

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**12-28-2015**

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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 28, 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, December 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.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	-	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:**

Judy Kent	Tony Gesino
Janice R. Chism	Emily Aikman
Christie Davis	Clint Bain
Rodney Glenn	Sue Evenwell
Bobby Parr	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 DECEMBER 14, 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 Fields to approve minutes from December 14, 2015 regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE SALE OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS IN THE ANNEX STORAGE PRIMARILY LEFT OVER FROM THE RATLIFF BUILDING REMODEL (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to give Judge Lee the authority to sell 30 used 2 x 4 fluorescent light fixtures which was left over from the Ratliff building remodel. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE ALLOWING TCEQ TO PLACE AN AIR MONITORING STATION ON COUNTY PROPERTY PRECINCT 4 (TABLED 12-14-15) LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Commissioner Parker explained to the Court that he had met with a representative from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) about the possibility of placing an Air Monitoring Station for the Welch Power Plant on county property in Precinct 4. The monitoring station would be placed on a 20' x 40' slab and fenced off for a period of five (5) years with the possibility of renewing for an additional two 5-year periods. TCEQ is mandated by law to have 25 air monitoring stations in place by January, 2017.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to not allow or make available at this time this piece of property in Precinct 4 for TCEQ to place an Air Monitoring Station. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Judge Lee told the Court that the County Election Commission had met on December 21, 2015 for the purpose of filling the position of County Elections Administrator for Titus County due to the retirement of Leonard Rockwell on December 31, 2015. They appointed Krissy Lytle to be Elections Administrator of Titus County effective January 1, 2016. No action required by the Commissioners' Court. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

Ms. Lytle's salary will be increased from \$25,314 to \$31,200 per year with an auto allowance of \$300/month and phone allowance of \$480/year. Her budget will include one full time position with part time help as needed.

**6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CAULKING THE INSIDE OF COURTHOUSE WINDOWS TO IMPROVE INSULATION (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Hinton for Commissioner Fields to get bid specs for caulking the inside of courthouse windows to improve insulation. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CLEANING THE EXTERIOR OF THE COURTHOUSE (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to table approving cleaning the exterior of the courthouse. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TRAVEL AND SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

There was no travel submitted for approval.

**9. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (TABLED 12-14-15) (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 that were tabled 12.14.15. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

**10. 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 Parker to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

**11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

**12. 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 amendment #72. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

**13. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

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

Judge Lee asked the Commissioners to report on the conditions of the roads due to rainfall of 9" to 17" being reported in different sections of the county. Some roads that were repaired due to the heavy rains on 12-12-15 were damaged again due to the flooding of roads over the weekend. The Commissioners were advised to take pictures and keep track of all expenditures spent on road repairs in case FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) declares Titus County a Disaster Area with funding available.

Commissioner Parker reported that there were 18-20 roads that had to be barricaded but were now open allowing motorists to cross roadways. County Road 3070 would be closed for an extended period of time. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 07](#))

Commissioner Hinton reported that he had several roads that were closed. He also had surface damage with some culverts washed away. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 08](#))

Commissioner Fields reported that CR 2715 was 2" under water with trees across the road and power lines down. Power has now been restored. The culvert is washed out on CR 2710 and will not reopen until Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The northern part of CR 2530 has a sink hole and the road is gone. He emphasized that people should not cross any roads under water because you cannot tell if the culverts are washed out or if there is a road there or not. County Road 1150 will be closed for 2-3 weeks. Farm Market 127 was under water in three places.

Commissioner Riddle reported that the extension of Greenhill Road that crosses into Precinct 3 and becomes CR 1905 was flooded showing deterioration due to the heavy rains.

The Court asked that the public be patient as they repair the roads. Many will be temporary repairs until materials are made available and conditions allow permanent repairs.

**ADJOURN (LISTEN TO AUDIO TRACK 1 AND/OR SEE VIDEO)**

Motion was made at 6:50 p.m. by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.