

THE REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011 AT 9:00AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, 219 WEST FIRST STREET, TRINITY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, GROVETON, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

DOUG PAGE, COUNTY JUDGE
GROVER WORSHAM, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
RICHARD CHAMBERLIN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
CECIL WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
JIMMY BROWN, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

1. JUDGE PAGE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM AND NOTED THAT THE AGENDA WAS PROPERLY FILED AND POSTED AT 4:50PM ON JANUARY 6, 2011. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT. OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED COUNTY AUDITOR SHEILA JOHNSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL, SHERIFF RALPH MONTEMAYOR, CONSTABLE #1 WOODY WALLACE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOE NED DEAN, COUNTY TREASURER JO BARTEE, AND COUNTY CLERK DIANE MCCRORY. JUDGE EVANS WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING.
2. BROTHER LEWIS JONES, GROVETON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.
3. THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD DECEMBER 13, 2010 AND THE SPECIAL SESSION HELD DECEMBER 27, 2010 WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
4. REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2010 FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE #1, #2, #3 & #4, CONSTABLE #1, CONSTABLE #2, COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT CLERK, COUNTY ATTORNEY, SHERIFF AND TAX ASSESSOR WERE APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.
5. APPROVAL OF THE G/L EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION, CHECK AND PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER 2010 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM. MOTION CARRIED.
6. THE TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2010 WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
7. CLAIMS AND INVOICES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
8. NO PAYMENTS OF PAUPER FUNERALS WERE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.
9. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS FOR DOUG PAGE, RALPH MONTEMAYOR, DIANE MCCRORY, CHERYL CARTWRIGHT, JO BARTEE, JIMMY BROWN, RICHARD CHAMBERLIN, RANDY BARRETT, BERNIE BEARD, BOBBY NICHOLDS, SAM O. BLAIR, AND JAMES CORDEL WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER CHAMBERLIN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
10. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.
11. WOODY WALLACE, CONSTABLE #1, ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING POLICY AND OPTIONS FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY OUTSTANDING WARRANTS AND FEES. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM. CONSTABLE WALLACE, COUNTY ATTORNEY BELL AND AUDITOR WERE TO MEET TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION AND REPORT BACK TO COMMISSIONERS COURT IN FEBRUARY.
12. PAYMENT OF \$300.00 PER MONTH SUPPLEMENT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOE NED DEAN WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.
13. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TRINITY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 318.003 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

14. THE REQUEST FROM WESTWOOD SHORES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO EXTEN COUNTY ROAD TRAFFIC RULES AND RULES TO ALL ROADS INCLUDED IN THE WESTWOOD SHORES SUBDIVISION WAS TABLED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN PENDING CLARIFICATION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. MOTION CARRIED.

15. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING POLICIES FOR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF TRINITY COUNTY WERE DISCUSSED. COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL IS TO RESEARCH THE POLICIES AND REPORT BACK TO COMMISSIONERS DURING THE FEBRUARY MEETING. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

16. PAYMENT OF \$1341.49 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO CITY OF TRINITY FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 2010 FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF TRINITY WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

17. JERRY CURRY, FROM WHISPERING PINES GOLF CLUB ADDRESSED COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A VARIENCE IN TRINITY COUNTY'S BURN BAN POLICY THAT WOULD PERMIT WPGC TO BURN BRANCHES, LEAVES AND SIMILAR DEBRIS ON AN AS NEEDED OR WEEKLY BASIS. ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM, IT WAS DECIDED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL THE FEBRUARY SESSION PENDING RESEARCH PERFORMED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL. MOTION CARRIED.

18. COMMISSIONER WORSHAM DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF COUNTY ROAD MAP AND THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2011. COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL REPORTED THAT GEORGE WHITTLESEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TWO ROADS IN QUESTION AS BEING ACCEPTED AS 3RD CLASS ROADS. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

19. AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF TRINITY COUNTY OFFICES WERE DISCUSSED BY COMMISSIONERS. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT TOM RAMEY WOULD PERFORM THE OUTSIDE AUDIT FOR 2010 WITH THE NECESSITY OF THE JOB GOING OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2011 AUDIT. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS AT THIS TIME.

20. SHERIFF MONTEMAYOR DISCUSSED USING RENTAL CARS FOR UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS IN TRINITY COUNTY. THIS ITEM WAS LISTED FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, AND WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER MEETING BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

21. FRANK COWAN ADDRESSED THE COURT DURING THE PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING HIS CONCERNS REGARDING EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS. HE ENTERED PROPOSALS AND PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION INTO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT. TERESA GALLAGHER ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING TWO ASSOCIATIONS BEING: EXPERIENCE LAKE LIVINGSTON AND LAKE LIVINGSTON TRASH CLEAN UP DAY OF APRIL 3, 2011. COMMISISONER CHAMBERLIN AND JUDGE PAGE ADDRESSED THE COURT IN APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT AND TEAMWORK SHOWN BY THE COURT MEMBERS AND PUBLIC.

ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO AGENDA FILED 1-7-11 AT 12:20PM

1. ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM BNSF RAILWAY FOR VEHICLE RADIO REPEATERS (\$5000.00) WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BROWN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERLIN. MOTION CARRIED.

2. APPROVAL OF AN ORDER SETTING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011 MILEAGE RATE AT \$.51 PER MILE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011 WAS MADE BY A MOTION FROM COMMISISONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEBB. MOTION CARRIED.

3. THE AUDITORS QUARTERLY REPORT ON MONTHLY REPORTS AND CASH COUNTS OF COLLECTING OFFICES WAS APPROVED BY A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WORSHAM AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN. MOTION CARRIED.

22. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WORSHAM, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:35PM. MOTION CARRIED.

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ATTEST:

DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK