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Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the County Extension Agent to apply for the Feral Hog Grant and was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the contract from Tom Green County Juvenile Probation Services for pre-adjudication detention services. He was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept "Option A" with the Texas Department of Transportation Imposition of Optional Fees for the calendar year 2023. Commissioner Millican seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Proposed Tax Increase and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion, with all voting "aye", carried.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on the tax increase for August 22 at 9:15 am. Commissioner Sefcik seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 budget on August 22 at 9 am. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding implementing a policy for purchases made by Coke County offices and that they must serve a public purpose. The County Auditor will do some research.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the engagement letter for the Coke County Audit for the year ending September 30, 2022, as long as they don't increase the rate by more than 10%. He was seconded by Commissioner Robertson and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve that the County Clerks and other salary employees of the County can be paid to work for the Early Voting Ballot Board and the Central Count Station when the hours are outside of the regular business hours and comp time when services outside their regular job duties are completed during regular business hours. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the budget amendments and line-item adjustments. He was seconded by Commissioner Millican and the motion carried.

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

The County Treasurer reported that open enrollment will be August 23, 2022. She also wanted to give thanks to Kalene Moore and Jennifer

Burdett for the work they have done with the new County Equipment Room.

Commissioner Williams informed the court that the Appraisal District will be interviewing soon for the chief appraisal position.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Notes from...



How to Make Safety a Part of Your Back-to-School Plans

The beginning of the school year can be overwhelming and exciting at the same time, both for kids and parents. Here are a few ways to make safety a part of your back-to-school plan.

Getting to School and Back

- **Wear a helmet.** When biking, skateboarding, riding a scooter, or in-line skating, remind your kids to wear a properly fitted

helmet that is certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. If you're riding with your kids, lead by example by wearing a helmet as well.

- **Look left, right, and left again.** Teach kids who walk to school to stop, look (left, right, and left again), and listen before crossing the street or railroad crossings. They may need to hear and practice this a few times before it becomes a habit.

- **Make eye contact with drivers.** With so many distractions, it's dangerous to assume that just because we see a car, the driver sees us. Tell walkers and bikers to take an extra step to protect themselves by making eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

- **Only cross train tracks at a designated crossing marked by a sign, lights, or a gate.** Remind kids and teens that trains may be closer and faster than they think so it's never okay to rush across and try to beat the train. Also, it's important to avoid the

the train tracks.

- **Practice safety at the bus stop.** At the bus stop, teach kids to keep three giant steps away from the arriving bus until it comes to a complete stop. If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, teach them to take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver, and cross when the driver indicates it's safe.

- **Buckle up the right way on every ride.** Keep every child in your car safe by ensuring that they are in the right car seat or booster seat for them.

- **Pay extra attention when driving.** The school year is an important time for drivers to slow down and pay attention when kids are present. Look out for buses, pedestrians, and cyclists when driving, especially before and after school. And remind your teen drivers to avoid distractions and pay extra attention as well.

After School

- **Keep medicine, cleaning products, and small objects like button batteries up and**

away, out of reach and sight.

And take a moment to save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home: 1-800-222-1222.

- **Cook safely.** Older kids may be helping with meals or making their own after school. Remind them to stay in the kitchen the entire time they're cooking and to use oven mitts or potholders to carry hot pots and pans. If they're using the microwave, teach them that dishes that have been in the microwave can be hot too, and show them how to slowly open microwaved containers. The steam from hot foods can burn fingers and faces.

...School Menus

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Wednesday, August 31

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, white gravy, sweet carrots, hot roll, milk

Thursday, September 1

Stacked enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, milk

Friday, September 2

Chicken on a bun, sliced pickles, seasoned potato wedges, milk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COKE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Coke County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Coke County Courthouse, second floor jury room.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget \$ 308,666.00

The total amount of increase/decrease over the Current year's budget \$ 60,588.00

The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget 2 full time 1 part time

The number of employees compensated under The current budget 2

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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