

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FANNIN**

**IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this 19th day of May, 2014 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 15th day of May 2014 at 2:19 p.m. with the following members being present:

Creta L. Carter II	County Judge
Gary Whitlock	Commissioner, Precinct 1
Stan Barker	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Jerry Magness	Commissioner, Precinct 3
Dean Lackey	Commissioner, Precinct 4

The following business was transacted to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mike Towery, Treasurer

ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Judge Carter stated all commissioners are present.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Jessica Carter of Ralph Hall's office [Congressional District 4] stated Congressman Hall has worked as a facilitator between Judge Carter and the National Forest Service with regard to reopening Lake Fannin; the best option will be to present legislation conveying the land from the federal government to Fannin County; presentation of the legislation has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, approval is sought from several levels of federal government as well as the Texas Historical Commission; the matter is currently before the National Forest Service, their concern is whether or not approval would set a precedence on a national level, Congressman Hall has stated this situation is unique.

Miss Carter stated the issue is ongoing and citizens may contact Congressman Hall's Washington D.C. office for comments or questions.

Judge Carter stated a meeting was held with Congressman Hall's staff as well as John Cornyn's staff [U.S. Senator-Texas] and a Subcommittee on Natural Resources and the Forest Service; thus far the Forest Service has offered up 197 acres of problem land; we have advised them this not acceptable, the entire property conveyance is sought.

Judge Carter stated he and Commissioner Lackey attended a meeting in Galveston for the North East Texas County Judge/Commissioners Association (NETCC); Judge Carter stated he served on the nominating committee for Secretary/Treasurer for the board; County Judge Joel Baker from Smith County was nominated; this meeting was then followed by an Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio with Darrell Brewer, EMS Coordinator.

Judge Carter stated Clive Hughes has an [exercise] bike for the County he would like to donate.

ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Minutes are presented for May 12, 2014.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

[Attachment]

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR E-DISPATCH FOR ALL FANNIN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - FANNIN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.

Brad Nichols, City of Bonham Fire Chief stated there are 228 volunteer firefighters in Fannin County and not enough pagers for everyone and in some areas of the County the pagers do not receive a signal; there is a new system available using voicemail, text messaging and a cell phone app that costs \$4,300.00 for the first year; funding assistance is requested.

Judge Carter stated the item would be best addressed at Budget time which is forthcoming.

Commissioner Magness asked where the cost is incurred; Chief Nichols stated the vendor that provides the app charges that amount and provides the radio feeder which transmits messages from the County and after 30 seconds it replays the message as a dispatch.

Darrell Brewer, EMS Coordinator stated the original pagers were purchased through a Homeland Security grant and those old pagers are aging out, the cost to replace them is now in excess of \$400 each; the recommended system is an excellent alternative.

Commissioner Barker recommended the item be passed. Judge Carter stated the item will be passed.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING EMS MONTHLY PROFIT/LOSS REPORT - BONHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF

Brad Nichols, City of Bonham Fire Chief submitted the monthly report and introduced Dave Strickmeyer who will assist with reporting. Chief Nichols stated the report reflects a surplus that will be used by the end of the year, most recently a cardiac monitor as well as other equipment has

been purchased.

[Attachment]

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENT(S)

Cody Maxwell, Extension Agent stated 100 years of AgriLife Extension is being celebrated; thanks goes to the commissioners for funding to further programs.

Bethany Aries, Extension Agent, presented a plaque provided by the State office for the County as a thank you to the County.

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FLAGS BEING PLACED ON COURTHOUSE GROUNDS FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND JULY 4TH, 2014 CELEBRATIONS- BONHAM AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dale McQueen, Executive Director of the Bonham Chamber of Commerce requested permission to place plastic holders for placement of the flags around the courthouse for annual events as well as putting up the flags for the events stated.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

[Attachment]

ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR HUNT COUNTY TO PIGGYBACK OFF OF FANNIN COUNTY'S ASPHALT MILLINGS CONTRACT WITH MCCRAW MATERIALS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF FANNIN COUNTY -PURCHASING AGENT

Jill Holmes, Purchasing Agent stated Hunt County requests permission to piggy-back off Fannin County's contract with McCraw Materials; the vendor has no disagreement with such an arrangement.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

ITEM 10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FANNIN COUNTY TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2014- TREASURER

Mike Towery, Treasurer presented the report.

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

[Attachment]

**ITEM 11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS –
AUDITOR**

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated the Goss Equipment bill for \$2,254.20 will be voided due to failure to meet the requirement timeline for grant rules by Homeland Security.

Motion By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

[Attachment]

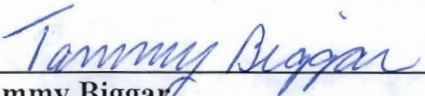
ITEM 10. ADJOURN

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey
Vote: 4 - 0 Approved

Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

**The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County
Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 19th day of May, 2014.**

(LGC 81.003)
ATTEST:


Tammy Biggar
Fannin County Clerk

