

...Commissioners Court Meeting Minutes

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The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on November 20, 2017, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik, and County/District Clerk Mary Grim.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Williams was absent.

Commissioner Millican moved to reinstate the burn ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robertson.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

The votes for the November 7, 2017, Amendment Election

were canvassed.

Judge Blair reported that he will be out for a while and has to spend 4 - 6 days in the hospital.

Commissioner Millican reported on the airport.

Auditor Vallery Johnson reported on the audit.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 am.

What Happens When You Shop Local

Here’s what happens when you “shop local.”

1. More of your money will be kept in your local economy - For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community.

2. You embrace what makes your community unique - You wouldn’t want your house to look like everyone else’s in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. You create local jobs - Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. You help the environment - Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel



**Elvis!** Residents at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center were treated to a performance by “Elvis” during the Residents Birthday Party recently.

for transportation and less packaging.

5. You nurture community - Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. You conserve your tax dollars - Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify your community. Also, spending locally instead of

online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong—in your community!

7. You create more choice - Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You took advantage of their expertise - You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve

you. They’re passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. You invested in entrepreneurship - Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. You made your community a destination - The more interesting and unique you community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

Remember - Shop Local!

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