

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
11.09.2015**

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NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Regular Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, Room 205, located at 100 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street with the following members present:**

Brian P. Lee	-	County Judge
Al Riddle (9:05 a.m.)	-	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
Tim Ingram	-	County Sheriff
Carl Johnson	-	County Auditor

**PUBLIC ATTENDING:**

Larry McRae	Jerry Clark
Janice R. Chism	Claretna Vaxter
Dana Applewhite	Jill Tucker
Steve Capps	Toni Melton
Isabelle Smith	Kay Holloway
Christie Davis	Brad Eubanks
Mike Ahrens	Troy Sellers
Marci Davis	Carolyn Norman
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)**

Judge Lee introduced and welcomed Claretna Vaxter as the new Democratic Chairperson.

**2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 26, 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 Fields to approve minutes from October 26, 2015 of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PRECINCT 2 BORROWING FROM GENERAL COUNTY FUND TO COVER 2014-15 BUDGET OVERRUN (TABLED 10-26-15) (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Precinct 2 borrowing \$7933 from General County Fund to cover 2014-2015 Budget Overrun. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CONTRACT FOR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS (TABLED 10-26-15) (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Sugarhill Volunteer Fire Department's chief, Jerry Clark, presented to the Court a copy of the Standards for Volunteer Fire Departments Considerations for Contractual Agreement with Titus County which was drafted with input from all of the county Volunteer Fire Departments. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 01](#))

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to table approval of the contract for County Fire Departments until the first meeting in December, 2015 in order to give the County Attorney time to review and to take into consideration any changes that the consultant hired by the city and county to study fire protection needs might recommend. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

**5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE REVISIONS TO FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Amendment to Fire Protection Service Agreement with City of Mount Pleasant. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 02](#))

**6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES EVALUATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to table approval of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Fire Protection Services Evaluation of the city and county until after the Fire Committee meets next week. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE VOTES FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to table approval of Votes for Nominations to the Titus County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 03](#))

**8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE HOLIDAYS FOR 2016 (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve holidays for 2016. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 04](#))

**9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RENEWAL OF OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE GRANT (SAVINS) (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACT 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve renewal of Office of Attorney General Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service Grant (SAVINS). Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 05](#))

**10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE USE OF THE AG EXTENSION OFFICE ON INDUSTRIAL ROAD BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON MARCH 5, 2016 (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve use of the Ag Extension office on Industrial Road by the Republican Party on March 5, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE LEASE OF NEW POSTAGE MACHINE FOR RATLIFF BUILDING (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve lease of new postage machine for Ratliff Building for \$423.00 per month for 60 months. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 06](#))

**12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR DESIGN OF ANNEX CORNER EXTERIOR (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to appoint Commissioner Riddle and Commissioner Fields to review the RFQ and interview Prieferts regarding the RFQ. Motion passed unanimously. Prieferts was the only response received.

**13. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) BANKHEAD HIGHWAY HISTORIC ROUTE SIGNS (STEVE AUSTIN) (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Steve Austin was unable to be present but presented a request to the Commissioners' Court for purchase of Historic Route signs which shows the placement of signs, example of sign and an article relating to the Bankhead Highway.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the purchase of five (5) Bankhead Highway Historic Route signs at \$40.00 each totaling \$200.00. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 07](#))

**14. 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 Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 08](#))

**15. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 09](#))

**16. 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 10](#))

**17. 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 #54-68 for FY15. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 11](#))

**18. 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 Parker to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 12](#))

**19. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Judge Lee announced that the returns from the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election would be canvassed on Friday, November 13, 2015.

Veterans' Day is 11/11/2015 and will be a holiday for Titus County.

The Commissioners' Court will continue with the agenda as posted for November 10, 2015 if Item 20 on today's agenda is not completed.

Commissioners' Court recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

**20. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO THE TITUS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN DOCUMENT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 2 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

The following changes were approved to the Titus County Health Insurance Plan Document effective January 1, 2016:

- a) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to renew services with UMR. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to change Stop Loss coverage to Zurich with the threshold to remain the same. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Judge Lee to decrease co-pay for Urgent Care to \$60 for emergency room purposes. Motion passed unanimously. There will be no change in emergency room out of pocket expenses. Co-pay will remain at \$100.
- d) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to increase annual maximum out of pocket expenses to \$4000 per individual and \$8000 per family for in network. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Fields voting nay. Annual maximum out of pocket expenses for out of network will remain the same (\$6000/12,000).
- e) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to increase annual deductible from \$750 to \$850. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Fields voting nay.
- f) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to include routine preventive and diagnostic lab and x-ray charges in the \$25 office visit co-pay. Motion passed unanimously.
- g) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker that out of network dialysis and chemo treatment will not be paid by the Titus County Insurance Plan. Motion passed unanimously.
- h) Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve adding Teladoc 24/7/365 access to U.S. board-certified doctors. Motion passed unanimously.
- i) Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Parker to change co-insurance percentages from 90/10 to 80/20. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Fields voting nay.

Dependent costs, incentives for annual physical and wellness benefits will be discussed at the Commissioners' Court meeting to be held on November 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to adjourn at 1:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.