

rate on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 5 pm in the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Lanette Fletcher, and Gina McCutchen. Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg was also present. Jerita Taylor was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Baker. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments concerning the proposed tax rate of \$0.350057 per \$100 property evaluation.

A quorum was established. Prayer was led by Howard Baker.

There were no public comments.

Lanette Fletcher moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Everett Bedford. The motion carried unanimously and the public hearing meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

**September 23, 2019
Special Meeting**

The East Coke County

Hospital District Board of Directors met for a special meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 5 pm in the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford and Gina McCutchen. Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg was also present. Lanette Fletcher and Jerita Taylor were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established.

Prayer was led by Everett Bedford.

There were no public comments.

Everett Bedford moved that the 2019 tax rate be set at \$0.350057 per \$100 evaluation. The motion, seconded by Gina McCutchen, carried unanimously.

Everett Bedford moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Gina McCutchen. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.



Beta Club! Robert Lee High School Beta Club hosted their New Member Induction Ceremony on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Members of the 2019-2020 Beta Club include Seniors Dianne Austin, Lane Fowler, Kari O'Dell, Jaycee Crisp, Kaleb Gregston, Crystal Salinas, Juniors Jade Arens, Trenton Galvan, Hemma Rangel, Harlee Richardson, Adison Thomas, Zoe Tijerina, Jullisa Ureno, and new inductees Juniors Kaleb Ellingburg, Jasmine Hunter, Sophomores Jacob Baimbrige, Mia Galvan, Gavin Freeman, Braylee Hood, Heather Huapilla, Aubrey Nichols, McKenzie Puentez, Dylan Thomas, and Brisely Ureno.

Commissioners Court meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on October 8, 2019, at 9 am at the Courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donnie Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and County Deputy Clerk Jennifer Burdett.

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

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

The Extension Report was presented by Morgan Runyan.

The Sheriff's Report was presented by Judge Spain.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Randi Hardesty.

The District/County Clerk's Report will be presented at the next meeting.

The Constable's Report was presented by Judge Spain.

The Justice of the Peace Report was presented by Russell Johnson.

The DR Report was unavailable.

The Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Spain.

No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban is still in effect.

Judge Spain nominated Commissioner Williams to serve

as Commissioner on the Coke Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the action concerning the resolution to nominate a Commissioner to serve on the Coke Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve entering into an agreement for the 2020 Coke County Indigent Defense Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve action concerning the bond for Misti Hayes and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson reported that the Street Affair went very well. Judge Spain spoke about the operating system Net Data as well as competitors offers and concluded that this will be on the next agenda. Commissioner Millican added that he would like the County Attorney to review all contracts before signing.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve action on payment of bills and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Vision with a Purpose meetings held

What a busy week Vision with a Purpose had last week! It all started with a BBQ committee meeting held Wednesday, October 30 at the VP Event Center in Robert Lee. Jeffie Roberts and Sheri Millican discussed last minute plans for the event that was held Saturday, November 2 at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

October 31 was Halloween and VP opened their doors to all the Lee little goblins. A lot of children and their parents visited to receive bags of candy and see the building decorated for Halloween.

The last Robert Lee Steers home game was Friday, November 1. Vision with a Purpose manned the concession stand for the longest lasting winning game. It's been a pleasure to help the senior class this year by serving at the stand.

Saturday, November 2, was the Bob Wrinkle Memorial Hunters BBQ, sponsored by VP. This is an annual event for area hunters held at the rec hall in Robert Lee. Barbequed brisket, sausage and homemade desserts along with all the fixins' were served. A raffle was held that included guns, a Yeti Cooler, hunting supplies, TV, etc. Great local volunteers helped make this event a great success. Those groups included AON, 4H, Robert Lee High School students, '64 Study Club, EMS and many individuals. Without their help, this community event would not be as successful. The volunteers and participants are greatly appreciated.

Farm Bureau members discuss rural issues

Families from across Coke and Sterling counties recently met to help shape policy for the state's largest farm organization.

"Each year, we invite Coke-Sterling Farm County Farm Bureau members to our county convention so we can discuss issues important to agriculture and rural Texas," John Ross Copeland, Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau president, said. "It's a true grassroots effort that enables each one of us to have a stronger voice through Texas Farm Bureau."

The issues discussed at county meetings are later shared on a statewide level. Those issues drive Texas Farm Bureau's advocacy efforts in the courts in Austin and Washington, DC.

Issues discussed locally

included eminent domain and elected officials voting records.

Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau will send 6 delegates from the area to represent the counties at the Texas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in San Antonio December 7-9.

To join the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau and let your voice be heard in Austin and Washington, DC, call (325) 453-4505.

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