

Coke County Commissioners meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on February 26, 2019, at 9 am at the county courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Hal Spain, Commissioner Precinct #1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct #3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct #4 Joe Sefcik, and County Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Hal Spain. Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes for February 12, 2019. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

The burn ban continues to be in effect.

Commissioner Williams

moved to approve payroll as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve accounts payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, carried.

No action was taken on the request from the Coke County Appraisal District.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the donation of the flag pole that is currently at the Coke County Detention Center to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and carried.

Commissioner Williams

moved to approve the donation of labor, materials and/or cash from Jacob Farms of Winters, Texas. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the Election Security Assessment Interlocal Contract for Coke County and the Texas Department of Information Resources. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the amended Courthouse Security budget and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made

a motion to approve the \$20 donation in memory of Jewell Frances Wallace for the Coke County Library. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Williams, carried.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen gave the Sheriff's report.

Judge Hal Spain gave the Constable's Report.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Concho Valley Workforce and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 10 am.

ECCHD board meeting minutes

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 6 pm in the business office of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center, 900 South State Street, Bronte Texas. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Everett Bedford, Gina McCutchen, and Jerita Taylor. Lanette Fletcher was absent. Administrator Ken Petty, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present. Visitor present was East Coke County Ambulance Service Administrator Steve Salmon.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by President Baker.

A quorum was established.

Prayer was led by Johnny Mathis.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the January 21, 2019, meeting were reviewed. Jerita Taylor moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Salmon reported that Coke County is the only county in this area that relies solely on volunteers for ambulance service coverage. Our service is extremely short on volunteers right now. The original plan was

to combine the two services in the county, find more staff, and find a way to fund the service in some way, but that hasn't come to be, and there is not enough billing coming in to fund it. The county will not even discuss being a part of the service. Forming an Emergency Service District for EMS seems to be the only option at the present time. Both of the county nursing homes rely on the services for emergency transportation of their residents, so some type of service is essential for the homes to operate.

Mr. Salmon departed the meeting.

Everett Bedford moved that the tax deed for local trust property be approved. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A list of room rates for facilities within a 50 mile radius

of BHRC was reviewed. After consideration, Everett Bedford moved that the following rates be effective for new admissions after April 1, 2019.

Coke County residents - \$160 private, \$130 semi-private;

Outside of Coke County residents - \$175 private, \$140 semi-private;

Family rate - \$210.

All current residents will be grandfathered with their present rates. Gina McCutchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fran Sonnenberg handed out the Director of Nurses' Report since it was not available when the board packets were made due to computer issues for DON Shana Zertuche. We are continuing to have computer issues which are not being resolved timely. The board suggested that Mr. Petty discuss

the situation further with Ms. Zertuche. They also suggested that a letter might be in order to Tel-Pro to get these issues resolved. Another individual is interested in our facility in the event that Tel-Pro cannot fulfill their contract obligations.


Mr. Petty gave the Administrator's Report and reported that we currently have 38 residents. We currently have no referrals, but other facilities in the area are in the same position. January was the best month that we have had in some time.

Mr. Mathis gave the Chief Financial Officer's Report and reviewed the current financial reports and Accounts Receivable Aging Report as of the meeting day with the board members.


The board reviewed the bank statements, petty cash, and the credit card statement.

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