

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**02.26.2018**

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SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 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, February 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Titus County Courtroom, Room 205, located at 100 West 1<sup>st</sup> 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
Paula Dyke	-	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2

**PUBLIC ATTENDING**

Janice Chism	Philip Hoffman
Roger Ledbetter	Clint Bain
Jerry Clark	Brian Clayton
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**

Paula Dyke, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, came before the Court to let them know that she was back at work and appreciated them for letting her off. She also acknowledged Terri Aydelott and Charity Jeffery for keeping the office going while she was out.

**2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve minutes from February 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. REPORT FROM ROAD ENGINEER (ROGER LEDBETTER)**

Mr. Ledbetter reported that water was still over the road on CR 4550 and a section of CR 1910 and CR 1935. County roads were flooded in 27 locations making roads impassable. Crews were kept busy by clearing trees and other debris and cleaning out culverts and ditches. Portions of some county roads were washed away and craters were left behind which crews worked to fill in. They are continuing to patch pot holes. The people that live on CR 1925 cannot get out when roads are flooded.

The Sheriff's office asked that barricades be used for public safety and to warn motorists from trying to cross the flooded areas. The county only has four (4) sets that can be used. Tape was used to block off flooded roads but they were too easy for people to disregard and drive through. The cost to buy 27 sets of barricades would be \$12,700.00. Commissioner Riddle felt that the Court should not buy 27 sets as people steal them. Judge Lee felt that the county needed to make a commitment to prevent accidents. Commissioner Parker asked if there was a grant through Texas Association of Counties that we could apply for that might help pay for the barricades.

**4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR JUVENILE PROBATION INCLUDING ADDITIONAL LIGHTING, DOOR LOCK HARDWARE, AUDIO AND VIDEO ADDITIONS TO THE ENTRY DOOR AND CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY VIDEO SYSTEM TO BE PAID OUT OF THE SECURITY FUND (PAUL LINDSEY, BRIAN CLAYTON)**

Paul Lindsey described the security enhancement system explaining the need to protect the Juvenile Probation Department from the setup they now have.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to approve the purchase of security enhancements for Juvenile Probation including additional lighting; door lock hardware; audio and video additions to the entry door and connection to the county video system to Newman Electronics, LLC in the amount of \$3,854.00 to be paid out of Security Fund. Motion was modified to include up to \$500.00 for electrical work for fluorescent lights also to be paid out of the Security Fund. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

**5. PRESENTATION BY CHIEF JERRY CLARK, SUGAR HILL VFD, REGARDING SALE OF EQUIPMENT WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW**

Chief Jerry Clark from the Sugar Hill VFD explained to the Court that their department had unexpected expenses which depleted the funds they had raised to refurbish a brush truck to put back in service. The brick wall on the building they are in had to be torn down and replaced with a new insulated wall.

They have already purchased the mud tires, siren and control and 9' bed and put on the brush truck. They can sell the old cab and chassis which is 16 years old. They feel that they can get a minimum bid of \$8000 but are not sure if it should be returned back to the county since they originally gave \$25,000.00 to start up the VFD.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to accept a return of the vehicle to the county to do whatever they choose and loan the Sugar Hill VFD up to \$8000.00 for a maximum of five (5) years. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY TO NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE UTILIZING TITUS COUNTY AS AN INTERMEDIARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve the transfer of surplus medical equipment from Franklin County to Northeast Texas Community College utilizing Titus County as an intermediary. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

**7. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE REQUEST FROM TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO RETAIN BUDGET SURPLUS FROM 2017**

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve request from Titus County Appraisal District to retain Titus County's portion of the budget surplus from 2017 in the amount of \$6,821.98. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 04\)](#)

**8. APPROVE RECORDING IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S MINUTES, DISTRICT JUDGES' APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AUDITOR, CARL JOHNSON, JR., EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve recording in the County Clerk's minutes, District Judges' appointment of County Auditor, Carl Johnson, Jr., to be effective March 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE BOND FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, CARL JOHNSON, JR.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve bond for County Auditor, Carl Johnson, Jr... Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 05\)](#)

**10. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 06\)](#)

**11. 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. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 07\)](#)

**12. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

There were no budget amendments.

**13. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to sign pay orders and approve payments. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 08\)](#)

**14. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY**

Commissioner Fields stated that the school for County Commissioners went well. While there, they discussed unfunded mandates that are placed on county governments by the state and federal governments. He has a problem with this because it places increases on county budgets which in turn, is put back on the county tax payers. He feels that there should be a constitutional amendment passed to prevent future unfunded mandates on counties.

Commissioner Parker agreed with Commissioner Fields and has cards against the unfunded mandates if anyone wished to send to the Governor and Lt. Governor.

Commissioners' Court recessed at 10:18 a.m. and returned at 10:35 a.m...

**15. WORKSHOP WITH COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER TO DISCUSS ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PLANNING WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW**

Road Engineer, Roger Ledbetter, presented the Court with a 2018 Priority List for review. This list is the roads that are in the most need for seal coat prep work and then actual seal coating. The roads are listed in priority order and are a cumulative of approximately 30 miles. Mr. Ledbetter estimates that about 10 miles of road can be done per year. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 9\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to accept and approve the Road Engineer's 2018 Priority List as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Parker to purchase six (6) pair, Type I barricades with road closure signs. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to allow the purchase of barricades to be taken out of the County Contingency Fund as opposed to the Road & Bridge Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve the rental of a packer/roller for three months for \$33,000.00 to be used during the months of June, July and August, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made at 11:42 a.m. to adjourn by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker. Motion passed unanimously.