

King David speaks of these seasons in Psalm 1:3. He writes of a faithful servant of the Lord and describes that person as "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose life does not wither - whatever they do prospers."

I do not know what season you're facing when you read this. You might be struggling through a dry season. You might be waiting for something to change and improve in life. You might be overwhelmed by a busy schedule. You might be dealing with hard times or spiritual attacks. You might be

coasting downhill, living the dream.

No matter what season you are in, remember to use it, learn from it, and let it mold you and make you better. The difficult times can shape us to better utilize and appreciate the easy times. The easy times can teach us to better withstand the difficult times. No matter the season, like the faithful servant of King David's Psalm, we can still bear fruit and prosper in the Lord.

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unavailable at this time.

Ms. Toms reported that BHRC has 30 residents and two skilled residents that will be discharged this week.

BHRC still has three CNA vacancies, PRN LVN, and MDS Coordinator spots open. Ms. Toms will participate in a virtual job fair hosted by Texas Workforce Solutions this week. BHRC will continue to advertise for these positions.

Mr. Mathis distributed copies of the Accounts Receivable Aging Report through August 31, 2020, and the financial statements for August via email to the board members last week.

The board reviewed the bank statements, credit card statement, and the petty cash reconciliation.

The board reviewed all bills that have been paid.

The board moved to executive session at 6:55 pm. The board returned to the regular meeting at executive session end at 7:13 pm.

Gina McCutchen moved to accept all items considered in executive session. Jerita Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jerita Taylor moved that the meeting be adjourned and Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Covid-19 causes loss in goods, services

by Jennifer Dorsett
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The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is expected to reduce U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by \$2.5 trillion and employment by 12.2 percent over the next year, according to a recent study conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife.

Texas A&M's Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense (CBTS) Center worked with Arizona State University and Victoria University in Australia to get a better idea of the economic impact of the coronavirus on U.S. agriculture.

Although researchers knew there would be substantial economic consequences from the pandemic, Patrick Stover, vice chancellor of Texas A&M AgriLife, said the detailed study helped outline both short- and long-term effects.

"This analysis gives us a critical and realistic evaluation of how the pandemic has, and will continue to, impact our nation's and the world's food supply," Stover said. "It will be critical that we work together to elevate food system concerns and develop solutions that address the economic

consequences to serve as a foundation for lasting recovery."

This July, researchers completed initial quarterly economic projections for the period of March 2020 through February 2022, according to Texas A&M CBTS Director Greg Pompelli.

While the report estimates the COVID-19 pandemic will reduce U.S. GDP by 11.9 percent over the next year and reduce U.S. employment by 19 million full-time jobs, Pompelli noted the researchers found a smaller economic impact on the U.S. food and agricultural sectors.

"The resulting recession had a relatively small impact on the overall demand for farm products," Pompelli said. "Still, COVID-19 caused income declines in all food and agricultural sectors."

Food supply chain disruptions were felt early in the pandemic, caused by disruptions from temporary meat processing facility closures, issues with transportation of goods and changes in the volume and types of food orders.

Farmers and ranchers were faced with increasing retail prices and falling commodity prices.

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ECCHD meeting minutes told

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 6 pm in the patio area of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Gina McCutchen and Jerita Taylor. Administrator Daisy Toms, Assistant Director of Nurses Amy McKinney, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present. Everett Bedford and lanette Fletcher were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established and prayer was led by Johnny Mathis.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the August 17, 2020, August 24, 2020, August 27, 2020, and September 8,

2020, meetings were reviewed. Gina McCutchen moved that the minutes be approved. Jerita Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The current procedures for delinquent accounts were discussed. No further action on this agenda item currently.

The possibility of securing the services of a collection firm was discussed. The board agreed to continue our current procedures. No further action on this agenda item.

Ms. Toms reported that the new Director of Nurses began work today so a report is

Re-Elect **MARTY BOYD** Coke County Constable

I would appreciate your vote of confidence and support. I promise to continue putting Coke County first, as I have since my first election in 2005.

Early voting runs through October 30 and primary election day is November 3.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marty Boyd

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2017 Ford F-250 King Ranch Diesel \$64,700
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2018 Ford F-250 King Ranch 4x4 \$59,995
Blue Jean w/Brown Accent & Brown Leather! Diesel! Power Running Boards, Navigation, & Heated/Cooled Seats! 62K Miles! Sharp Looking Truck! #7215A

2019 Chevy Tahoe LT 4WD \$56,995
Satin Steel Metallic w/Black Leather! Black Widow Package! Navigation, Sunroof, & Rear DVD Player! Awesome Looking SUV! Only 32K Miles! #W443A

2019 Ford F-550 Chassis \$51,500
White w/Gray Cloth! Single Cab! Diesel! 4x2! Only 500 Miles! Like New Condition! #V170B

2018 Ford F-150 Lariat 4WD \$47,500
White Platinum w/Brown Accent & Tan Leather! 3.0L V6 Diesel! Navigation, Heated & Cooled Seats, & FX4 Offroad Package! Beautiful Truck! Only 26K Miles! #W359M

2019 Toyota Tundra 1794 4WD \$47,500
Red w/Brown Leather! Navigation, Sunroof, & Bed Liner! Only 30K Miles! Clean Truck! 5.2L V8! #7218A

2019 Ford F-250 XL 4WD 6.2L V8 \$33,995
White w/Vinyl Seats! Long Bed, Bed Liner, & Gooseneck Setup! 61K Miles! #5254

2017 Ford F-150 XLT \$31,995
Blue Jeans w/Gray Cloth! 3.5L V6 EcoBoost! Navigation! Very Nice Truck! 62K Miles! #7235A

2016 Chevy Silverado 1500 LT 4WD \$31,995
White w/Tan Cloth! Navigation, Grille Guard, Headace Rack, & Heated Seats! Extremely Clean Truck! 72K Miles! #V170B

2013 Ford F-150 FX4 4WD \$24,795
Silver w/Black Leather! Navigation, Sunroof, & 3.5L EcoBoost! 91K Miles! #V170B

2013 Cadillac SRX Performance \$18,500
Red w/Tan Leather! Navigation! Only 46K Miles! Slick Looking SUV! #W279A

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