

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING**

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OCTOBER 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, October 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 - Absent |
| 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

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| Tracy Farr | Roger Ledbetter |
| Philip Hoffman | Clint Bain |
| Marvin Henson | Catherine Krantz |
| Janice R. Chism | Emily Aikman |
| Carly Scott | LaWyanda Prince |
| Christie Davis | Nanette Willabay |
| 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

Judge Lee introduced Catherine Krantz who is a candidate for Texas 4th Congressional District in the U. S. House. Ms. Krantz stated that she is from Embrey, Texas and supports small towns. She feels that they are getting the short end of the stick with unfunded mandates. She asked everyone to please vote.

Carl Johnson introduced Nanette Willabay who will be replacing Christie Davis in the Auditor's office beginning January 1, 2019. She and Christie will be working together during the next two (2) months for training. Christie will become the Auditor in Camp County beginning January 1, 2019.

2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve minutes from October 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORT FROM ROAD ENGINEER (ROGER LEDBETTER)

- CR 1250 – final wrap completed
- CR 1820 & CR 1910 – started wrap process
- Running four (4) mowers and patching pot holes
- Need parts for side cutter

Commissioner Parker received a letter from the Hintons pertaining to the agreement between them and the county about not mowing on their property before contacting them. When the county was side cutting and shredding in that area, they mowed their ditch and they are not happy about it. When questioned, Mr. Ledbetter stated that he had told the men mowing to skip that property and, apparently, they did not. Commissioner Parker offered his apologies to the Hintons and is to speak with them about the possibility of putting up a No Mowing sign.

4. OPEN AND REVIEW BIDS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve the bid from Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. per attached. Motion passed unanimously. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 01\)](#)

5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE GLEN CALVERT'S PROPOSAL IN REFERENCE TO REPAIR OF COURTHOUSE NORTH ENTRY STEPS

A proposal was received from Glen M. Calvert, P.E., General Manager of Priefert Complex Designs, in reference to repair of courthouse north entry steps. This proposal is to do preliminary investigative work which will reveal if a repair will be adequate or if

complete replacement of the entrance will be required. In the proposal, Mr. Calvert described the scope of work to be done as well as fee structure. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 02\)](#)

Commissioner Applewhite challenged Commissioner Riddle on the fact that we did not go out for bids and asked for clarification as he had a copy of a bid that was turned in for \$9500.00 from Big Dog Roofing & Construction. Commissioner Riddle stated that he had received a bid but had not gone out for bids. [\(SEE ATTACHMENT 03\)](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve Glen Calvert's proposal in reference to repair of courthouse north steps. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Parker inquired about checking to see if funding was available through a grant such as the Historical Grant to help pay for expenses. Carl Johnson told the Court that there had been too many structural changes since the courthouse was built in 1897 to qualify for a Historical Grant.

6. DISCUSS BRIDGE LAWSUIT MEDIATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to authorize Carl Johnson and Judge Brian Lee to represent Titus County in the bridge lawsuit mediation on 10/30/2018 in Houston, Texas. Motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSS SENIOR CITIZENS' MEAL CENTER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to authorize James Webster to make repairs and maintenance as needed not to exceed \$1000.00 at the Senior Citizens' Meal Center. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE DECEMBER, 2018 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR NEW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE TAKING OFFICE JANUARY 1, 2019

This is a mandatory education class to be held in December, 2018 and this is the first time that there will be new incoming Justices of the Peace in all precincts (Irma Dunn for Precinct 1, 3 & 4 and either Tracy Craig or Steve Agan for Precinct 2).

Motion was made by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to approve December, 2018 travel and training expense for new Justices of the Peace taking office January 1, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSS THE MASA AMBULANCE BENEFIT FOR 2019 AS IT RELATES TO NON-EMPLOYEES SUCH AS RETIREES WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO FOLLOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve the MASA Ambulance benefit for 2019 as it related to non-employees such

as retires with prepayment up front for one (1) year at the beginning of the calendar year. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE HOLIDAYS FOR 2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve Holidays for 2019. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 04](#))

11. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COMMISSIONERS' COURT SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Applewhite to approve Commissioners' Court Schedule for 2019. Motion passed unanimously. ([SEE ATTACHMENT 05](#))

12. 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](#))

13. 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](#))

14. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no budget amendments.

15. SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

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

Judge Lee:

- Brought up to the Court that even though we had done away with County cleanup days and county residents could go to the City, there is still an ongoing problem with disposal of tires. They are still being thrown in ditches. Sgt. Bain stated that the Sheriff's office cites them whenever they see this happening. Residents need to be made aware of the fact that they can dispose of their tires at the maintenance barn during the day. There is a company from Paris that will come and get them and is budgeted out of the maintenance barn budget. Judge Lee told the Court that there is a \$4500 grant made available through ATCOG.

Commissioner Applewhite mentioned that there is the same problem with trash being picked up in the county by trash trucks. He feels they should have an enclosed bin in order to haul trash to keep the trash from blowing out. Sgt. Bain stated that they are being cited for unsecure loads when seen.

Commissioner Parker asked about paper recycling and was told that there is really no economic benefit to either the county or the company in having recycling stations.

- Commissioner Fields is able to stand on his own without assistance; can move right hand & arm but still doesn't have full control; paralysis still in face but should improve over time and his speech is better. There is a possibility that he will get to come home Friday afternoon and begin daily outpatient rehab. He is able to have visitors at UT Health Olympic Plaza Facility in Tyler, formerly ETMC, Room 402.
- Judge Woodson has been taken off of sedation medicine but there is still no determination of the extent of damage.
- Reminded Commissioners that training will be held on 12/06/2018 at the Ag Extension office beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- The 61st Annual V. G. Young County Government School for Commissioners' Court will be held February 19-21, 2019 at College Station. Registration opens 11/01/2018. Commissioners will need to notify Carolyn to make reservations.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made at 10:14 a.m. by Commissioner Applewhite and seconded by Commissioner Parker to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.