

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MAY 8, 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, May 8, 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
Chris Durant	-	Constable Precinct 1, 3 & 4

PUBLIC ATTENDING

Larry McRae	Lanny Shultice
Craig Eudy	Clint Bain
Judy Kent	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 APRIL 24, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve minutes from April 24, 2017 special meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT

Judge Lee informed the Court that the City Council had met on Tuesday, May 2nd and approved an amendment to the current fire protection agreement that would increase the current contract by approximately \$360,000.00 and guaranteeing 2 trucks and 4 firefighters for structure fires. ([SEE ATTACHMENTS – 01](#))

Comments were heard from Judy Kent, Craig Eudy and Lanny Shultice who each voiced their concerns regarding the fire protection contract.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Judge Lee to increase the current contract 1 time by \$180,000.00. Motion failed three to one with Judge Lee not voting. Commissioners Fields, Applewhite and Parker voted nay.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker to accept the city's proposal. Motion failed three to two with Commissioner Riddle, Commissioner Applewhite and Judge Lee voting nay.

Motion made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to increase current contract by \$180,000.00 on 6/1/17 and then again on 6/1/18. Motion passed four to one with Commissioner Riddle voting nay.

4. DISCUSS COUNTY PARK WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW

Interest has been shown during the last couple of weeks by someone to take over care of the county park. Brad Watson from Luminant is asking for an extension on the deadline to close the park.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker to extend our obligation to overseeing the county park from June 1, 2017 to July 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RECEIVING A DONATION FROM WALMART FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve receiving a donation in the amount of \$2500.00 from Walmart for the benefit of the Sheriff's office. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE WOODY HUGHES AS A RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT 1 (CHRIS DURANT)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve Woody Hughes as a Reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY SELECT A COMMISSIONER TO OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION MATTERS INCLUDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to select Commissioner Riddle to oversee construction matters including repairs and maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE WEST EXTERIOR WALL OF THE ANNEX

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to give Commissioner Riddle the flexibility to address the repairs needed to the west exterior wall of the annex and find a knowledgeable person to pursue the repair problem. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE PICTURES – ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE FINAL CHANGE ORDER ON ADULT PROBATION DOOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve final change orders in the amount of \$575.00 on the adult probation door. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOOR IN DISTRICT JUDGES' OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve payment in the amount of \$2300.00 for construction of door in the District Judges' office. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE PICTURE – ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

11. OPEN BIDS AND POSSIBLY AWARD BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

Guaranty Bond Bank was the only bid received for the bank depository contract. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to turn over the bid to County Auditor, Carl Johnson, for review and approve at next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE BONDS FOR CHRISTIE DAVIS, SHARON REYNOLDS AND SHELBY LOVELADY, COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve bonds for Christie Davis, Sharon Reynolds and Shelby Lovelady from the County Auditor's office. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 06](#))

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 07](#))

14. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 08](#))

15. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 9](#))

16. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no budget amendments.

17. 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 10](#))

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

Judge Lee reported that the elevator was completed on Friday and is to be inspected next week.

Judge Lee informed the Court that he will be attending Probate School for the rest of the week. He will also be out of the office at the next Commissioners' Court meeting. Commissioner Fields will act as Chair.

The internet and phones at the Sheriff's office are being converted to Suddenlink in order to save on the long distance phone bill.

Judge Lee asked the Commissioners to think about work at the Riddle Street building, especially regarding drain protection on the back of the building and asked Commissioner Riddle to look at the problem.

The appraised value for the county has increased 2.6%.

Commissioner Fields reminded the Court that once you turn 65, county taxes are frozen and emphasized that Senior Citizens should apply.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made at 10:40 a.m. to adjourn by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Motion passed unanimously.