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County Republican Convention set for Monday

The Coke County Republican Convention will be held Monday, March 14, at the Blue Goose in downtown Bronte, beginning at 6 pm.

Golf Tourney set for Mountain Creek

Mountain Creek Golf Association has a 3 person, 27 hole early bird scramble slated for March 19. A 9 am shotgun start is planned.

For more information, please contact Mountain Creek at 325-453-2317 or 806-543-2118.

Ranchers Workshop is planned

A Coke County Ranchers Workshop will soon be held in Bronte.

Topics will include: Range Health and Rotational Grazing, Prescribed Burning Benefits, Land Lease and Water Rights, Sheep and Goat Update, Pesticide Update, Rangeland herbicide Update, and Cattle: Choosing and Taking Care of Your Herd Sire.

CEU's will be available and lunch will be provided. Please be looking for more information to come.

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session February 9, 2016, at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Troy Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul William, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Commissioner Williams 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 the January 26th meeting. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Comm. Montgomery made a motion that was seconded by Comm. Pitcock to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried.

The Extension Reports were presented by Judge Blair.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collectors report was presented by Deputy Randy Hardesty.

The District/Clerks report was presented by Deputy Clerk Mary Grim.

Constable Marshall Millican presented the Precinct 1 report.

Constable Marty Boyd presented the Precinct 2 report.

Jackie Walker presented the J.P. Pct. 1 report.

Grady Coulter presented the J.P. 2 report.

The D.R. report for December 2015 and January 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

The Trappers Report for October, November and December were presented by Judge Blair.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pitcock to put the burn ban on. Motion carried.

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik to approve the bond for County/District Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff. Motion carried.

Nick Arrott presented to the court the need and options for a landfill for Coke County. He discussed information, guidance and forms for claiming a permit by rule for disposal of nuisance or abandoned buildings in Texas. He stated that he felt that there was a need in Coke County.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Judge Blair to go forward with this process. Commissioner Sefcik opposed. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that the contract with the realtor has expired. Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to list with Tim Niblo with Senter Realty in Abilene. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery to raise county prices for use of equipment by \$20.00. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported that he needed to visit with TX Dot in order to make sure we have the right paper trail for the bill on SKG Engineering.

Commissioner Williams reported on gravel and his visit with the President of Ingram Concrete.

There being no private road
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Overnight Storms! Severe storms rolled through Coke County in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Rain totals ranged from .40" to right at an 1" with the rain getting heavier as the storms moved northeast. Major roof damage was reported in Bronte, with one mobile home in northwest Bronte losing its roof entirely.



Spring Forward



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.