



National Night Out! Robert Lee Community Watch hosted the 2nd annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at the Robert Lee Park. There was a great turnout and everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening and beautiful weather. The group appreciates the efforts of those that helped and participated, as well as the Sheriff's Office, County Constable, local DPS, Game Warden, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department and West Coke County EMS. Robert Lee is blessed to have such amazing public servants in the community.

Vision with a Purpose holds October meetings

Vision with a Purpose met at their Austin Street Event Center in Robert Lee on Thursday, October 3, at 6 pm. Floyd Pettit opened with prayer and a meal was served by Kathy and Larry Carter. Sheri Millican read the minutes and Floyd Pettit gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved. It was decided that the Executive Committee will meet Thursday, November 7, at 4:30 pm to recommend an officer's slate for next year. Floyd Pettit gave an update on the building. The elevator was inspected and approved. Debbie Childers presented that Small Town Christmas will be held Saturday, December 7. The new sound system is being installed and will be ready for Halloween. Music will be piped throughout downtown Robert Lee.

The Event Center will be open for Halloween on October 31. Goodies will be passed out to the children. VP will participate in the Robert Lee's Open House event on Friday, December 6. Come by and see the beautifully decorated building and pick up a gift bag. Larry Carter closed the meeting with prayer. After the main meeting, the Hunter's BBQ Committee met. The group updated and finalized plans for the Hunter's BBQ will be held Saturday, November 2 at 6 pm. Tickets are available through VP members, at Floyd C. Pettit Insurance, or at home football games. Raffle tickets are also on sale. The Small Town Christmas Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at 1:30 pm. The theme for this year is

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year". Christmas cards, lights, park decorations, and Christmas trees will be going up around town in November. Small Town Christmas will kick off on December 7 with the arrival of Santa Claus. Food will be served at VP Headquarters. Vendors are encouraged to participate for free. Christmas music will also be playing throughout town. Christmas cards will be available for sale through October. The cost includes design, framing, putting up and taking down, storage for the year, and lighting. If you are interested in purchasing a Christmas card contact any VP member or visit Floyd C. Pettit Insurance on Austin Street in Robert Lee. A decorating contest for residents and businesses will also be available. Prizes for residents are as follows: 1st - \$75, 2nd - \$50, and 3rd - \$25. Put your creative and Christmas spirit to work and enter.

The motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the General Tax Rate of .376368/\$100 valuation for the 2019-2020 budget and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote. Commissioner Sefcik made a motion that the road and bridge tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .114395/\$100 valuation for the 2019-2020 budget. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the order adopting this rate as follows: Commissioner Precinct 1 Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Millican, and Commissioner Precinct 4 Sefcik voted 'for' this road and bridge tax rate increase. The motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Williams made

a motion to adopt the 2019-2020 general budget as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted as follows: Commissioner Precinct 1 Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Millican, and Commissioner Precinct 4 Sefcik voted 'for' the adoption of the general budget. The motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 road and bridge budget as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted as follows: Commissioner Precinct 1 Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Millican, and Commissioner Precinct 4 Sefcik voted 'for' the adoption of the road and bridge budget. The motion was unanimously approved. (Continued on page 6)

Commissioners Court meeting minutes told


The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session at September 24, 2019, at the County Courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, 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 Commissioner Williams. Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for September 10, 2019, and September 17, 2019, as written. He was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried. No action was taken on the burn ban. Amber Byrd made a presentation on the importance of the 2020 census that will be starting on April 1, 2020. Commissioner Sefcik made a

motion to approve changes to the 2019-2020 budget as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried. Commissioner Williams made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.490763/\$100 valuation, which

is effectively a 7.99% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried. A roll call vote was conducted to approve the order adopting this rate as follows: Commissioner Precinct 1 Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Millican, and Commissioner Precinct 4 Sefcik voted 'for' this tax rate increase.

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