

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

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**The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Special Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016 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	-	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**

Claretna Vaxter	Janice Chism
Mike Ahrens	Larry Jackson
Gary Oliver	Carolyn Norman
Joyce Simpson	

**INVOCATION:** Judge Brian Lee

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Judge Brian Lee

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 551.042, TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Gary Oliver came before the Court asking permission to use the Titus County Extension office in order to hold a fundraiser to raise money for a proposed new Boys & Girls Club. Judge Woodson has encouraged CASA to start a Boys & Girls Club in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Oliver is on the Steering Committee that is trying to raise \$20,000.00 to officially open the club. The plans are to have a Texas HoldEm Poker Tournament on a Saturday in March or early April. He is to check with Kenny Rollins at the Extension office for availability with the understanding that they will set up and clean up once they are finished with the tournament. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

Judge Lee introduced Larry Jackson who is a retired Managing Editor from LaGrange, Texas. He has been asked to come and help the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune on a temporary basis.

**2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Judge Lee asked that the Commissioners' Court table this item as he would like to have more time to review the minutes to see if they adequately describe the technical issues relating to the problems of loss of data with the county's optical imaging server.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to table approval of the minutes from February 8, 2016 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. PRESENTATION BY LANNY WALKER WITH AWA RELATED TO TITUS COUNTY AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW**

Lanny Walker with Arnold, Walker & Walker gave a brief overview of the County Audit for the year ending September 30, 2015 stating that Titus County's finances were strong and in good shape. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve the Titus County Audit for the Year Ended September 30, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE HIRING OF A FIRE PROTECTION CONSULTANT, THE COST OF WHICH WILL BE SHARED WITH THE CITY**

Mount Pleasant City Manager, Mike Ahrens, brought before the Court the recommendation from the Fire Protection Sub-Committee to hire Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) from Wilsonville, Oregon as consultant to improve fire protection for the City of Mount Pleasant and Titus County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve the hiring of Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) as a Fire Protection Consultant at a cost not to exceed \$29,985.00. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Hinton voting nay. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

**5. OPEN AND REVIEW BIDS AND POSSIBLY AWARD FOR EXTERIOR ANNEX CORNER REMODEL PROJECT**

Only one (1) bid was received for the exterior annex corner remodel project. The bid was higher than originally projected due to the adding of a ramp with stair and handrails and canopies on the west side. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the bid from Richard D. Jones Construction in the amount of \$58,490.00 for the exterior annex corner remodel project. Motion was modified to award the bid to Richard D. Jones Construction for remodel work on the north and northwest side of the annex in the amount of \$58,490.00 with the assumption that the contractor has insurance coverage and is bonded for this particular project and will provide both to the county. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TRAVEL AND SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

**7. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

**8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

**9. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Hinton to approve Budget Amendments #7 and #8. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 08\)](#)

**10. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 09\)](#)

**11. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

Commissioner Fields informed the Court that they were ready to put the asphalt topping on CR 2500 if the weather and temperature would hold. The road has been closed since late January in order to repair damage and replace a culvert that washed away due to the heavy rains and flooding in December.

Judge Lee told the Court that there will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. to meet with FEMA representatives regarding the Disaster Declaration due to the December rains.

Judge Lee gave a brief update on the Loop project regarding the right of way markers and TxDOT's acceptance of those markers. He hopes to have this done by June 1, 2016.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Parker at 10:22 a.m. to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.