



Swearing In! Betty Lewis (right) was recently sworn in by Janie Munoz to the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors.

County Commissioners meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on March 22, 2021, at 9 am at the 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 Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Commissioner Williams.

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum. All were present.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to reinstate the burn ban. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion. Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Sefcik, and Judge Spain opposed the motion. The motion was defeated.

There was no Auditor’s Report.

The Extension Report was presented by Extension Agent Morgan Runyan.

The County Auditor notified the court that Olivia Trejo has turned in her two-week notice. Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to accept Olivia’s resignation and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson.

Commissioner Williams opposed the motion. The motion carried.

There were no budget amendments or line-item transfers.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,000 for BLK - 44, lots 13, 14, 15 OTRL property held in trust be Coke County, striking the non-binding letter of intent. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the bid for Farm to Market and Flood, Blk - 44, lots 13, 14, 15 OTRL, excluding the letter of intent. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the bid for property held in trust by Coke County - Legal Description - 803 Vicki St, Sunset Addition, Robert Lee, Acres - 0.232, Parcel Nmber - R7829 and Farm to Market and Flood - Legal Description - 803 Vicki St, Sunset Addition, Robert Lee, Acres - 0.232, Parcel Number - R7829. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing submission of the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application. Commissioner



Meet the Candidates! An event was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in downtown Bronte to allow the community to meet and visit with the four candidates running for the three available seats on the Bronte City Council. The candidates include (from left to right) Zach Davidson, Tomas Jowers, Clabe F. Webb, and RA Morris.

Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the County of Coke. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the County of Coke and Coke County Water Supply Corporation Project Agreement. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to authorize County Attorney Nick Arrott to negotiate a contract between Coke County and the County Stock Show Association. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution to make an application to Texas Indigent Defense Commission for Regional Public Defenders Office. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams reported that the Bronte RV Park had a leak that needed to be fixed.

Judge Spain informed the court that the vaccination clinic will be conducted on April 8, with clinic hours from 10 am to 4 pm.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

Coke County Farm Bureau lends a ‘Helping Hand’

Texans endured many unprecedented events and tough challenges in 2020, and that continued into 2021. February’s massive winter storm dealt another blow to Texans and those organizations they rely on for help.

Coke County Farm Bureau stepped in to help address the additional needs brought on by Winter Storm Uri, thanks in part to the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Helping Hands co-op contribution program.

Through the Helping Hands Program, TFB provides a 2-to-1 match for county Farm Bureau contributions. With the added power of Helping Hands, Coke County Farm Bureau was able to donate \$750 to the Robert Lee Food Pantry and to Salt of the Earth program in Bronte.

“As farmers and ranchers, our mission every day is to help folks by growing and raising food, fiber and fuel. It’s in our nature to care for others,” Coke County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland said.

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