

REGULAR SESSION  
February 13,2024

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday February 13,2024 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom, 162 West 1st street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, with the following members present:

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

1. Judge Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 2:38 PM, February 8, 2024. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included, County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, Trinity County Treasurer Orrin Hargrave, Tax Assessor Nancy Shanafelt, JP1 Mary Wallace, Sheriff Woody Wallace, Constable Adamic and County Clerk Shasta Bergman, Judge Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Lonnie Vallance led the group in an opening prayer and Judge Martin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Public Forum. Jeff Rynolds, Jay Hamby, Raymound Scott and Dave Appleby: flood damage on Piney Creek, JV Price and Hamilton Rd. Jake Armstrong: Against new election machines -hand count ballots instead of using election machines and questions regarding the Sheriffs Department providing services to the City of Groveton.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Session, was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
5. Discuss and Act on Pauper Burial Application. None presented.
6. Approval of Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
7. Approval of Contract Between Trinity County Election Administrator and the City of Groveton to Oversee Election was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
8. Approval of Disbursement of Child Safety Fees per Local Government Code was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

9. Approval of Setting a Public Hearing for March 12, 2024, to Determine the Existence of Public Nuisances and Authorizing Abatement of any Nuisance within Westwood Shores Subdivision, Trinity County, Texas at:

1. PID 25674 Sec. 01, Block 17, Lot 15 ½ of 16, 17 AKA 36 Owl Dr
2. PID 21977 Sec. 05, Block 5, Lot 14 ½ of, 15 AKA 92 Mockingbird Ln
3. PID 26114 Sec. 06, Block 1, Lot 21 AKA 87 E Whippoorwill Dr.

was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Official Bonds as presented. was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

11. Approval Personnel Action Forms as presented was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

12. Approval of Renewal of Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) Agreement with Texas Association of Counties was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

13. Receive Information about Zero Lost Time Safety Award from TAC Risk Management Pool.

14. Approval of Complete Check Register for January 2024 was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

15. Approval of Monthly Report for December 2023 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

16. Approval to Refinance 2022 Mack Trucks for Precinct 1, 3 and 4, Extend Warranties, and Authorize County Auditor to Arrange Financing was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

17. Approval to Purchase New Voting System in Accordance with Senate Bill 1 and Texas Election Code 129.023, using Local Government Assistance Fund, was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.

18. Approval of Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy According to the Office of the Attorney General Executive Order RP-36 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.

19. Approval of Renewal of Innovative Copier Lease for District Attorney's Office was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
20. Approval of Renewal of Pitney Bowes Postage Meters was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
21. Approval to Begin Process for Water SMART Planning and Project Design Grant for Municipal and MUD Systems in Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
22. Approval to Apply for State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program FY2025 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
23. Approval of Resolution for Federal Off-System Bridge Program Administrated by Texas Department of Transportation Regarding the Bridge located at Reese Road at Tributary of Piney Creek was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
24. Approval of Setting Spring Trash Clean Up Day for April 13,2024 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
25. Discuss and Act on Preliminary Agreement Between the City of Groveton and the Trinity County Sheriff's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Park to accept the agreement as presented. In favor: Commissioner Park and Commissioner Truss Opposed: Commissioner Loftin, Commissioner Smith and Judge Martin. Motion failed. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and Seconded by Commissioner Loftin to add additional \$5000 to the presented agreement to account for vehicle insurance and fuel. Commissioner Smith rescinded the motion to add an additional \$5000 to the agreement presented. Item fails with original motion.

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

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Danny Martin, County Judge

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk