

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAY 26, 2015**

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Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

<b>Brian P. Lee</b>	<b>County Judge</b>
<b>Al Riddle</b>	<b>Commissioner Precinct 1</b>
<b>Mike Fields</b>	<b>Commissioner Precinct 2</b>
<b>Phillip Hinton</b>	<b>Commissioner Precinct 3</b>
<b>Jimmy Parker</b>	<b>Commissioner Precinct 4</b>
<b>Joan Newman</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>
<b>Carl Johnson</b>	<b>County Auditor</b>
<b>Sheryl Preddy</b>	<b>County Treasurer</b>

**Public Attending Meeting:**

<b>Judy Kent</b>	<b>Tony Gesino</b>	<b>Dorthey West</b>
<b>Jack Anderson</b>	<b>Robin Sharp</b>	<b>John Gatherer</b>
<b>Karen Gatherer</b>	<b>Marcia Davis</b>	<b>Joyce Simpson</b>

**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 public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items in accordance with Section 551.042, Texas Open Meetings Act.

**2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2015 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 Parker to approve minutes from May 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

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

See attached status report from PTP for the Titus County Pass Through Projects. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

**4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE NEW CONTRACT WITH PITNEY BOWES (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Judge Lee recommended that the county reduce the service capabilities of doing online certified mail since a poll showed that this function was not being used. It would reduce the monthly cost from \$768/month to \$491/month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve a new contract with Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$491.00 monthly. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

**5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE BORROWING FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TWO TRACTORS FOR PRECINCT 4 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Commissioner Parker stated that the bank had requested that this be put on the agenda and that the minutes reflect that the loan was approved in the amount of \$80,000 for the purchase of two tractors at 2.65% interest for four (4) years. Commissioner Riddle asked why we could not borrow this money from the General Fund instead of taking out a bank loan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve borrowing funds for purchase of two tractors for Precinct 4 from the General Fund at 2.65% fixed interest rate for four (4) years. Commissioner Fields stated that he thought that the Court had passed a motion that a department could not carry over a loan beyond their term. Motion was modified to include a balloon payment to be due at the end of 2018 for the outstanding balance if it is found that we cannot obligate the Precinct beyond the end of the current term for Commissioner Parker if he is not reelected. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

**6. CONSIDER ADOPTING A CHANGE TO THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT TO ALLOW GUARANTY BANK & TRUST TO SUBSTITUTE A BANK LETTER OF CREDIT FOR PLEDGED SECURITIES (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Robin Sharp from Guaranty Bank & Trust explained the advantages of having a Letter of Credit versus using pledged securities. County Auditor, Carl Johnson, has checked with the Texas Association of Counties to ensure that this would not present any problems. Mr. Sharp stated a Letter of Credit can be issued one time at no cost to the county. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to adopt a change to the Depository Contract to allow Guaranty Bank & Trust to substitute a Bank Letter of Credit for Pledged Securities. Motion passed four to one with Judge Lee abstaining.

**7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR THE NEW COMPUTER ROOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1127.00 (SHAWN BRYAN, KAYBRO TECHNOLOGIES) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Shawn Bryan with Kaybro Technologies was unable to attend.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve purchase of miscellaneous items for the new Computer Room in the amount of \$1127.00 using the Technology Fund as applicable. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

**8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TRAVEL AND SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

No travel requests were submitted for Titus County employees and elected officials.

**9. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

**10. 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 Parker to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

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

There were no budget amendments.

**12. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or view video)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

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

Judge Lee reported that the storm had broken the top off of the flag pole located on the northeast corner of the courthouse. Also, the antenna on the north side of the courthouse had fallen on top of the building. He is not sure what the antenna is used for but will check before having it put back up.

Judge Lee also informed the Court that the expenses for his training in Lubbock had been paid by Texas Association of Counties and Titus County would be refunded.

It is time for the meeting with UMR and Capps Insurance and Judge Lee asked the commissioners to check their schedule for the week beginning June 14, 2015 and let him know when would be a good time to have a meeting.

Commissioner Parker told the Court that the auction for the miscellaneous equipment from Precinct 4 would end tomorrow, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. and that he had \$25,000 committed so far.

All of the commissioners reported that the downed trees due to the storm had been cleared from roadways with no significant damage being reported.

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

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