

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
11.23.2015
SPECIAL MEETING**

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NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Special Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, Room 205, located at 100 West 1st Street 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
Jimmy Parker	-	Commissioner Precinct 4
Joan Newman	-	County Clerk
Sheryl Preddy	-	County Treasurer
Carl Johnson	-	County Auditor

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Kay Holloway	-	Clint Bain
Mike Ahrens	-	Christie Davis
Glen Calvert	-	Judy Kent
Dorthey West	-	Janice R. Chism
Claretna Vaxter	-	Marcia 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)

There were no public comments and/or requests for information on non-agenda items.

2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 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 October 27, 2015 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2015 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve minutes from November 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve minutes from November 10, 2015 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2015 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 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 Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve to cast votes evenly for Ezeal McGill; Bobby Parr, David Grider; Mike Reynolds and Chuck Barkow as final selections from the nominations for the Titus County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE RETENTION OF SURPLUS FUNDS BY THE TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR LEGAL EXPENSES RELATED TO LUMINANT VALUATION LAWSUIT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the retention of approximately \$115,000 of surplus funds by the Titus County Appraisal District for legal expenses related to Luminant valuation lawsuit. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE ADDING JUVENILE PROBATION TO COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve adding Juvenile Probation to the County Health insurance effective 01/01/2016. Motion passed unanimously. The state is to reimburse the county at the same rates as our employees and dependents.

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COBRA RATES FOR 2016 RELATED TO THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACT 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve Cobra rates for 2016 related to the County Health insurance plan. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Fields voting nay. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CHANGES TO THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 RELATED TO INCENTIVES FOR ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

On November 10, 2015, the Commissioners' Court approved charging a \$25 premium to all covered employees and/or spouses if the employee and/or spouse did not get a routine physical during the calendar year 2016. This agenda item is to clarify that the \$25 premium will be deducted per paycheck, per employee and/or spouse, but not children, for those that do not obtain the physical. The \$25 premium(s) will be deducted beginning January 1, 2017 and will continue per paycheck until the employee and/or spouse gets their routine physical.

Motion for approval was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COBRA RATES FOR VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2016 (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Cobra rates for vision insurance coverage for 2016. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COMMISSIONERS' COURT SCHEDULE FOR 2016 (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle to make all Commissioners' Court meetings in the evening. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to have all day meetings. Motion passed three to two with Commissioners' Riddle and Parker voting nay. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

13. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RELATED TO REMODEL OF THE ANNEX CORNER EXTERIOR (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Glen Calvert, from Priefert Complex Designs, came before the Court to present and answer any questions about their response to the County's Request for Qualifications. Commissioners Riddle and Fields had previously met with Mr. Calvert who was the only respondent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve hiring Priefert Complex Designs for a flat fee of \$4750 for design services and bid package preparation related to the remodel of the annex corner exterior. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

14. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO THE COUNTY JUDGE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT (TCAD) TO COST-SHARE THE LEGAL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN LITIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Judge Lee to give authorization to the County Judge to negotiate an agreement with the Titus County Appraisal District (TCAD) to cost-share the legal expenses of certain litigation. Motion failed three to two with Commissioners Riddle, Hinton and Parker voting nay.

15. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MT PLEASANT TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO STUDY CITY/COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve executing an agreement with the City of Mt Pleasant to hire a consultant to study city/county fire protection. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

16. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 08\)](#)

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

18. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 10\)](#)

19. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve budget amendments #69 and #70 for FY2015 and budget amendments #4, #5 and #6 for FY2016. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 11\)](#)

20. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 12\)](#)

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

Judge Lee informed the Court that the Criminal Records Clerk had moved to her new office. He was also here Saturday when Davis Tree Service trimmed the trees and they did a great job.

Commissioner Fields told the Court that applications were being turned into TxDOT tomorrow to receive ground up asphalt and material for each precinct.

Commissioner Fields also responded to the statement made by Commissioner Riddle that Chris Basham had not turned in Letters of Reference as requested. Commissioner Fields answered in that they had been turned in twice and that he would present a copy to the Court.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

