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Primary Election

results posted

contested races in the Tuesday,

March 4, 2014, Primary

Precincts 2 and 4 faced

challengers. Challenger Paul

Williams received 109 votes to

unseat current Precinct 2

Commissioner Wendell Lee,

who received 62 votes. Joe

unseated incumbent Precinct 4

Commissioner Bobby Blaylock, 77-64. Both of these offices

In Coke County, a total of 581

people cast votes in the

Republican Primary with 27

casting votes in the Democrat

Results for other local

Primary

uncontested races in the

included below, along with the

under votes for each candidate.

The total of under votes in each

race is determined by the

number of voters who could

have cast a vote in that race, but

Coke County Judge Roy Blair

Coke County/District Clerk

received 407 votes with 124

contested

Republican Primary.

also

Coke County

successfully

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Primary.

Republican

chose not to.

under votes.

Commissioners

Only two local offices had

with 108 under votes.

Coke County Treasurer Hal Spain received 430 votes with 107 under votes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker received 189 votes with 33 under votes.

The only local candidate on the Democratic Primary ballot was Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Grady Coulter. In this unopposed race, Judge Coulter received 7 votes and no under

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Coke County Appraisal District receives perfect score

The Coke County Appraisal District and Chief Appraiser Gayle Sisemore received word this week from Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, that their office had received a perfect score following their mandated two year review.

In 2009, the Texas Legislature enacted a law amending Tax Code Section 5.102. This law requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to review appraisal districts every two years. Called the Methods and Assistance Program (MAP), the review studies the governance, taxpayer assistance, operating procedures and the appraisal



Friday, March 7, 2014

Special Olympics! Special Olympics was held at Bronte ISD Saturday, March 1, 2014. Becky Puentez holds Morgan Holland as they and Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Trey Davis bring the torch run to its conclusion.

standards, procedures and methodology of the appraisal district. The Property Tax

performed the review for Coke responsible for paging out County Appraisal District, one county EMS of 125 districts reviewed in departments. Would Runnels 2013.

News from **Special Meeting**

A Special Meeting of the Coke County Commissioners Court was held at 9 am Monday, March 3, 2014. The main items on the agenda revolved around the lease agreement on the prison facility at Bronte and the changes mandated for Coke County's 911 system.

On the first item, the attorney had still not gotten contracts to Judge Blair for approval. This matter was postponed.

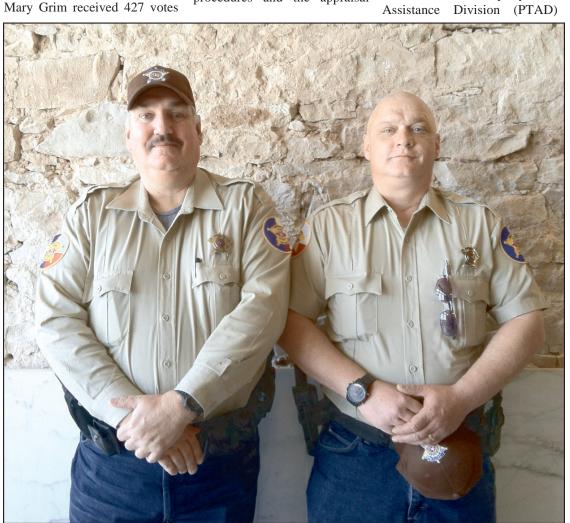
Regarding the second item, several members of the county's EMS organizations were in attendance to question the details surrounding Runnels County being contracted to handle Coke County's 911 calls.

One of the main questions concerned who would be

and fire County page these organizations out directly or would they receive the call and then call the Coke County Sheriff's Office dispatch who would then page out the organizations required.

For many years, the 911 system has been located at Robert Lee Care Center. However, due to a law which went into effect January 1, 2014, all 911 operators must be trained and certified. Currently, Coke County is in noncompliance with this mandate and the court is researching a cost effective solution to bring the county into compliance.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the contract with Runnels County. At the request of Judge Blair, the measure was unanimously defeated in order that further information can be obtained.



New Deputies! Coke County Sheriff's Office wants to welcome the two newest members of their department. Russell Johnson (left) and Terry Crenshaw have joined the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Russell is stationed in Bronte and Terry is stationed in Robert Lee.

Spring Forward



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