

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
JANUARY 22, 2018**

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**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018**

The Titus County Commissioners' Court, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Special Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, Room 205, located at 100 West 1st Street with the following members present:

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| 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 |
| Carl Johnson | - | County Auditor |
| Ray Barrett | - | Constable Precinct 2 |

PUBLIC ATTENDING

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| Roger Ledbetter | Philip Hoffman |
| 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

Roger Ledbetter addressed the Court regarding a better understanding or clarification on the width of right of way on county roads. He questioned if it was 50' overall or 25' from the center line of the road. Commissioner Fields answered that there is 40' of right of way on a dead-end road and 50' on a through road. Right of way is measured from the center of the road outward. These measurements apply to roads per rules set in approximately 1988. The rule of thumb is fence to fence. If no fence line, go by phone pedestal.

This discussion was due to a recent complaint from a landowner who was upset about side-cutting work that was done on her property in Precinct 4. Side-cutting is done as a safety issue to improve visibility due to trees blocking driveways and to reduce potential damage to vehicles. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 01](#))

Commissioner Parker is to contact the landowner and convey what was discussed in Commissioners' Court. Judge Lee also asked the commissioners to get better clarification from the upcoming Texas Association of Counties meeting.

Roger Ledbetter also reported that they were working on trees that were down due to last night's storm on County Roads 1465; 1468; 1550; 3210; 1150; 1673; 1435; 1680; 3290; 1780 and 1635.

2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve minutes from January 8, 2018 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CONSTRUCTION REPAIR PROJECTS TO INCLUDE:

a. FRONT FAÇADE OF COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Commissioner Riddle reported that he had not received a response from Mr. Narramore or Mr. Jones on a bid for repairs to the front façade of the courthouse annex. Judge Lee is to check and see if Jacob Hatfield from the City will address this issue at a Commissioners' Court meeting.

Commissioner Riddle did report that the flag pole was now straight.

4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE EXPANSION PLAT FOR FARMERS ACADEMY CEMETERY – PHASE NO. THREE

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve the expansion plat for the Farmers Academy Cemetery – Phase No. Three consisting of one acre. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 02](#))

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF PROPERTY, 1.50 ACRES, WILLIAM CAUDLE SURVEY, A-123, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, FORMERLY IN THE NAME OF RONNIE D. TULLY THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY STRUCK OFF THE TAX ROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve Resolution for sale of property, 1.50 acres, William Caudle Survey, A-123, Titus County, Texas, formerly in the name of Ronnie D. Tully that was previously struck off the tax roll to Bret Charlton in the amount \$3,500.00. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN PRIEFERT TO SERVE AS THE TITUS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA) FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Judge Lee informed the Court that Hudson Old had represented Titus County for the last ten (10) years and thanked him for his service.

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the appointment of Nathan Priefert to serve as the Titus County Representative on the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) for a two year term beginning February 1, 2018 and expiring February 1, 2020. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE A ONE YEAR LEASE OPTION EXERCISED BY WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR THE RIDDLE STREET BUILDING FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AT AN ADJUSTED MONTHLY RATE OF \$3,428.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve a one year lease option exercised by the Workforce Solutions for the Riddle Street building for the period March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 at an adjusted monthly rate of \$3,428.00. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

8. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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 08](#))

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

Judge Lee told the Court that the policy on weather closings and emergencies would be maintained per the Employee Handbook: "Titus County does not close unless the health, safety or security of County employees are seriously at risk. The County Judge is responsible for initiating the closing. If the County Judge does not declare the County Offices to be closed due to weather, it shall be up to each elected official to determine the operating hours of their office and their employees. Time off due to weather may be taken as compensatory time, or if the employee does not have available compensatory time, as vacation, but shall not be reported as regular hours worked." Call 903-572-5000 and press 2 for emergency message.

Commissioner Fields thanked the Volunteer Firefighters and the Sheriff's Department who helped during last night's storm. Crews were out most of the night assisting with cleanup and removing trees from roadways.

Commissioner Applewhite invited the Court and public to attend a Citizens' Benefit to help with the expenses for the Mickey Holt family and his daughter. It will be at Sugarhill at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018.

ADJOURN:

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