

County Commissioners’ meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners’ Court met in regular session on December 27, 2021, at 9 am at the courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and County/District Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Spain.

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioners Donald Robertson and Marshall Millican were absent.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

The County Auditor’s Report and the Extension Report were not available.

Judge Spain presented the DR Report.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

No action was taken regarding budget amendments and line item transfers.

Judge Spain informed the court of the demand letter from Brad Pettit.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am.

Ordinance 1346 - Sanitation Rates was held. Tracy Grantham made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1346 and was seconded by David Lewis. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to approve the bid of \$500 for the property at 215 Zero Street. He was seconded by Daniel Jasso and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to approve the \$500 bid for the property located at 205 Zero Street and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held to establish a date for the City Council and Employees Christmas party.

The City Secretary reported that a tentative date of February 10, 2022, has been set for EDC boards and a council meeting.

The City Superintendent reported two minor water leaks and one sewer stop. Dickson Construction will be around the city doing work on gas lines and all line locates have been completed. A container at the yard has been emptied for Animal Control and the floor

has been treated.

The ACO reported that facility improvements have begun.

A motion was made by Daniel Jasso to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm and was seconded by David Lewis. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

November 22, 2021

The Robert Lee City Council held a special meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Jason Moran; Council Members Josh Tennison, David Lewis, Jonathan Torres, Tracy Grantham, and Daniel Jasso.

The call to order was held, a quorum determined, and the meeting declared open at 6:30 pm.

The second reading of Ordinance 1346 - Sanitation was held and Tracy Grantham made a motion to approve. She was seconded by Daniel Jasso and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Demand Letter referred to in Commissioners’ Court Minutes

December 21, 2021

Via CMRRR 7019 1640 0001 1868 7427

Honorable Judge Hal Spain
Coke County Courthouse
13 East 7th
Robert Lee, TX 76945

RE: Jeff Arnwine’s property damage claim against Coke County & Commissioner, Paul Williams – Demand

Dear Judge Spain:

I appreciate you meeting with me and Mr. Arnwine on November 21, 2021, to discuss the damage to Mr. Arnwine’s property by Commissioner Williams on or about June 8, 2021.

Please accept this letter as our formal demand for money damages caused by Mr. Williams, as an employee and agent, of Coke County, Texas.

My client has authorized me to settle his claim against the County and Mr. Williams for the sum of \$406,500.00, to be paid within (30) days from the date of this letter. In addition, it is requested as part of the settlement that the County cleaning up the damage to the trees and trim the trees as required by State Law.

If this matter is not resolved, we will proceed to file suit.

I look forward hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bradley M. Pettiet

BMP/af

Discussion was held to consider opening a new position for a Code Enforcement Officer. The council would like more information regarding the position. A motion was made by Jonathan Torres to table the item and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held to consider authorizing the mayor to terminate the Sheriff’s Office agreement. It was considered to terminate the current contract

with the Sheriff’s Office so a new one might be amended and written. A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to terminate the Sheriff’s Office agreement and was seconded by Daniel Jasso. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council discussed with the City Attorney to see if writing a new contract with the Sheriff’s Office is needed.

The ACO reported sending

out notices for feeding stray animals and that the feed store has started a TNR program.

The item regarding a Code Enforcement Officer was requested to be added to a future agenda.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to adjourn the special meeting at 7:02 pm and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Deadline to submit
information to *The Observer/Enterprise* is Monday at 5 pm.

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