

THE REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY WAS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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 3-6-09 AT 9:15AM. 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, AND DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK.
2. REV. LESLIE NIMMONS FROM THE APPLE SPRINGS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.
3. THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2009 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
4. REPORTS FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE #1, #2 & #3,#4, COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT CLERK, COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF, AND EXTENSION AGENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2009 AND JP#4 FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2009 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED. THE FEBRUARY 2009 MONTHLY REPORT FROM CONSTABLE #2 STERLING JOHNSON WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
5. APPROVAL OF THE G/L EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION, CHECK AND PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2009 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2009 WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
7. PAYMENTS FOR PAUPER FUNERALS FOR DAISY THOMAS AND WILLIAM O. LECLAIR WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
8. OFFICIAL BONDS FOR THOMAS HUTT AND SHARON ARMSTRONG WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
9. TXDOT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS FOR STATE HWY 94 RIGHT OF WAY AT NECHES RIVER RELIEF BRIDGES WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. \$33,493 WOULD BE PAID OUT OF MINERAL MONEY RECEIVED BY ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCORDING TO ALLOCATION FORMULA. MOTION CARRIED.
10. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER RELATING TO REPLACING THE BRIDGE ON HELMIC-APPLE SPRINGS ROAD AT NORTH CREEK USING FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE FUNDS WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BROWN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.
11. NO AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY BUDGET WERE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.
12. TCAD CHIEF APPRAISER ALLEN MCKINLEY WAS PRESENT AND EXPLAINED SALE OF PROPERTIES SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND BIDS FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY TO COMMISSIONERS. PROPERTIES SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

13. BIDS FOR TAX RESALE PROPERTY WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

14. ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM A HEARING AND POSTING NOTICE THEREOF PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251.151 AND 251.154 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE TO DETERMINE A MAXIMUM REASONABLE AND PRUDENT SPEED FOR A VEHICLE TRAVELING ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN TRINITY COUNTY, TO WIT: GROVETON-FLAT PRAIRIE ROAD FROM FM2781 TO US HIGHWAY 287 AND TO DECLARE A SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH THEREON WAS SET FOR APRIL 13, 2009 REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT. TRAVIS HAYGOOD WAS PRESENT FOR THIS ITEM AND REQUESTED SIGNS POSTED ADVISING "CHILDREN AT PLAY" AS WELL. MOTION CARRIED.

15. DAVY CROCKETT BEAR CHASE MARATHON WAS DISCUSSED AND COUNTY SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVENT WAS AUTHORIZED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

16. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING WAS RECEIVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.

17. ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB, THE 1993 FORD PICKUP IN PRECINCT 1 ROAD AND BRIDGE WAS DECLARED TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY WITH SALE AUTHORIZED. MOTION CARRIED.

18. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AND FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH BANCORPSOUTH ON THE PURCHASE BY PRECINCT 4 OF A 2009 MACK TRUCK AND DUMP TRUCK WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

19. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING BETWEEN HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL AND TRINITY COUNTY WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

20. LARRY MAHLER, HARBOR POINT, APPLAUDED EFFORTS BY TCAD REGARDING THEIR TAX SALE ACTIVITY BUT REMARKED THAT THE PROCESS WAS STILL VERY SLOW AND THAT NO PROPERTY FROM HARBOR POINT HAD BEEN AFFECTED. MR. MAHLER ALSO COMMENTED ON LACK OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES DUE TO REGULAR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER BEING ON MATERNITY LEAVE, ADDING THAT A CHILD WAS ATTACKED BY A DOG IN HARBOR POINT. THE REGULAR DEPUTIES ANSWERING THE CALL WERE NOT TAKING CARE OF THE PROBLEMS.

ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO AGENDA FILED 9:15AM 3-6-09

1. PETTY CASH FUND OF \$150.00 AND CHANGE FUND OF \$50.00 FOR COUNTY CLERK, CHANGE FUND OF \$20.00 FOR DISTRICT CLERK AND CHANGE FUNDS OF \$200 EACH FOR TRINITY AND GROVETON OFFICES OF TAX COLLECTOR -COLLECTOR WERE CLARIFIED AND APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE OR MORE MACK TRUCKS THROUGH THE BUY BOARD AND APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF ONE OR MORE MACK TRUCKS THROUGH THE BUY BOARD FOR PRECINCTS 1, 3 AND 4 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.

3. BIDS WERE CALLED AND OPENED ON THE SALE OF A 2005 CHEVY CAVALIER. THE BIDS WERE AS FOLLOWS: \$3,297 BY HOWARD KINSEL, \$1,769.88 BY RICHARD BANKS, \$2,351 BY LEWIS RHODES AND \$500 BY JOHN ISHAM. ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB THE HIGH BID FROM HOWARD KINSEL FOR \$3297 WAS ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED.

21. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:40AM. MOTION CARRIED.

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ATTEST:

DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK