

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

10.13.2015

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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.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 |
| Jimmy Parker | Commissioner Precinct 4 |
| Joan Newman | County Clerk |
| Sheryl Preddy | County Treasurer |
| Carl Johnson | County Auditor |
| Tim Ingram | County Sheriff |
| Paula Dyke | Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 |
| Judy Cook | Tax Assessor/Collector |

Public Attending Meeting:

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| Christie Davis | Ron Medlen | Judy Kent |
| Troy Sellers | Steve Capps | Diana Kennedy |
| Marcia Davis | Joyce Simpson | |

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 FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING 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 for September 21, 2015 public hearing of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 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 Parker to approve minutes from September 24, 2015 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING 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 September 24, 2015 public hearing of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 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 Parker to approve minutes from September 28, 2015 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE HIRING RON MEDLEN WITH BY COBRA TO ADMINISTER COBRA PARTICIPANTS RELATED TO OUR VISION INSURANCE (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Steve Capps from Capps Insurance introduced Ron Medlen with BY COBRA to explain to the Court the responsibilities and requirements of COBRA and the costs to the County if deadlines and notifications are not met according to Federal law. UMR covers the administration of health and dental COBRA.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve hiring Ron Medlen with BY COBRA to administer COBRA participants related to our Vision insurance for \$50.00 per month. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE POWER WASH, REPAIR, CAULK AND PAINT OF FASCIA AND RAILINGS AT RATLIFF BUILDING BY RICHARD JONES CONSTRUCTION AT A COST OF \$2,700 (TABLED 9-14-15) (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Titus County Sheriff, Tim Ingram, informed the Court that his office had a power washer and the prisoners could perform this job for the county. Approval of this item died due to lack of motion.

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE REVISED SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Judy Kent came before the Court stating that she did not think that the changes made at the last workshop were included in the revised subdivision regulations that were provided by Commissioner Riddle. It was determined that another workshop would be scheduled in order to go over all notes to make sure that nothing was left out. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Fields to table approving the revised Subdivision Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 12 RELATED TO THE FM 4000 PROJECT (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

This is a closeout adjustment on the FM 1000 (FM 4000) project by James Construction Group, LLC for a credit of \$497,052.56. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Judge Lee to approve Change Order 12 related to the FM 4000 Project for a credit of \$497,052.56. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY ALLOW THE PROMOTERS OF THE ROBERT ARELLANO DAWGFEST TO USE ANNEX CORNER VACANT OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16-17 (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to allow the promoters of the Robert Arellano Dawgfest to use the Annex corner vacant office for registration on Friday and Saturday, October 16-17. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE ENROLLMENT OF PATRICIA JOHNSON ON COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Steve Capps informed the Court that it was a state law that the family of any law enforcement officer who dies in the line of duty has the right to stay on insurance at the same rate as before for dependent coverage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the enrollment of Patricia Johnson, the widow of the late County Constable Cleve Johnson, on the County Health Insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PRECINCT 1 BORROWING FROM GENERAL COUNTY TO COVER 2014-15 BUDGET OVERRUN (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

When asked why he had not brought this to the attention of the Court when he first discovered that he was over budget, Commissioner Riddle answered in that it was an oversight. He had to extend CR 1612 and redo the base and did not notice that it was over budget until the base was laid. He thought that this was a regular practice.

Judge Lee asked Commissioner Riddle to explain why he presented to the public that he was going to lower his salary and the budget in order to lower taxes but instead added the \$32,000 back into his operating budget to purchase road materials. Judge Lee pointed out that this was not consistent with what the Court hears from him on an everyday basis and felt that Commissioner Riddle owed the Court an explanation. Commissioner Riddle answered that he did not owe them anything and refused to answer any questions. Judge Lee reminded him that if it had been one of the other commissioners, he would have demanded an explanation and felt that the Court, indeed, deserved an answer. Commissioner Riddle still refused to explain to the Court any of his actions. Judge Lee then asked Commissioner Riddle if he understood that this budget overrun would be paid back out of his 2016 operating budget. Commissioner Riddle answered that he understood this.

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Precinct 1 borrowing \$15,481.96 to be paid back out of his 2016 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PRECINCT 1 TO SELL SURPLUS ALAMO DITCHER HEAD (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Precinct 1 to sell surplus Alamo ditcher head. Motion passed unanimously.

14. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO THE TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Listen to audio track 1 and/or see video)

The current Board Members for the Titus County Appraisal District are Bobby Parr; Ezeal McGill; David Grider; Mike Reynolds and David Smith. David Smith has asked for his name to be removed. Chuck Barkow, Robert Hollis and Craig Ingram have been added to the current list of nominees by other taxing entities. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Fields that Titus County has no additional names to submit beyond those that have already been nominated to the Titus County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Riddle abstaining.

15. 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 Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve travel and seminars for Titus County Employees and Elected Officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

16. 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 Parker to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

17. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Budget Amendments 1-3. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 08\)](#)

19. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 09\)](#)

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

Judge Lee told the Court that they were in the process of gathering employee information that will be used to send email/text messages to all employees when an alarm is sent. Programming for the new Panic Alarm System will begin next week.

Commissioner Riddle said that his full salary had been added to the budget in the past and that this was the first year that it was not added.

Commissioner Fields invited the public to attend the Jam Fest October 16-24 at the County Park. Admission is free.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields at 10:01 a.m. to adjourn Motion passed unanimously.