

THE REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY WAS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 AT 9:00AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, 2ND FLOOR, TRINITY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, GROVETON, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARK EVANS, COUNTY JUDGE
GROVER WORSHAM, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
JANNETTE HORTMAN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
CECIL WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
JIMMY BROWN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

1. JUDGE EVANS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM AND NOTED THAT THE AGENDA WAS PROPERLY FILED AND POSTED ON 12-5-08 AT 8:55AM. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT. JUDGE EVANS WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING. COUNTY OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED JOE WARNER BELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY, SHEILA JOHNSON, COUNTY AUDITOR, JO BARTEE, COUNTY TREASURER, CONSTABLE #1 WOODY WALLACE, AND DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK.
2. REV. TOM DIXON, JOSSERAND BAPTIST CHURCH, GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.
3. THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL SESSION HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2008 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
4. REPORTS FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE #2 & #3, & #4, COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT CLERK, COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, AND EXTENSION AGENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
5. APPROVAL OF THE G/L EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION, CHECK AND PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2008 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2008 WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.
7. DURING THE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, JUDGE EVANS MENTIONED COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE TO BE FURTHER COVERED IN ITEM #16 AND THAT A CHECK FROM FEMA FOR DEBRIS CLEANUP WOULD BE DEPOSITED DIRECTLY INTO THE COUNTY'S ACCOUNT.
8. NO PAYMENTS FOR PAUPER FUNERALS WERE PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONER'S COURT.
9. OFFICIAL BOND FOR COMMISSIONER #4 JIMMY BROWN WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.
10. JUDGE EVANS AND COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL GAVE COMMISSIONERS A REPORT ON STATUS OF STATE JUVENILE DETENTION FUNDING FOR FY2009. TRINITY COUNTY IS LIABLE FOR ALL FUNDING UNTIL AUGUST 2009. OTHER FUNDS COULD BE AVAILABLE FROM DETCOG, ETC. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IT IS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. UPDATE INFORMATION ONLY - NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.
11. ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB THE FY 2009 MILEAGE RATE WAS SET AT .55 PER MILE COMMENCING JANUARY 2009. MOTION CARRIED.
12. ADDRESSING THE COMMISSIONERS FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES WERE JULIA CONNER, RICHARD HENSLEY, KELLI LITTLE AND CATHERINE HUSSELSTEIN. APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES (DFPS) AND TRINITY COUNTY TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE SERVICES WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

13. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXANS FEEDING TEXAS HOME-DELIVERED MEAL GRANT PROGRAM WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF WAS DECLARED TO BE VACANT BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED. JUDGE EVANS NOTED THAT INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THE APPOINTMENT UNTIL ELECTION IN 2010 INCLUDE DONALD FISHER, WOODY WALLACE, RALPH MONTEMAYOR AND MARK MOSCINSKI. REV. CLARENCE YORDY, TIMBER BAY POA, ADDRESSED COMMISSIONERS AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR WOODY WALLACE FOR THE APPOINTMENT. JAMES PRENTICE, A RESIDENT NEW TO TRINITY COUNTY, EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR WOODY WALLACE. MARK MOSCINSKI, CURRENTLY A TRINITY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, ADDRESSED THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGARDING HIS INTEREST IN THE APPOINTMENT. HAYDEN COLBY, BUSINESSMAN IN TRINITY COUNTY, ENDORSED WOODY WALLACE FOR APPOINTMENT. JUDGE EVANS ADDED THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION COULD NOT BE HELD SINCE THE COUNTY WAS RESTRICTED BY STATE LEGISLATION AND THAT HARRIS COUNTY HAD A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH THEIR TAX ASSESSOR. IT WAS DECIDED TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008 AT 1:00PM TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF. THE SESSION WOULD START IN OPEN SESSION, GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS, AND THEN GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF.

15. BUDGET AMENDMENTS CONCERNING CONSTABLE #1, RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ROAD AND BRIDGE #1 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

16. JUDGE EVANS GAVE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. HE STATED THAT A MEETING WAS HELD IN AUSTIN WITH ARCHITECT MICHAEL GAERTNER AND BESS GRAHAM. ALL ISSUES HAVE BEEN RECONCILED AND THE NEW DATE FOR CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE IS 3-1-098. THE NEED FOR APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING COMMITTEE AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT WAS DISCUSSED BY COMMISSIONERS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

17. NO ONE WAS PRESENT FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

18 WITH NO FURTHER ACTION TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:25AM. MOTION CARRIED.

MARK EVANS, COUNTY JUDGE

GROVER WORSHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

JANNETTE HORTMAN, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

CECIL WEBB, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

ATTEST:

JIMMY BROWN, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK