

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

Be it known that on this the 19th day of July , 2013, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Hood County was duly convened in a special session, in the Central Jury room at the Hood County Justice center at 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, for the following purposes to wit:

Pursuant to the Texas open meetings act, notice is hereby given that following **special called Budget Workshop Meeting** of the **Hood County Commissioners Court** will be held in the **CENTRAL JURY ROOM AT THE HOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048, on **Friday, July 19, 2013, from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM**, and the following matters considered:

**Budget Workshop**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Discuss and consider matters regarding tax collection. (CJ)

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**Budget Workshop addendum**

- III. Consider preliminary budget projections and take appropriate action. (AUD)

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge  
James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1  
Jeff Tout, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4

**REGARDING ITEM I:** Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on the aforesaid date of July 19, 2013.

**REGARDING ITEM II:** Judge Cockerham read letters from the City of Tolar, Tolar ISD, and Granbury ISD sent in response to Tax Assessor/Collector, Teresa McCoy's letter of Termination of Contract, to the Hood County Appraisal District. There was discussion about the contract and the court agreed to the changes requested by Teresa. Teresa was asked to make the changes to the new contract and bring them back to court for approval. There was heated discussion about the legality of the Termination Letter.

**REGARDING ITEM III:** Stan McBroom, Auditor, stated that we have some major challenges this year. He said that due to the tornado damage this year, as a result of revaluating those properties it has been estimated we could loose up to ten million dollars on the appraised values. He stated sales taxes this year have dropped between 15% and 18%. Health Insurance is going up 6.1%. Stan gave an over view of many of the county expenses which continue to increase due to fuel costs, unfunded mandates and county projects such as the Recreation Center, the EOC and Animal Control Facility construction, the Cresson Traffic Relief Route Project and others. He also stated that unless the Commissioners wanted to make some severe cuts in expenditures he believes the tax base will have to increase. Commissioner Berry stated he has had for the last six year been concerned that the County has grown but the

tax base has not grown. There was some discussion and it was stated that the Commissioners Court really won't know what they have to work with until they receive the Appraisal District's report on July 25. Judge Cockerham stated the Judges Budget will be presented to the Court on July 30.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:35 A.M.

APPROVED:

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DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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MARY BURNETT, COUNTY CLERK