

REGULAR SESSION
November 22, 2022

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom, 162 West 1st street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, with the following members present:

Doug Page, County Judge
Tommy Park, Commissioner Pct.1
Mike Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2
Neal Smith Commissioner, Pct. 3
Steven Truss, Commissioner, Pct. 4

1. Judge Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 10:30 A.M, November 17, 2022. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, Nancy Shanafelt, County Attorney Colton Hay, JP Pct.1 Danny Martin, JP4 Richard Steptoe, Sheriff Woody Wallace, Treasurer Bob Dockens, and Trinity County Clerk Shasta Bergman. Judge Page welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Lonnie Vallance led the group in an opening prayer and Judge Page led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Public Forum.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2022, Regular Session, was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
5. Discuss and Act Official Bonds. None presented.
6. Discuss and Act on Pauper Funeral Payment.
7. Approval of Appointment of Members to the Trinity County Historical Commission for the 2023-2024 Term Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 318 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
8. Discuss and Act on Donation to Nigton Historical Development Project using Capital Credit Funds> A motion to approve was made by Judge Page and seconded by Commissioner Truss. For: County Judge and Commissioner Truss Opposed: Commissioner Park, Commissioner Smith, and Commissioner Loftin. Motion failed.
9. Discuss and Act on Donation to Trinity County Boys and Girls Club using Capital Credit Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin to table this item. Motion carried.
10. Discuss and Act on Donation to Circle B Farm and Wildlife Rehab using Capital Credit Funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss to table this item. Motion carried.

11. Approval of \$5,000 Donation to City of Trinity to Purchase Christmas Lights and Decorations for Display in the City of Trinity using Capital Credit Funds was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. For: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Loftin and Commissioner Truss, Opposed Judge Page, and Commissioner Park. Motion carried; majority ruled.

12. Approval of Canvassing the Election Returns of the November 15, 2022, General Election was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

13. Approval of Personnel Action Forms was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

14. Receive Monthly Payroll Report for October 2022.

15. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for October 2022 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

16. Approval of Opening a New Bank Account for District Clerk-Elect Jillian Steptoe before taking Office January 1st, 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried

17. Approval of Monthly Report for October 31, 2022, County was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

18. Approval of Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2022 Audit from Axley and Rode was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

19. Approval of transfer Office 365 Application Licenses and IT Network Support Services from General Informatics (Formerly CMS IP Technologies) to TAC-CIRA and Trinity County In-House IT Support was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

20. Approval of Changing January 10, 2023 (Tuesday) Commissioners Court Date to January 9, 2023 (Monday) was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

21. Approval of Appointing Kelly McCroy as the Veterans Service Officer was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

22. Receive Monthly Report from Trinity County Sheriff's Office.

23. Approval of the Reports for the Month of October 2022 of the Justices of the Peace, County Extension Agent, Constables, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Community Center, Maintenance, and 9-1-1 Addressing was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

24. Approval of Setting a Public Hearing for December 13, 2022 to Determine the Existence of Public Nuisances and Authorizing Abatement of any Nuisance within Westwood Shores Subdivision, Trinity County, Texas at:

- 1) PID 29362 Section 1, Block 17, Lot 27
- 2) PID 29140 Section 1, Block 18, Lot 23
- 3) PID 26159 Section 10, Block 02, Lot 25 & 26

was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.

25. With no further business to come before the Commissioner's Court, court adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.




Doug Page, County Judge



Tommy Park, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Michael Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2



Neal Smith, Commissioner Pct. 3



Steven Truss, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: 

Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk