

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2017**

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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
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The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Regular Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017 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
Dana Applewhite	-	Commissioner Precinct 3
Jimmy Parker	-	Commissioner Precinct 4
Joan Newman	-	County Clerk
Sheryl Preddy	-	County Treasurer
Tim Ingram	-	County Sheriff - Absent
Carl Johnson	-	County Auditor

PUBLIC ATTENDING

Sue Evenwell	Mike Ahrens
Larry McRae	Roy Tillman
Clint Bain	Lanny Shultice
Isabelle Smith	Emily Aikman
Jerry Ward	Wesley McCollum
Hudson Old	Christie Davis
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

There were none.

2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from February 27, 2017 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON FIRE PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY

Judge Lee gave a recap of the last 18 months regarding fire protection options for the county and directed the Court's attention to a letter from the City of Mount Pleasant and their proposal as a result of a recent fire consultant study. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 1\)](#) The county currently pays approximately \$490,000.00 yearly with an annual CPI adjustment which specifies that the city respond with two (2) firefighters on two (2) trucks. Comments were heard from Volunteer Fire Chief Jerry Clark pertaining to fire protection options for the county and the volunteer fire departments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker that Judge Lee and Commissioner Parker meet with City Manager, Mike Ahrens, regarding negotiations and proposal from the City to meet the fire protection needs for Titus County. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE A SAFETY STATEMENT AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF OUR INSURANCE COMPANY RISK CONTROL CONSULTANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the Titus County Safety Statement at the recommendation of our insurance company risk control consultant. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 2\)](#)

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE A PLAN TO PREPARE AN OFFICE FOR THE ROAD ENGINEER AT THE MAINTENANCE BARN

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve preparing an office for the Road Engineer at the Maintenance Barn of Precinct 1 and buying office supplies as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION BY HUDSON OLD, TITUS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

Hudson Old came to the podium and reported on the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority stating that their main focus is in Smith County. He encouraged members of the Commissioners' Court to attend one of the meetings and to also invite Chris Miller, Executive Director, to attend Commissioners' Court to answer any questions that Titus County may have regarding future projects. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 3\)](#)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 4\)](#)

8. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 5\)](#)

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 6\)](#)

10. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no budget amendments.

11. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 7\)](#)

12. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Judge Lee reported on the following:

- Trip to Austin with the North East Texas Coalition and that they had a chance to network and share local concerns.
- The attorneys will meet here next Tuesday and Wednesday regarding the lawsuit on the bridge construction on the loop.
- There will be an insurance performance review meeting Thursday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. with UMR and Capps Insurance.
- Farmers' Market will begin 6/6/2017 from 4 – 7 p.m. and will set up for six (6) weeks.

Commissioner Fields informed the Court that he is to meet with Darrell Grubbs from the Titus County Fresh Water Supply District regarding the county park.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made at 11:05 a.m. to adjourn by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields. Motion passed unanimously.