

Ballot set for March 2018 Primary Election

With the end of the filing period for the March 6, 2018, primary election on December 11, 2017, the ballot is now set. Local candidates only filed for the Republican Primary. No local candidates filed to run as a Democrat.

Offices up for election include County Judge, currently held by Roy Blair; County Treasurer, currently held by Hal Spain; Justice of the Peace, currently held by Jackie Walker; County/District Clerk, currently held by Mary Grim; Commissioner Precincts 2, currently held by Paul Williams; and Commissioner Precinct 4, currently held by Joe Sefcik.

Below are the candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot. Hal Spain, current County Treasurer and former owner/publisher of The Observer/Enterprise, has filed for County Judge and will be joined on the ballot by Sherry Davidson. Therese Emert has filed for County Treasurer. Emert is a retired Verizon Sourcing Manager. Russell Johnson filed for Justice of the Peace, as well as incumbent Jackie Walker. Johnson is currently serving as a deputy with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. Monica Reyes has filed for County/District Clerk. Reyes is currently a deputy in the Clerk's Office. Three men have filed for Commissioner Precinct 2, Henry Chisholm, Robert Feil, and incumbent Paul Williams. Chisholm is a retired law enforcement officer and Feil previously served as Commissioner Precinct 2 in years past. Joe Sefcik has filed

for re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4.

Commissioners Court meeting held

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in special session on December 27, 2017, at 9 am at the courthouse in Robert Lee. Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

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

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Robertson was absent.

The burn ban is currently off at this time.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Millican. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Accounts Payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase of the sand for the quoted price of \$765. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. Commissioner Millican abstained. The motion carried.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the amended health insurance. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amended budget for insurance. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There is no private road work being done at this time.

Commissioner Millican moved to approve the payment of the bills. Commissioner Sefcik seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

RL City Council meeting minutes

The Robert Lee City Council met in regular session on December 11, 2017, with Mayor Leroy Casey presiding. Members present included Roger Alexander, Janie Munoz, and Shaunna Grantham. No members were absent. There are currently two vacation positions, due to death and resignation. Temporary Billing Clerk, Patricia Fields, was also present. The sign in sheet is on file.

The meeting began at 6:04 pm with a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given.

Open Forum: Brandi Brosh asked about the replacement of the Assyst bookkeeping program. Her statement was that the program was a good program and assistance from the company was readily available with just a phone call. The IT people are able to log in to the computer and show whomever how to resolve the problem. It is a problem with the system then more education is needed, not replacement at an added expense.

A. Consent Agenda: (Items 1 - 3)

Minutes of the meeting November 27, 2017, Monthly Code Enforcement Officers report, Monthly Animal Control Officers Report. Council Member Alexander made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion passed.

B. Regular Agenda:

4) Cancel the second council meeting in December (December 25, 2017).

A motion by Council Member Grantham, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to cancel the second meeting of December that falls on Christmas Day. The motion passed.

5) Presentation by EMEX, results of the online auction.

The online auction was held at 3:00 PM today and the results were a possible savings of \$2,419.95 annually with the contract. A motion to enter in to a contact with EMEX beginning at the end of the current contract. A motion was made by Council Member Grantham and seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion passed.

6) Adopt revised and up to date Personnel Policy.

A motion to table was made by Council Member Alexander due to not enough time to read the policy. The motion, seconded by Council Member Munoz, passed.

7) New payroll schedule starting January 2018.

A motion was made to table this item until more information

can be obtained was made by Council Member Alexander. The motion, seconded by Council Member Munoz, passed.

8) Discuss replacing the Bookkeeping Program.

A motion to discuss was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion to discuss passed.

Council Member Alexander commented that the problem seems to be an education problem not a problem with the billing program.

9) Tabled Item: Mr. Jeff Betty as City Attorney.

There seems to be some trouble with the agreement from Mr. Betty. A motion was made by Council Member Alexander and seconded by Council Member Munoz to table this item until clarification can be obtained. The motion passed and the item is tabled.

C. Reports

Mayor & Public Works Report:

1) The council was advised for the need of budget amendments to bring the budget in line.

2) Reported that we had hired for an individual to fill vacant position.

3) There is only one bid for the city hall repair.

4) Waiting on the contractor to do a walk through on the electronic meter project.

5) Past due bill collection is on going and we are down to two and they will be current soon.

6) Deputy City Secretary is out sick.

City Secretary Report:

None

Being no other business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Coke County Junior Livestock Show Schedule

Friday, January 19, 2018

All animals must be in place by 12 noon.

Official weigh in will begin at 1 pm.

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Market Lamb Show - 8:30 am

Market Goat Show - following completion of Lamb Show

Lamb and Goat Pee-Wee Showmanship

Rabbit Show

Market Pig Show

Pig Pee-Wee Showmanship

Market Steer Show - following the completion of Market Pig Show

Barbeque Lunch - 12:30 pm (or following completion of Steer Show)

Premium Ribbon Sale - 3 pm

9th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night "Blooming Beauties"

Saturday • January 27 • 5-8 pm

Robert Lee Methodist Church

Family Life Center

Grades Pre-k thru 6th

Advance Tickets purchased before

Wednesday, January 24

\$20/couple, \$5 for additional child

Tickets will be available at the door.

\$30/couple, \$5 for additional child

Tickets may be purchased at

DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee

and Bronte Hardware Store.

Photos will be taken from 5 to 6 pm with the group picture at 6:15 pm.

For More Information, call or text

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