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 You must pre-register for the testing beginning Friday, May 1, either online at [txcovidtest.org](http://txcovidtest.org) or by calling (512) 883-2400. You may not make an appointment prior to that time due to lack of staff to handle phone calls prior to the registration period.  
 If you have questions concerning the testing, please contact the Coke County Office of Emergency Management (County Judge's Office) at 325.453.2641.

**VP to participate in San Angelo Gives**

Vision with a Purpose is participating in 'San Angelo Gives', to be held Tuesday, May

5. All proceeds will be given to Robert Lee First Responders, to be divided among West Coke County EMS, Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department, and the Robert Lee Food Bank.  
 Donations may be made online at <https://www.sanangelogives.org/RL1stResponders>. Each donation makes a difference.  
 Help our community thrive again after this pandemic is over. We can't do this without the help of the community supporting our first responders.

**Graduation issues slated for later this month**

The annual issues honoring graduating seniors from Bronte,

Robert Lee and Blackwell are set to run later this month. The first, honoring the Bronte Senior Class, will be Friday, May 15, with Robert Lee slated for May 22 and Blackwell May 29. To say this year is different would be a colossal understatement, but we at The Observer/Enterprise are determined these special issues will run just as they have in the past. These youngsters have already missed out on so many special events, we did not want them to also lose their commemorative issue. If you would like to sponsor one of this year's seniors, please call (325) 453-2433 or email to [ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com](mailto:ObserverEnterprise@gmail.com).

Commissioner Millican, carried.  
 No action was taken on the part-time clerk for the Justice of the Peace's office.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Homeland Security grant application through San Angelo Council of Governments to update the communication systems for West and East Coke County Ambulance Services and the Robert Lee and Bronte Fire Departments. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to pursue the County Road Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program as a budget amendment to be considered as an unforeseen expense and to pay it out of the road and bridge reserve fund. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No action was taken on the contract with Allison, Bass & Magee LLP. The item was tabled until more information could be researched.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the local disaster declaration as presented through April 28, 2020. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to post a bid for caliche or similiar materials. He was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of new voting equipment in the amount of \$121,682.21 as an unforeseen expense. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to make a budget amendment to move \$63,387.87 from reserves to Precinct 2 to pay for 10% of the bridge over Bouzier Creek. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to make a budget amendment for the unforeseen expense in the amount of \$121,682.21 to purchase new voting machines from reserved funds. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a budget amendment to pay Coke County's portion of the County Road Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program, to be paid out of road and bridge reserve funds as an unforeseen expense.

The Court discussed the following items: combined tax rate, revenue caps, small business loans, 911 mapping system, and FEMA reimbursement.

Commissioner Williams moved to pay bills. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Spain adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.

**ECCHD board meeting minutes told**

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 2020, at 6 pm in the patio area of the Bronte Health and Rehab

Center. President Howard Baker presided over the meeting. Other board members present were Lanette Fletcher, Gina McCutchen, and Jerita Taylor. Administrator Daisy Gomez, Chief Financial Officer Johnny Mathis, and Business Office Manager Fran Sonnenberg were also present. Everett Bedford was absent.

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 February 17, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Gina McCutchen moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Lanette Fletcher seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Voting Clerk Fran Sonnenberg presented a certification of unopposed candidates to the board. Since the three candidates who filed are unopposed, the election can be cancelled. Lanette Fletcher moved that the election be cancelled and Jerita Taylor seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The three candidates, Howard Baker, Everett Bedford, and Lanette Fletcher, will take the oath of office and receive a certificate of election at the regular May meeting.

Everett Bedford arrived at the meeting.

A quote of \$72,000 for the liability insurance premium was the only quote received. Lanette Fletcher moved to decline the liability coverage and was seconded by Gina McCutchen. The motion carried unanimously.

Lanette Fletcher moved that a current employee who recruits a new employee to receive a \$100 incentive bonus after the new employee has completed the 90-day probational employment period. Jerita Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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# County Commissioners Court meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session on April 14, 2020, 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 District/County Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting opened with pledge to the flag and prayer was offered by Judge Spain.

Judge Spain announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes for March 10, 2020, and March 24, 2020, as written. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Williams, carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Therese Emert. Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

The Extension Report was not available.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented the Sheriff's Report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Randi Hardesty.

County/District Clerk Monica Reyes presented her report.

The report for Constable Precinct 1 was not available.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Russell Johnson presented his report.

Judge Hal Spain presented the DR Report.

The Trapper's Report was presented by Judge Spain.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the advance funding for bridge replacement or rehabilitation with TxDOT for Ross Road over Bouzier Creek, to be considered as an

unforeseen expenditure paid from Precinct 2 reserve funds in the amount of \$63,387.87. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that personal days shall be accrued at the rate of one day every six months of employment. Commissioner Williams also made a motion that personal days are not payable at time of termination. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to amend the personnel policy to state that law enforcement work schedule falls under the FLSA 207(K) exception and will be determined by the local Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve signing a Stewardship Week proclamation from NRCS for the week of April 26, 2020 to May 3, 2020. The motion, seconded by

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