

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
12.09.2016**

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DECEMBER 9, 2016**

The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Special Meeting on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.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 - Absent
Sheryl Preddy	-	County Treasurer - Absent
Tim Ingram	-	County Sheriff - Absent
Carl Johnson	-	County Auditor - Absent

PUBLIC ATTENDING

Janice R. Chism	Rodney Glenn
David Bird	Al Burkhalter
Sue Evenwel	Gerry Evenwel
Nigel Christopher	Karen Gatherer
John Gatherer	Lou Antonelli
Sonya Roberts-Wood	Marty Bachman
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

There were none.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON HIRING ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Judge Lee began the meeting by explaining that he should have used Road Engineer instead of Road Superintendent on this action item as the skill sets are different for each. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01 FOR SUBCHAPTER D: ROAD DEPARTMENT SYSTEM\)](#)

Commissioner Riddle feels that advertising for this position should be done through various channels such as in the papers of Longview, Texarkana, and Tyler and on the Society of Professional Engineers website. Commissioner Fields explained that any advertising has to be done at least two (2) times over a period of 14 days.

Commissioner Parker asked if the TxDOT regulations were in place yet and feels that the qualifications of a Licensed Professional Engineer should be put on the job description.

The Court discussed appointing a sub-committee to look at the applications and resumes submitted for this position. It was agreed that the applicant needs to have good supervisory skills as well as technical skills. The committee will need to consist of people who will know what questions to ask, know the process to go through and to set the priorities of what is needed for the county. They will also set the salary of the Road Engineer. Public comments were heard from David Bird; Nigel Christopher, Rodney Glenn and Sue Evenwel.

Commissioners Fields, Hinton and Parker felt that all members of the Commissioners' Court should serve on the committee since they will be working closely with the person who is approved for the Road Engineer. They would like to see someone from the Texas Department of Transportation serve on the committee since they deal with hiring of Engineers and are familiar with the hiring process. Commissioner Riddle and Judge Lee feel that this would be too cumbersome and that only two (2) members from the Court and three (3) from the general public would be good. All Commissioners felt that Commissioner Elect Applewhite should be included in the hiring of this individual.

Motion was made by Judge Lee and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to establish a committee of five (5) members consisting of two (2) members from the Commissioners' Court and three (3) from the general public with responsibility to sort through resumes and narrow down to a group that would be granted a live interview and conduct interviews. The other three (3) members of the Commissioners' Court that were not a member of the committee would be allowed to sit in on the interviews and give comments to the committee. The final interviews would be attended by all members of the Court. The committee would make recommendations to the Court and the Commissioners' Court would make final decision. The committee composition is to be determined by the Court. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Lee asked that any recommendations or input from the general public be sent to him or someone from the Commissioners' Court prior to the forming of the sub-committee. The Committee composition is to be added to the agenda for the last meeting of the month.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made at 10:12 a.m. to adjourn by Commissioner Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion passed unanimously.