

Commissioners Court minutes posted

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session July 12, 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, Commissioner, Pct. #3 Gaylon Pitcock, Commissioner, and Pct. #4 Joe Sefcik. Deputy Clerk Martha Ratliff 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 June 28, 2016, as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Pitcock. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sefcik. Motion carried.

Judge Blair presented extension report for Morgan Runyan for the month of June.

Wayne McCutchen presented the Sheriff's report.

No Tax Report at this time.

Martha Ratliff Deputy Clerk presented the District/Clerk's Report.

No report for Constable Precinct 1 at this time.

Marty Boyd presented the Precinct 2 Constable report.

Jackie Walker presented the J.P. Pct 1 report.

Judge Blair presented the J.P. 2 report.

No D.R. Report at this time.

Judge Blair presented the Trapper's Report.

Comm. Sefcik made a motion seconded by Comm. Williams to reinstate the burn ban. Motion carried.

No action taken at this time on bid for purchase held in trust by Coke County-Property NO. R00000173, Coke County, Texas

No action taken at this time on bid for purchase held in trust by Coke County-Property NO R000003797 Coke County, Texas.

No action taken at this time on County Recreation Halls, Senior Citizen Buildings and Pavilion's rental prices.

Comm. Williams reported the Bronte Large Recreation Hall has a new air conditioner. Judge Blair reported airport inspection is Wednesday, July 13, 2016, and the City of Robert Lee signed the intergovernmental agreement.

There being no road work request, no action taken.

Comm. Montgomery made a motion seconded by Comm. Sefcik to pay bills. Motion carried.

The Court entered into closed session at 9:40 am to discuss the Commercial Contract to sell the Coke County Detention Center to the 4C Cowboy Church. Judge Blair closed the Executive Session at 10:20 am.

Court reconvened in open session at 10:25 am.

Comm. Williams made a motion seconded by Comm. Pitcock to counter offer \$350,000.00 with \$5,000.00 nonrefundable earnest money. Motion carried.

Judge Blair recessed the Court at 10:45 and the court was back in session at 10:50 am for a budget workshop.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit to meet

The Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Agriculture Exhibit will hold their monthly meeting Monday August 8, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gus Pruser agriculture Exhibit located at 219 W. Dale, Winters.

Friends of the "Gus" Pruser Exhibit is a group interested in preserving the agriculture heritage of Runnels County. The group works on tractors and other displays in the museum.

For additional information contact John Long at 325-754-5389 or zihale museum@wtxs.net.

Blackwell slates Meet the Hornets, Meet the Teacher for August 19

Blackwell ISD has set the annual Meet the Hornets and Meet the Teacher for Friday, August 19, 2016, at the school. The evening will begin with a hamburger meal benefitting this year's junior class.

Meet the Hornets will begin at approximately 6 pm with Meet the Teacher immediately following.

Students and parents are asked to bring their schools supplies on this evening so that the first day is a little less hectic.

In the past, this is typically the evening ipads were handed out to 7th grade students. Beginning this year, BCISD will no longer be purchasing ipads for 7th grade. Electronic devices will be purchased in 9th grade.

New Mexico Ranch with Coke County ties sells this summer

[Editor's Note: The following article was sent to our office by D. Davis with the following note. "I thought this information might interest some of your Coke County readers since the King brothers had their origin in Coke County and still have relatives there. The article is from the Capitol Press of Salem, Oregon.]

A sprawling New Mexico ranch owned by the family of former Gov. Bruce King has been sold, according to the real estate group that listed the property earlier this year.

Purchased by the late King and his brothers in 1961, Alamo Ranch is considered part of one of the state's legacy ranches. It stretches across more than 100 square miles of high desert hills, prairies of native grass and arroyos in Sandoval County.

The ranch went on the market in February for \$33 million. It sold for an undisclosed price on June 14.

Hall and Hall Real Estate partner Jeff Buerger declined to



Rough Creek at RLCC! Some of the good ole boys from Rough Creek Band - Douglas Roberts, Buddy Wallace, Kyle Long and Steven Myers, entertained the residents during our July 4th Party. Residents enjoyed seeing people from the community and visiting with them after the party. Refreshments and fresh fruit were served and fun was had by all!

release any details about the new owners, noting that the transaction has been discreet.

The ranch has views of the Jemez Mountains to the north, Albuquerque's city lights to the southeast and Mount Taylor on the west. It's bordered by two Native American pueblos and unincorporated land adjacent to Rio Rancho.

While the property has potential given its proximity to

one of the state's fastest growing cities, Buerger said there are no plans to develop the land. He called the sale significant.

"It's been in the same family since 1961," he said. "It's unusual to find a chunk of ground that big with that proximity in that location. That's for sure."

The Alamo Ranch is a working ranch that's made up of more than 93 square miles of

deeded land and another 21 square miles of leased property. It supports a year-round cattle operation with herds that have ranged from 400 to 1,200 depending on drought conditions.

There are no public roads through the ranch, but there are numerous earthen stock tanks on the property along with cattle pens, a ranch headquarters, two wells and an assortment of wildlife.

**NOTICE OF 2016 TAX YEAR PROPOSAL
PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR
CITY OF BRONTE**

A tax rate of \$0.420109 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Bronte.

Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.420109
Preceding Year's Tax Rate	\$0.397351
Effective Tax Rate	\$0.388990
Rollback Tax Rate	\$0.420109

Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be calculated as follows:

Property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:

First hearing will be Thursday August 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and the second hearing will be Thursday September 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall, 114 S Washington St., Bronte, Texas.

Crystal L. Blevins
City Secretary & Municipal Judge