



**Lions Club Celebrates With Flags!** The Bronte Evening Lions Club helped local Lions Club flag display sponsors celebrate Memorial Day. Lions Club members providing the Flag Display service were Pete Percival (right, right photo), Bob Ragsdale (left in both photos) and Luis Charles. About 24 flags were on display throughout the day. For information on this service, contact Del Brasher at the Bronte Evening Lions Club at 325-473-2911.

**Commissioners Court minutes posted**

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session May 10, 2016 at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Members of the court present included County Judge, Roy Blair, Commissioner, Pct. #1 Gene Montgomery, Commissioner Pct. #2 Paul Williams, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik, Commissioner. Deputy Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Judge Blair and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to approve the minutes for April 26th. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Pitcock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery. Motion carried.

The Extension Reports were presented by Agent Morgan Runyon.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Tax A/C Josie Dean. Josie also report that they will be installing a program September 1 on delinquent child support.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct 1 Marshall Millican report was not available  
Constable Precinct 2 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Jackie Walker, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 report was presented by Judge Blair.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 2, Grady Coulters report was presented by Judge Blair.

The D.R. Report for April 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

The Trapper's Reports for October 2015 thru March 2016 was presented by Judge Blair.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

Comm. Williams reported to the Court on the purchase of a John Deere 670G Motor Grader for Precinct 2&4. They would purchase from the buy board. After trade in the cost would be around \$80,000 each. No action was taken.

No action was taken on trading in road equipment for Precinct 2&4.

No action was taken on budget amendments for Precinct 2&4.

Comm. Williams reported on Bronte Park. Judge Blair reported on an AG opinion on autopsy and he will be attending probate school in Corpus Christi.

There being no private road work requests no action was taken.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to pay bills and A/P claim to Fred's Truck repair for Precinct 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. Motion carried.

Judge Blair recessed the meeting until 10:00 A.M. Court reconvened at 10:03 to open bids for the CETRZ road projects.

Bids for the CETRZ road projects were opened at 10:00 A.M. Black jack Energy Services bid is \$693,038.00 and the bid from C & C Services, LLC was \$601,340.94 The Court will award the bid on May 24th meeting. No action taken

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 10:23 am.

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The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session May 17, 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 Williams, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik, Commissioner. Deputy Clerk Mary Grim was also in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer given by Comm. Williams and pledge to the flag was recited.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Comm. Williams made a motion to set up to buy through Buy Board a John Deere 670G Motor Grader for Precincts 2& 4. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sefcik. Motion carried.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion to approve budget amendment for Road and Bridge Precinct 2 in the amount of \$78,500.00 and Road and Bridge Precinct 4 in the amount of \$79,000.00 for new equipment. The motion was seconded by Comm. Williams. Judge Blair stated that this is as unforeseen expense and an emergency. Motion carried.

Judge Blair reported national weather alert that may have local flooding and on CETRZ forms.

Comm. Williams reported on Bronte Park.

Comm. Montgomery reported he may be advertising for a park caretaker.

Judge Blair adjourned the

meeting at 9:10 am.

**Texas Farm Bureau solicits AgLead, FarmLead participants**

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is now accepting applications for its AgLead and FarmLead programs.

Strong agricultural leadership doesn't only happen in the field. It happens beyond the fencerow—in local and state organizations, court rooms and Congress, said County Farm Bureau President John Ross Copeland.

Figuring out where to develop those leadership skills can be difficult.

"Texas Farm Bureau's leadership programs—AgLead and FarmLead—help grow our future leaders," said. "They help farmers and ranchers develop

the skills to lead Texas communities and agriculture."

AgLead and FarmLead are open to TFB members ages 25-40 and above age 40 as of Sept. 1, respectively. Through the two-year programs, participants travel across Texas, the country and the world to discover agriculture from a new perspective.

"Discovering new innovative agricultural techniques and discussing agricultural policy with elected officials at the state and national levels is just part of the programs," John Ross said. "From leadership to communication and public policy to regulatory advocacy, program participants get to see just how the decisions made elsewhere can affect our lives."

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**TIRED OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVERREACH?**

**WOTUS** (EPA's proposal to control all waters)

**Endangered Species**

**BLM land grab along the Red River**

**Join us in the effort to stop Washington!**

**COKE-STERLING COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

John Ross Copeland, President  
John E. Stephens, Vice President  
Jerrold Pitcock, Secretary-Treasurer

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