

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:
 We knew that this was an election year and that the primary election is already going on, but with all the media focus on the 2016 presidential election, I don't think anyone realizes how CRUCIAL this primary election is to the future of our Country. We have a president who defies Congress and acts with no regard to the Constitution. He could easily declare an "emergency," proclaim himself dictator, and we might not even have an election in 2016. However, we need to focus on NOW! If we don't elect genuine Constitutional conservatives into office in 2014, we are in trouble. We must elect those who actively oppose all of the unconstitutional activities currently being enacted – in both Washington DC and Austin. The Republican Party in particular needs to get behind the true conservatives instead of the "establishment" or "middle-of-the-road" or "go-along-to-get-along" candidates, both on the State level, and on the National level. We need true conservatives who are committed to returning us to Constitutional principles. We all need to do our homework and find out who these people are, and to vote for them. It's not too late yet. Reaching across the aisle doesn't help, it only compromises and weakens our principles.

Kathy Pentecost

... Commissioners Court Minutes

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 anchor in the right of way and the proposed line will extend south approximately 307 feet. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.
 Judge Pro-Tem Montgomery presented the annual road reports from Commissioners.
 Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the reports. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.
 Comm. Lee reported on his bridge.
 Judge Pro-Tem reported on cattle guards for the Arledge's and reminded everyone of the workshop on Wednesday.
 There being no private road work requests, no action was taken.
 Comm. Lee made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.
 Judge Pro-Tem Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.
 The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session January 29, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy 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.

A workshop was held to discuss the CERTZ grant.

Commissioner Blaylock made a motion to establish our zone for County Energy Transportation Zone extended on Sanco Road right of way from Graham Valley Road for 2 ½ miles north which included Dale Wojtek's parcel of land contiguous to road, Abst. 1361 and 1456 H & TC RR Co. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

There were no reports from the Commissioners or Judge.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 10, 2014, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Wendell Lee, Commissioner, Pct. #4 Bobby Blaylock. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff was also in attendance.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Comm. Pitcock was absent.

Comm. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for January 27 and January 29 as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Blaylock. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Montgomery. Motion carried.

County Agent Jan Yanez presented her extension reports.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented the Sheriff's Report and will be asking for a substantial raise for his deputies at the next budget hearing.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Deputy Tax A/ C Rosa Longoria.

Martha Ratliff Deputy Clerk presented the District/Clerk's Report.

Constable Pct. 1 and 2 reports were presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 report was presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Grady Coulter presented his report.

D.R. Report was given by Judge Blair.

Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Comm. Blaylock made a motion seconded by Comm. Lee to appoint Comm. Montgomery Judge Pro-Tem for 2014. Motion carried.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion seconded by Comm. Lee to accept the financial report form Eckert and Company for the year ending September 30, 2013. Motion carried.



Town Hall Meeting! Just over thirty people attended the Town Hall Meeting in downtown Bronte last Monday evening. The meeting, facilitated by Precinct 2 Commissioner Candidate Paul Williams, covered numerous topics affecting the future of Coke County. Voters attending represented both Coke County Precincts 2 and 4.

Comm. Lee made a motion seconded by Comm. Montgomery to approve names drawn for the grievance committee for 2014. Motion carried.

Comm. Lee made a motion seconded by Comm. Montgomery to approve request from Calcote Dirt contracting to dig a ditch across Kickapoo Road and install conduit for pipeline. Motion carried.

Comm. Lee made a motion seconded by Comm. Montgomery to approve the bond for Vallery Johnson. All approved.

Comm. Blaylock made a

motion seconded by Comm. Montgomery to approve order appointing Sheryl Tavarez for Coke County Auditor. Motion carried.

The creation of one or more County Emergency Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CERTZ), as authorized by law, to promote one or more infrastructure projects to be located within the County to be funded by the CETRZ including the potential boundaries and requirements of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CERTZ), as authorized 222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

Comm. Lee made a motion seconded by Comm. Montgomery to accept Jerry McCutchen, Carla Wojtek, Wayne Coalson, Benny Corley and Wes Washam as CETRZ advisory board members. All approved.

No action was taken on the SB1747 prioritized project list for the County transportation infrastructure fund grant program.

No action was taken on county road reports for filing in Comm. Court.

Treasurer Hal Spain reported there will be a training for job descriptions on February 18,

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ATTENTION EAST COKE COUNTY VOTERS

The Primary Election will be held next Tuesday, March 4th. This primary will determine who will represent the citizens of Precincts 2 and 4 on the Commissioners Court for the next four years. It is extremely important for voters in East Coke County to vote in this Republican Primary since both races affecting our county will be held in the Republican Primary. Some may be hesitant to vote against a friend or cause someone to lose their job because of their vote.

However, what do the citizens of Coke County need?

- We need commissioners representing us who have business backgrounds.
- We need commissioners who will determine the most cost effective way to use the money with which we, as taxpayers, provide them.
- We need commissioners who will make sure that all citizens know of every meeting of the commissioners court before they take place. We need commissioners who will not just obey the "Letter of the Law", but also the "Spirit of the Law".
- We need commissioners who will make sure Coke County is not facing liability issues for non-compliance of state mandates. Non-compliance can result in fines and lawsuits our county cannot afford. The current 911 system non-compliance not only may leave us vulnerable to fines, but it shows how the current court does not put the welfare of the county's citizens as a top priority.

Please VOTE on Tuesday and consider these things when casting your ballot.

Please elect

PAUL WILLIAMS, PCT 2 COMMISSIONER

JOE SEFCIK, PCT 4 COMMISSIONER

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