

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
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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, October 23, 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

Clint Bain	Roger Ledbetter
Philip Hoffman	Gary Oliver
Daniel Fluellen	Judy Kent
Ron Fischer	Todd Kisel
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 OCTOBER 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve minutes from October 10, 2017 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE RENAMING OF FM 4000 TO "THE TITUS COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve the renaming of FM 4000 to "The Titus County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway". Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT FROM ROAD ENGINEER (ROGER LEDBETTER)

Mowing was started on 10/16/2017 in Precincts 3 and 4 and will continue until finished. Once finished with those precincts, they will move to Precincts 1 and 2. Repairs on CR 3150 should be finished by the end of this week. They will begin concentrating on repairing potholes until Thanksgiving. It was decided that only minimal work will be done on CR 1905 between 71 and Sulphur River.

Mr. Ledbetter reported that a sales representative had been by regarding drug testing. A decision needs to be made as to whether this should be done in-house or by an outside source. It is a requirement that everyone that has a CDL license must be drug tested.

It was determined that one (1) maintainer will be sold as surplus material.

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS FOR CR 4875 FROM CR 4960 TO CR 4893 (ROGER LEDBETTER)

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve 40 MPH speed limit signs for CR 4875 from CR 4960 to CR 4893 with one (1) sign being placed at each end. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE "MITCHELL 1" SOFTWARE PURCHASE FOR THE MECHANIC SHOP (COMMISSIONER DANA APPLEWHITE)

Mitchell 1 software is a fully integrated software service provider that offers complete solutions to help keep up with maintenance records of vehicles. The software offers a maintenance side and a labor and repair side. It tracks expenses and repairs and has diagnostic capabilities. They have an IT Department with backup. The cost is \$364.00 monthly.

Daniel Fluellen, Sales Representative, was available to answer any questions. He informed the Court that a 30 day trial period had been made available to the County Mechanic Shop and still had time left on it. Commissioner Applewhite likes the software and feels that it would be a benefit to the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle to not approve the purchase of the "Mitchell 1" software for the Mechanic Shop. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite to approve "Mitchell 1" software purchase for the Mechanic Shop. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to table approving the purchase of "Mitchell 1" software for the Mechanic Shop. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION BY TODD KISEL FROM TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (TAC) REGARDING SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Todd Kisel is a consultant from the Workers' Compensation Risk Management Pool of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC RMP). Employee safety is a priority for the TAC Risk Management Pool and Mr. Kisel was present to distribute 21 Personal Protective Equipment Safety Kits to members participating in the Workers' Compensation Program. These kits are being made available at no cost by approval of the TAC RMP Board and are intended to supplement employee safety. The kits are packaged into a drawstring bag containing 1 hardhat; 2 pair of work gloves; 2 pairs of safety glasses; 2 sets of ear plugs and 1 high-visibility mesh safety vest. The number of kits distributed is based on the number of employees the county reported in its 2017 Workers' Compensation renewal questionnaire for Road and Bridge employees. Titus County reported 17 employees plus 4 Commissioners.

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PROVIDER FOR COUNTY CAFETERIA PLAN (TABLED 10-10-17)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to stay with Colonial Insurance as the provider for the County Cafeteria Plan. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE 2018 TITUS COUNTY RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the 2018 Titus County Resolution regarding the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE HOLIDAYS FOR 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the holidays for 2018 per the attached dates. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COMMISSIONERS' COURT SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle to have all Commissioners' Court meetings in the evenings at 6:00 p.m. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve the proposed dates for the Commissioners' Court schedule for 2018. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

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

Effective October 1, 2017, it is no longer necessary for the Court to approve travel and seminars for Titus County employees and elected officials since it was approved to be included under each department's budget in the FY 2018 budget. No action needed.

13. APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve oral and written reports of county officials. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

14. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

15. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no budget amendments.

16. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Judge Lee to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

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

Judge Lee reported that he had received a call from the Secretary of State, Rolando Pablos, regarding the closing of Luminant and wanted to assure the county that he is aware of the situation and the impact that it will have on the county. He plans on coming to visit Mount Pleasant regarding the economic development of Titus County.

Commissioner Fields told the Court that he had heard people had the impression that taxes were going up due to the bridge being built on the south end of town and wanted

to clarify that this is being paid for by the Federal Government and the Texas Department of Transportation.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made at 10:30 a.m. to adjourn by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Motion passed unanimously.