

THE REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 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 JANUARY 8, 2009 AT 1:35PM. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT. JUDGE EVANS WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING. COUNTY OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED JOE WARNER BELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY, JO BARTEE, COUNTY TREASURER, SHEILA JOHNSON, COUNTY AUDITOR, CONSTABLE #1 WOODY WALLACE, SHERIFF RALPH MONTEMAYOR, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #4 SAM O. BLAIR, DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK, PAST COMMISSIONERS #4 TRAVIS FORREST AND JAMES ALFORD AND PAST TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR KATHY MCCARTY.
2. REV. BEN BAGLEY, 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GROVETON, GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.
3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO KATHY MCCARTY, PAST TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR WITH 29 YEARS OF SERVICE, TRAVIS FORREST, PAST COMMISSIONER #4 WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND JAMES ALFORD, PAST COMMISSIONER #4. PAST DARE OFFICER BRITT GIBSON WAS NOT PRESENT TO RECEIVE HIS PRESENTATION.
4. THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD DECEMBER 10, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL SESSIONS HELD DECEMBER 11 & 23, 2008 AND JANUARY 2 & 7, 2009 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.
5. REPORTS FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE #1, #2 & #3, & #4, COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT CLERK, COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, AND EXTENSION AGENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008 AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #1 REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2008 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
6. APPROVAL OF THE G/L EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION, CHECK AND PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER 2008 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
7. THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2008 WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
8. DURING THE REPORT FROM THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, JUDGE EVANS MENTIONED THE BUILDING FOR JP#4 WAS SET UP AND READY FOR UTILITY HOOKUP. COMMISSIONER HORTMAN ADVISED COMMISSIONERS THAT THE OLD WATER TRUCK HAD BEEN VANDALIZED WITH A BROKEN WINDSHIELD.
9. NO PAYMENTS FOR PAUPER FUNERALS WERE PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONER'S COURT.
10. OFFICIAL BOND FOR MYLINDA WARREN, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
11. JUDGE EVANS DISCUSSED A GRANT AWARD FOR GROVETON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EXPLAINING THAT IF THE GRANT WERE AWARDED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, COMMISSIONERS' COURT NEEDED TO RATIFY THE GRANT. THIS ACTION WAS RATIFIED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
12. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TRINITY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 318.003 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

13. JEAN LEBLANC DISCUSSED AND INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN TRINITY COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES ADVISING COMMISSIONERS OF A RATE INCREASE TO \$90.00 PER DAY. THE CONTRACT WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

14. A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE PROPOSED PLAT FOR TWIN OAKS SUBDIVISION WITH JODY GRIFFITH PRESENT FOR OWNERS TED AND VICTORIA GARRISON. COMMISSIONER HORTMAN ADVISED COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ROADS NEEDED MORE WORK AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BEFORE SHE WOULD RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

15. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PLAT FOR TWIN OAKS SUBDIVISION UNTIL COMPLIANCE COULD BE MET WITH ROAD AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE.

16. MICHAEL GAERTNER, ARCHITECT FOR COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT WAS PRESENT AND REPORTED THAT 99.9% OF REQUESTS FROM STATE HISTORICAL COMMISSION HAD BEEN MET. BIDS FOR THE PROJECT WERE SET FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2009, A VAULT DOOR FOR THE RECORDS VAULT NEEDED TO BE INSTALLED AND ACOUSTIC BEHIND THE JUDGE'S BENCH NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED. MR. GAERTNER STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE LIST OF CONTRACT BIDDERS AND BE ON HAND FOR PRESENTATION. BIDDING OF THE COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT AND THE KICKAPOO PARK PROJECT WAS AUTHORIZED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED. COMMISSIONER WEBB HAD STEPPED OUT OF THE COURTROOM AND WAS NOT PRESENT FOR VOTING.

17. APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF A SELECTION/BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE TRINITY COUNTY COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT AND ANY OTHER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION RELATED PROJECTS WAS MADE BY SELECTING JUDGE EVANS, AUDITOR SHEILA JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER HORTMAN AND HISTORIAN SUZANNE WALLER FOR THE COMMITTEE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WOULD NEED TO CHECK REFERENCES, MAKE INQUIRIES, EVALUATE PROPOSALS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT. THEY WOULD ALSO NEED TO MEET REGULARLY TO OVERSEE QUALITY OF WORK AND RECOMMEND A CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT/SUPERVISOR FOR COMMISSIONERS' COURT APPROVAL.

18. DESIGNATION OF AUXILIARY COURTHOUSE AT 323 WEST FIRST STREET, GROVETON, TX, FOR HOUSING COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURTS DURING RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE AND THEREAFTER AS A COURTHOUSE ANNEX WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.

19. AN ALTERNATIVE MEETING PLACE FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR, SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY TERMS DURING THE RENOVATION OF COURTHOUSE AND THEREAFTER AS A COURTHOUSE ANNEX AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER HORTMAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

20. BIDS ON THE SALE OF TWO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES WERE OPENED. LOWE BROTHERS BID \$2155 ON THE 2002 FORD AND \$1155 ON THE 2004 DODGE; RICHARD BANKS BID \$550.75 ON THE 2004 DODGE AND \$875.65 ON THE 2002 FORD, YVETTE DAVIS BID \$1500 ON THE 2002 FORD, ARLIE JENNINGS BID \$1006 ON THE 2002 FORD AND \$506 ON THE 2004 DODGE, AND RODNEY BERGMAN BID \$100 EACH ON THE 2002 AND 2004 TRUCKS. THE BIDS WERE AWARD TO LOWE BROTHERS BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

21. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 2 PATROL VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM PHILPOT MOTORS WITH THE AUDITOR TO ARRANGE NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

22. PATROL VEHICLES FOR CONSTABLES PCT. #1 AND PCT. #4 WERE AUTHORIZED WITHIN THE PHILPOT PRICE OF \$28,368 WITH THE CONSTABLES GETTING ESTIMATES BACK TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

23. AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2009 BUDGET WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY COUNTY AUDITOR JOHNSON BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

24. DURING THE PUBLIC FORUM JOE WARNER BELL ADVISED COMMISSIONERS THAT HE HAD A ROOM AVAILABLE FOR THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BANQUET. NO ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM.

ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO AGENDA
FILED JANUARY 9, 2009 AT 9:10AM

1. THE QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008 WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

25. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:05AM. MOTION CARRIED.

MARK EVANS, COUNTY JUDGE

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ATTEST:

JIMMY BROWN, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK