

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, March 26, 2018 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
Carl Johnson	-	County Auditor

PUBLIC ATTENDING

Roger Ledbetter	Philip Hoffman
John Fitch	Janice R. Chism
Ronnie Williams	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 MARCH 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

3. PRESENTATION BY RONNIE WILLIAMS REGARDING CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ON THE COURTHOUSE WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW

Ronnie Williams informed the Court that the hail storm had destroyed 94.9% of the Christmas bulbs which equals approximately 860 feet of lights. He presented the following options to the Court for replacement of bulbs.

- Option 1: Go with the company that the City of Mount Pleasant uses – Inception Company. Cost is \$15.00/foot = \$12,900.00 which includes the controller. These are LED lights and are different colors. Labor is \$8.00/hour with four (4) people normally being sent on a job this big. The cost to remove and install new bulbs would be \$768.00.
- Option 2: Go with a smaller version LED C9 based bulb that is currently being used now. A string of these bulbs are 16'8" and come by the case at a cost of \$264.00/case. We would need 51 cases for \$13,464.00 and a controller which would cost \$308.00. Labor would be furnished by Ronnie Williams.
- Option 3: American National Bank has been using 650 LED C9 white bulbs and reported no hail damage. These bulbs use only 5 watts each. Bulbs come 860'x15" at a cost of \$709.50 plus labor of 32 hours for two (2) people for a total of \$960.00. It would require a lift at a cost of \$500 to \$800. If we were to receive another hail storm, the bulbs would not be hurt.
- Option 4: Go with an incandescent bulb at a cost of \$0.35 each which would require more power to use as they use 7 watts/bulb.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT FROM ROAD ENGINEER (ROGER LEDBETTER)

Mr. Ledbetter informed the Court that the dumpsters should be in place today. Due to a miscommunication between the county and Republic, the dumpsters were not placed for county cleanup to begin on Saturday as approved. We need to give more than a two week notice in order to have all of the dumpsters ready. It was agreed that a tentative date for next year would be the third week of March, 2019.

The maintainer was sold for \$22,500.00 and the cement mixer sold for \$2750.00. Neither brought as much as expected. It was determined that we would not use Richey

Brothers again as we have to pay them 15% and did not allow a minimum bid on items for sale. With McGonagill, you can place a reserve bid on what you are selling.

The culvert was replaced at Silver Lake Circle with 24" plastic pipe which should last longer and hold up better than the corrugated pipe previously used.

The county cannot start on base failures until it dries up. Commissioner Fields reported that he had spoken with Luminant and they are to fix roads that need repairs due to the dragline.

Commissioner Parker told the Court that heavy duty barricades had been built and should not blow over like the plastic barricades do. He still needs signs, lights and reflective tape to place on them.

The state needs to be contacted about the bridge replacement on CR 4550. Federal funds will be used but if the county chooses to upgrade the bridge, any upgrades will have to be paid for by the county which could range from \$2,000,000.00 to \$3,000,000.00.

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE AND ACCEPT BID FOR WATER TRUCK

Road Engineer, Roger Ledbetter, reported that options for a water truck are changing on a daily basis. All of the trucks that we had received bids on have already sold. Companies out of Texarkana and Dallas have been contacted and came back with a lower price for a fully equipped water truck than the bids that were received. Bid prices ranged from \$61,213.00 to \$62,555.00. He feels that the county can purchase a truck that is in the price range of \$45,000.00 to \$49,000.00. His recommendation is to cancel all bids and approve for Philip Hoffman, Commissioner Parker and head mechanic, Jeff Cates, go and look at the trucks that are available and purchase if under \$50,000.00 since no bid is required for purchases under \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Riddle to authorize Philip Hoffman, Commissioner Parker and Jeff Cates to look at available water trucks and negotiate purchase for under \$50,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to rescind any outstanding bids on comparable water trucks. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

6. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE AND ACCEPT BID FOR CAB AND CHASSIS

Bids are no longer needed for a cab and chassis as the Court approved the purchase of a fully equipped water truck for under \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fields and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to rescind any and all bids on a cab and chassis. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 02](#))

7. CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER TO CORRECT DRAINAGE ISSUE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON CR 2325

The drainage issue on private property on CR 2325 is causing water to back up in county ditches, over driveways and county roads. Landowner William Smith is deceased. Ronald Anderson is authorized to give consent and has granted the county access to property in order to correct the drainage issue. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 03 FOR SIGNED RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT](#))

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to authorize County Road Engineer to get with the landowner's authorized agent to correct drainage issue on private property located on CR 2325. Motion passed unanimously.

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 04](#))

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

10. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Fields to approve budget amendments #16-#19. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 06](#))

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 07](#))

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

Judge Lee thanked the first responders for the job done on the multiple vehicle accident that occurred on the interstate.

Commissioner Fields thanked Commissioner Applewhite for taking care of the handicap situation and the people that helped and donated time and money. He also thanked Sheriff Ingram for allowing the inmates and trustees to pick up the trash on CR 2300.

Commissioner Applewhite thanked Sheriff Ingram for picking up trash. He also thanked and appreciated the following people and companies for the donation of their time, material, labor and money to help with the handicap situation in the Piney community since county funds could not be used: Jeff Seaton; Bill Whitaker for H. E. Spann and Craig Clemmons, bus coordinator for MPISD.

ADJOURN:

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