill should be sent to them for them to reimburse the county. This acknowledgment is at the bottom of the permit they receive.

2. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 5, 2014 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 August 5, 2014 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 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 August 8, 2014 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2014 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 August 18, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2014 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 August 21, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **STATUS REPORT FOR TITUS COUNTY PASS THROUGH PROJECTS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Judge Lee read a report on the status of the Titus County Pass-Through Program from Mark Heidaker. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #01)**

In light of the decision by the TxDOT Atlanta District to not grant the request to lay seal coat out of season, it was decided that asphalt would be too expensive as an alternate pavement design.

Therefore, FM 4000 will not be open until June, 2015. They will continue working until late October or mid-November and then pack up and go home. They will return May 1, 2015 and begin repairing the damage to the roads caused during the winter and complete the road construction.

**7. 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 Hinton 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 #02)**

**8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PAYMENT OF PAUPER'S FUNERAL FOR BEULAH HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF $950 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve payment of Pauper's funeral for Beulah Hall in the amount of $950.00 to Bates Cooper Sloan. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #03)**

**9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE 2014 TAX YEAR RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTIONS AND DISCOUNTS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve 2014 Tax Year Resolution for Exemptions and Discounts. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #04)**

**10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE UMR SENDING MEDICARE D LETTERS TO EMPLOYEES AT $1.25 EACH (TABLED 8-18-14) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to not pay UMR to send Medicare D letters to employees at $1.25 each and do this in-house. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE A JOINT PURCHASE WITH THE CITY OF MT PLEASANT OF A NEW FIRE ENGINE TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

County Auditor, Carl Johnson, had spoken with Kerry Wootten, City Attorney, regarding how the fire engine would be insured since it would be owned by two entities. Chief Larry McRae answered in that the fire engine would be purchased by the City of Mount Pleasant and they would carry the insurance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve making a commitment of $200,000 for a joint purchase with the City of Mount Pleasant of a new fire engine to be taken out of the next fiscal year's budget. A local agreement will be forthcoming. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CAB AND CHASSIS FOR A BRUSH TRUCK TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

This will go on the County's insurance but the city will perform maintenance and upkeep.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the purchase of a cab and chassis for a brush truck in the amount of $28,000 to be taken out of the next fiscal year's budget. Motion passed unanimously.

**13. APPROVE ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Order of General Election, November 4, 2014. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #5)**

**14. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES FOR POLLING PLACES, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Leonard Rockwell, Elections Administrator, brought before the court a list of Judges and Alternate Judges to replace those that were approved last year for a two year term but are unable to complete their term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve judges and alternate judges for polling places, November 4, 2014 General Election. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #6)**

**15. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve branch early voting locations for November 4, 2014 General Election. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #7)**

**16. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY MAKE CHANGES TO RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Judge Lee explained that situations had come to his attention that warrants revisiting the changes approved in Commissioners' Court on August 21, 2014. These changes affect employees who have lengthy county service and they have asked that the court reconsider their options.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle to leave the changes to Retiree Health Insurance as approved in Commissioners' Court on August 21, 2014 with the exception of "grandfathering" all employees with service to the county of at least 15 years all of whom would not be affected by the August 21, 2014 changes. Motion died due to lack of second. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #8)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to table this item until a full court was present. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #9)**

**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 #10)**

**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 #11)**

**20. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Budget Amendments #59-62. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #12 )**

**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 Fields to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. **(SEE ATTACHMENT #13)**

**22. 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 seal coat was completed this afternoon on CR 2400.

Commissioner Riddle said that the Harts Bluff road project was finished.

**ADJOURN (Listen to audio and/or see video)**

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