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**Early voting begins Monday in amendment election**

The 2021 constitutional amendment election will be held on November 2, 2021, with the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is October 22.



**September 2021**

The Coke County Sheriff's Office answered 576 calls for the month of September 2021. Sheriff's Information Report - 7  
Civil Matter - 4  
Criminal Mischief - 3  
Criminal Trespass - 3

Early voting will be held October 18 through October 29 at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee.

Polling locations on the day of the election are as follows:

Precinct 1 - Robert Lee Rec Center, 150 County Road, Robert Lee;

Precinct 2 - Bronte Community Center, 350 E. Park Road, Bronte;

Precinct 3 - Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee;

Precinct 4 - First Baptist Church, 424 S. Washington, Bronte.

- Domestic Disturbance - 4
- Evading Arrest with Vehicle - 1
- Family Violence - 1
- Suspicious Person - 3
- Runaway Juvenile - 1 (returned)
- Theft - 2
- Burglary - 1
- Welfare Concern - 3
- Fraud of the Elderly (Telephone/Internet Scams) - 2
- Death Investigation - 1
- Recovered Stolen Property - 1
- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - 1
- Public Service (includes funerals, court, motorist assist, alarm calls, etc) - 311
- MHMR Interactions - 2
- Prisoner Transport (includes



**Longhorn Band!** The Bronte Longhorn band recently competed at the Concho Classic Marching Festival. They received scores of 1 across the board for an overall superior rating. They also won third place overall in 1A classification.

- arrest and to and from court) - 6
- Warrants Served - 1
- Accidents - 1
- Blue Forms Issued - 2
- Accident Assist - 8
- Traffic Stops - 169
- Traffic Stops Resulting in Citations - 121
- Total inmates in jail as of Monday, October 11, 2021:
  - Males - 2
  - Females - 2

being looked in to to see if they are civil issues. The mayor and council members discussed the animal issues at hand.

Ricky Royall reported that the committee denied a permit due to a chicken coop being too closed to a neighbor's property. The committee asked Mr. Rote if he would consider moving his storage building over to make room for the chicken coop. Mr. Rote presented a letter from his neighbor, Ms. Linda Agent, stating she does not object to the location of the chicken coop regarding her house and yard. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the special use building and fowl permit for Brian Rote. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion

passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ricky Royall reported that the committee denied a livestock permit from Kay Mixon at May's council meeting because it did not meet the requirements per city ordinance. Ms. Dianne Jackson (Kay's sister and owner of the goat) came to the council to appeal the denied permit. She explained to the council that the goat was almost trampled by other goats on the ranch and only has the use of three legs. After the council discussed, Ms. Jackson explained that she had fencing out at the ranch that could be brought in to be put up. She stated that she will bring a letter from her brother that lives next door.

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**Bronte City Council meeting minutes told**

*[Editor's Note: We are continuing to play catchup with the Bronte City Council minutes as space allows.]*

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Paul Gohman; Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess; Council Members Kinley Pritchard, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb; and City staff members Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Paul Gohman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kinley Pritchard led the prayer.

There were no public citizen comments.

**Public Safety and Animal Services Report**

There was no fire department representative at the meeting to give a report.

Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Neal reported three calls for code enforcement, one from city hall. There was no verbal warning issued and one citation written. Teresa Ballard reported municipal court received two warnings for dogs running loose, one registered and one unregistered. Three dogs were picked up by Animal Control. One dog went to the shelter and two were returned to the owner. The ACO picked up four feral cats, three foxes, two opossums, two raccoons, and two skunks. Seven dogs were also picked up and released.

**EDC Report**

Teresa Ballard reported that both EDC boards tabled the allocation of funds for the community pool due to the contractor not being able to do the repairs before the pool opened. Street signs are being replaced. Both EDC boards will be posting for a Bronte Economic Development Director.

**Cemetery Report**

Teresa Ballard reported that the committee did a volunteer cleanup on Tuesday, June 15. Bug Express sprayed on Wednesday, June 16. Tree Express came out on June 8 and got a fifth of the trees trimmed. The committee would like to see poles at the end of all corners to keep people from driving over graves.

**Depot Report**

Clabe F. Webb met with Nathan Bearden to see what repairs he thought were needed at the depot. The recommendation was that a construction engineer would need to be brought in. Mr. Bearden said it would cost a lot of money and be a lengthy process. If the depot was able to be rented, it would be more cost effective to have the renters do the repairs. Garland Richards was also met with since he has knowledge of repairing historical sites. He has not met with the Masonic Lodge regarding the furniture. Tina

Smith took pictures of the depot and its contents.

**Permit Report**

Ricky Royall reported on three building permits, one awning, and two fences. There were two rejected livestock permits.

Mayor Gohman discussed whether the petition from a private citizen brought against a city contractor was a legal petition. If it is presented as a petition, there are requirements for a petition. There are several issues involved. It is not a petition for a particular issue, it is for multiple issues which complicates things. Some of the items are civil matters that need to be taken care by code enforcement officers, as opposed to dealing with it from the city's standpoint. As far as the city's involvement with Tiffany Harendt, she is the Animal Control Official. There is one issue that has to do with that. Number nine of the petition is with the killing of cats. That has been addressed a couple of months ago. This has always been the process of disposing of feral cats. The mayor suggested if someone could produce an adoption process, that would be a good idea. Regarding the land issue, it is not specifically on the agenda and if it were to be discussed, this would be a violation of the open meetings act. Other issues mentioned are

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