

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session October 27, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner Pct, #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Comm. Blaylock and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for October 14 and October 20. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock made a motion to put the burn ban back on. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen requested that the unused Deputy salary for the month of October be moved to the dispatcher's salary line item giving them each \$1330.00 more per year.

Judge Blair made a motion to allow the request. The motion was seconded by Comm. Lee. Motion failed. Voting for were Judge Blair and Comm. Lee. Voting against were Commissioners Montgomery, Blaylock, and Pitcock.

Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the bonds for County Attorney Nancy Arthur, County Attorney Secretary Mary Beth Dodson and Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Misti Hayes. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

Comm. Blaylock reported that they were finishing the last of the coldmix and that the tractor was leaking water.

Judge Blair reported that he has a meeting with Mr. Garrison.

There being no private road work requests no action was taken.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:58 am.

'Ditch the Rule' comment period extended again

Amid increasing opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed "Water of the U.S." rule, the agency has extended the public comment period to Friday, Nov. 14.

"The rule would expand federal jurisdiction well beyond what was authorized by Congress," said Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

Regulations previously used for rivers, lakes and large streams would be applied to flood plains, small creeks, ditches, farm ponds and drainage features in fields-even if these fields are dry most of

the time.

"Farmers, ranchers, homebuilders and small business owners have led the charge in opposing this rule, because it opens the door for EPA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to require permits for everyday farming and ranching activities," John Ross Copeland said.

The permitting process is not cheap, John Ross Copeland added, and would cause unnecessary delays. The permit itself also could be denied and landowners found in violation of the new rule could face excessive fines.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bipartisan bill, by a 262 to 152 margin, to block the proposed rule.

To send EPA a comment on the proposed rule, visit: <http://www.texasfarmbureau.org/LegislativeVoter.aspx>.

More information about this rule can be found at DitchTheRule.fb.org.



Classic Car Recovered! The 1949 Chrysler Convertible reported stolen last week from near Robert Lee has been recovered by the Coke County Sheriff's Office.



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