

THE SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TRINITY COUNTY WAS HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009 AT 10:00AM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, TRINITY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, GROVETON, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MARK EVANS, COUNTY JUDGE
GROVER "TIGER" 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 10:00AM, WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE MEETING AND NOTED THAT THE AGENDA WAS PROPERLY FILED AND POSTED. AGENDA WAS FILED JULY 31, 2009 AT 2:35PM. ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT. OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT INCLUDED COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL, SHERIFF RALPH MONTEMAYOR, GROVETON FIRE CHIEF DAVID MUELLER, AUDITOR SHEILA JOHNSON, AND COUNTY CLERK DIANE MCCRORY.

2. JUDGE EVANS GAVE A STATUS REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS ON COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

3. FINDINGS OF ASBESTOS, THE ABATEMENT PROCESS, AND REVIEW OF BID(S) AND ABATEMENT PROPOSAL WERE DISCUSSED BY STEPHANIE WHITE, JAN WITTE AND CURTIS STODDARD. ASBESTOS WAS FOUND IN TILE, MASTIC AND WINDOW GLAZING. THE ABATEMENT PROCESS WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETION PROJECT OF COURTHOUSE RENOVATION. COST OF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE A REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE COVERED BY THE THC GRANT AT A RATIO OF 80:20. BIDS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE REGULAR SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO BE HELD AUGUST 10, 2009. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

4. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE ABATEMENT PROCESS WERE DISCUSSED. AIR MONITORING BY A THIRD PARTY WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. CURTIS STODDARD ADVISED COMMISSIONERS THAT HE HAD WORKED WITH REPUTABLE COMPANIES IN THE PAST AND WOULD HAVE HIS CONTACTS AVAILABLE AT THE REGULAR SESSION. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

5. THE GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WAS DISCUSSED BY STEPHANIE WHITE, JAN WITTE AND CURTIS STODDARD. THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED THAT DRILLING OF A TEST WELL WOULD BE PRACTICAL FOR SYSTEM APPLICATION. A PROJECT OVERSIGHT MANAGER WAS DISCUSSED AND MR. STODDARD WOULD SUPPLY COMMISSIONERS WITH CONTACTS AT THE REGULAR SESSION. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

6. ISSUES RELATED TO THE MOORE CEMETERY ROAD WERE DISCUSSED. OSCAR BIERMAN WAS PRESENT AND A LETTER FROM BRENT WATKINS WITH ZELESKY LAW FIRM WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO COMMISSIONERS. COUNTY ATTORNEY JOE WARNER BELL STATED THAT HE COULD NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH MR. BIERMAN, AS HIS LAWYER WAS NOT PRESENT. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

7. DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN TRINITY COUNTY WERE DISCUSSED. GROVETON FIRE CHIEF DAVID MUELLER STATED THAT IT WAS STILL VERY DRY DESPITE THE RECENT RAINFALL. ALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT FRIDAY AND TRINITY WANTED TO KEEP THE BURN BAN IN FORCE. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS TO LIFT THE BURN BAN AND THE BAN ON OUTDOOR BURNING REMAINED IN FORCE.

COURT WAS RECESSED AT 11:15AM AND SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE AT 1:00PM TO DISCUSS ITEM #8.

8. A WORKSHOP WAS HELD BETWEEN ROBERT BEDNAR, 9-1-1 ROAD MAPS AND COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONERS REVIEWED MAPS AND MADE CORRECTIONS WITH MR. BEDNAR. NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS ITEM.

9. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON A MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER WEBB AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HORTMAN, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:10PM. MOTION CARRIED.

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ATTEST: _____
DIANE MCCRORY, COUNTY CLERK