Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 14, 2017 at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner, Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3. Marshall Millican, Commissioner, Pct #4 Joe Sefcik. Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2017 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Sefcik made a approve motion to the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried. .

The Extension Report for Agent Kandice Everitt was given by Judge Blair.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report. She also reported that the county had been reimbursed from the State Comptroller for \$308.00 which was for jury fees.

Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Justice of the Peace Jackie Walker presented her report.

The D.R. Report was presented by Judge Blair. No activity.

The Trapper's Reports for October-December 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair removed the burn ban on February 13, 2017. No action was taken.

Douglas Roberts with TxDot addressed the Court on the closing of 5 roadside picnic areas in Coke County. In attendance with him were John Dewitt and Will McLane. Comm. Robertson made a motion to remove the 5 roadside picnic areas in Coke County as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican reported to the Court on the meeting of the committee that met February 7th and presented what was discussed and agreed upon. Comm. Williams made a motion to set the rental rates at \$180.00/day and \$90.00/half day for the Large Rec halls and \$90.00/day and \$45.00/half day for the Small Rec Halls and the Pavilion to \$50.00 effective The motion was today. seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried. Comm. Sefcik made a motion to approve the bond for County Attorney Secretary Julie Privitt. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to approve the bonds for Comm. Robertson and Comm. Millican. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican made a motion to accept the Coke County Financial Report for the Year ended September 30, 2016 submitted from Wayne Barr with Eckert & Company. The motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried.

Comm. Millican made а motion to approve Tax Deed and property card for Trust Property in the City of Bronte from Texas Communities group, Ease half of Lot Ten in Blk fiftynine of the Original Town of Bronte. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Robertson made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,000.00 held in Trust by Coke County, BLK 4, Lot-w34' of 4, E/10'of 5, ANL, Robert Lee Units:0. 141. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept the bid held in Trust by Coke County, BLK 4, Lot-W/34' of 4, E/10'of 5, ANL, Robert Lee Units:0. 141-Farm to Market and Flood Control District. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to remove former County Attorney Nancy Arthur from the signature card on the LibraryAccount #0051055 and the Check Processing Fee Account #0051063 and to place County Attorney Nick Arrott, on these accounts. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to accept 50 to 60 foot 4" poly pipe from WTG. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Williams made a motion to support Resolution for Opposition to Unfunded Mandates, Resolution for State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense and Resolution for Opposition to Appraisal Caps and Revenue Caps. The motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried.

Constable Marty Boyd presented his Racial Profiling report to the Court. Comm. Williams made a motion to approve Racial Profiling report Constable Pct motion was seconded by Comm. Robertson. Motion carried Comm. Williams made a motion to accept \$500.00 crossing fee permit for Pipeline Companies crossing county The motion was roads. seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried Judge Blair reported that Comm. Robertson had completed the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. Comm. Williams requested that request for salvage material from TxDot be put on the next agenda. Comm. Robertson and Millican reported on the school they had attended There being no private road work requests no action was taken.

Comm. Williams made a motion to pay the 3 registers of bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Millican. Motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

Cattle fever ticks a growing concern for **Texas ranchers**

With the spread of fever ticks permanent outside the quarantine zone, Texas ranchers, veterinarians and animal health officials are growing increasingly concerned.

As of Feb. 8, more than 500,000 acres in Texas are under various quarantines.

Counties with infested premise quarantines include Cameron, Kleberg, Live Oak, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

There are 2,083 adjacent and check quarantined premises and 98 exposed quarantined premises, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

Those counties with exposed, adjacent or check premises quarantines include: Bastrop, Bee, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Colorado, Denton, DeWitt, Dimmit, Falls, Fayette, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kinney, Kleberg, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Milam, Mills, Parker, Runnels, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Wharton, Willacy and Zapata.

"Coke County ranchers should check for ticks on their and their cattle contact veterinarian or local Texas Animal Health Commission inspector if ticks are found," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said.

The disease could have a catastrophic effect on Texas, the number one cattle state in the nation, because of the tick's reproductive cycle.

Females lay up to 4,000 eggs, each of which finds a host to start the life cycle over. The tick remains on the host for about 25

days. Any animal movement during this time allows the ticks to be dropped in new locations, further spreading the disease.

The tick can carry a disease agent called Babesia. The organism attacks red blood cells and causes anemia and death following symptoms, such as spleen and liver enlargement and high fever.

If the cattle fever tick ever feeds on blood from an infected animal and lays eggs, the offspring will carry the disease agent and spread it to the animal it feeds on.

"This disease could cripple our Texas cattle business," said. "We need to remain vigilant and monitor our herds."

Once fever ticks are confirmed on a premise, an "infested quarantine" is issued for both the livestock and the premise.

For more information and updates on fever ticks, visit www.tahc.texas.gov. The Tick App, a free smartphone application, is also available at http://tickapp.tamu.edu



"The times ... they are a changin'." This statement carries more weight today than it ever has. Rapid advancements in technology are changing the way people receive information. This mean people (especially parents of school age children) must check multiple websites, Facebook pages, and other items to find schedules and information on the numerous activities occurring each week.

Everything Coke County is the only web site and mobile site needed to keep up with all of the activities in Coke County. Information is only a touch away on all government entities – minutes, directors, meeting times; schools - scores, schedules, awards and menus; events - pictures, dates, and details; churches, organizations and business directories for both Bronte and Robert Lee. Every business is listed in these directories. A special feature of EverythingCokeCounty.com is the "Week at a Glance" located on the home page. This lists every activity happening each day of the current week and the next - county wide! Social networking online (like Facebook) can be a great source for information. However, algorithms are used to determine what posts will be seen in the newsfeed of users and many posts do not reach the desired audience. There is no guarantee a post will be seen on these sites. With EverythingCokeCounty.com, every page is available 24/7 to everyone!

EverythingCokeCounty.com is User Friendly! There is a full desk top version for your computer or laptop, but the mobile site works just like an app and is even easier to add to your phone!

You can put it right on the Home Screen of your iPhone or Android and never forget an event or activity in Coke County again!

<u>Step 1</u>



Use your browser (Safari, etc.) and go to EverythingCokeCounty.com.

<u>Step 2</u>

For iPhones - Touch the symbol in the middle at the bottom of the screen. For Androids - Touch the symbol in the upper right-hand corner of your screen.

<u>Step 3</u> Choose the "Add to Home Screen" option.

<u>Step 4</u> When it asks what to call it, type in "Everything Coke County".

<u>Step 5</u> Touch the Add button! It's just that simple and easy!

You're done and will have all the information you need with one touch of your finger!

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