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Good morning Commissioners,

I made a copy of the court minutes from October 25, 2010 stating the Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County and Titus County for Veteran's Service Officer.

I received the \$100.00 for July, 2020; I feel we need to return the check and cancel the Memorandum since Steve Austin resigned June 2020.

Didn't know what your thoughts are on the situation, but feel it needs to be placed on the next Court agenda.

Thanks for your time and consideration-let me know

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS SPECIAL MEETING October 25, 2010

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Sam W. Russell, County Judge
Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2
Thomas Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4
Carl Johnson, County Auditor
Tim Ingram, County Sheriff
Joyce Simpson, Assistant to County Judge
Sheryl Preddy
Sue Evenwel
Barbara Bruechner
Judy Lee
Jimmy Parker
Cole Hefner
Bob Philpot
Lynn Fender Smith

Don Boggs, Commissioner Pct 1
Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Pct 3
Teresa Price, County Clerk
Debby Rhea, County Treasurer
Brad Fosdick, Captain Sheriff's Department
Norma Narramore
Steve Bragg
Chris Shelton
Eric Bruechner
Chuck Denman
Bill Sellers
Ron Smith
David Bird
Lou Antonelli

Judge Sam Russell called the Special Meeting to order on October 25, 2010 at 9:05 stating that for the record, notices had been posted for the appropriate amount of time preceding the meeting.

Invocation: Commissioner Mike Fields

Public Comments and/or Requests for Information on Non-Agenda Items in Accordance with Section 551.042, Texas Government code

Barbara Bruechner came before Commissioners Court again with complaints from landowners asking Titus County to exert oversight on the loop bypass construction project. Ms. Bruechner feels that this is a critical issue. She continues in that the landowners are being treated with disrespect and are dealing with unethical and unprofessional people by the companies hired by Pate Transportation. Ms. Bruechner accuses the court of turning a blind eye stating that if it was your property or your parents' property, you would be paying attention. She added that Pate is being paid \$4.26 million of our tax dollars but they can't even acknowledge that there is a problem with the land acquisition process, much less offer to address or solve it.

Steve Bragg was next with complaints that he and his wife had been treated rudely, unfairly and had been lied to by Property Acquisitions and Pate Transportation. Mr. Bragg stated that he had asked for help from his commissioner two months ago but has heard nothing back and that no one would help them in this matter. He went on to say that they had also been treated rudely by the Titus County lawyer. Mr. Bragg said that, even after a determination by a special court convened for the process of eminent domain to be awarded an amount for their

property, the attorney decided to take him to a jury trial to protest the amount they were awarded. Mr. Bragg states that he does not who made the decision to sue – Pate, the attorney or Titus County. Now they have to hire an attorney to fight for what is rightfully theirs. He also accuses the county of wanting to take credit but do not seem to care how it gets done.

David Bird addressed the court stating that he was fairly new to Titus County and had heard a lot regarding the loop project. Mr. Bird wanted to know how to obtain information regarding the process of how the loop began and the financial part of it. Judge Russell informed him that he could submit an Opens Record Request with the auditor's office or our office to get that information. There is information regarding the bond issue, TxDOT and Pate Transportation.

2. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes for Commissioners' Court Special Meeting on September 27, 2010 and October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Don Boggs stated that Tammy Shelton needed to be added to September 27, 2010 minutes and that Item #9 needed to be amended to remove "With the Exception of the over 65-Tax Freeze". This went into effect the same time as the other exemptions in 2005.

Motion was made by Commissioner Don Boggs and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve minutes for Commissioners' Court Regular Meeting on September 27, 2010 and October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and Possibly Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and Titus County for Veterans Service Officer

Judge Russell presented to the Commissioners Court a Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and Titus County for the Veterans Service Officer of Titus County to assume the duties of the Franklin County Veterans Service Officer effective November 1, 2010. At this time, Franklin County does not have a Veterans Service Officer and would pay Titus County \$100 per month to perform these duties. Our current Veterans Service Officer, Steve Austin, has agreed to do this. Commissioner Fields asked if Franklin County would let their veterans know that they were to contact Titus County and was told that they would. Titus County will establish the time, locations and days these services are available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and Titus County for Veterans Service Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Possibly Approve appointment of Sheila Donnelly to serve on the Titus County Child Welfare Board

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillip Hinton and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve the appointment of Sheila Donnelly to serve on the Titus County Child Welfare Board. Motion carried unanimously.