

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

Be it known that on this the 21st day of January, 2014, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Hood County was duly convened in a special session, in the Meeting Room of Annex 1, at 1410 West Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, for the following purposes to wit:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Notice is hereby given that a special workshop meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014** at **10:00 AM** in the **MEETING ROOM OF ANNEX 1**, 1410 West Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048, at which meeting, the following subjects will be discussed, and the following matters acted upon:

AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Take appropriate action to conduct an Indigent Defense/ Assigned Counsel Workshop.

Addendum

- III. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to sign to obtain modular homes as temporary housing for tornado victims in the Rancho Brazos subdivision.

Adjourn

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge
James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1
Jeff Tout, Commissioner Precinct 3
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4
Dean Armstrong, County Clerk Chief Deputy

REGARDING ITEM I: Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am on the aforesaid date of January 21, 2014.

Present: County Court at Law Judge Vincent J. Messina, 355th Judicial District Judge Ralph H. Walton, Penny Weisend, Bob Blessing, Sheriff Roger Deeds, Auditor Stan McBroom and Kathy Cruz-Hood County News.

REGARDING ITEM II: Discussion started by Commissioner Tout about a Public Defenders workshop he attended. Open discussion between members of the Commissioners Court and the Court at Law Judges as well as others attending regarding indigent defense, Public Defenders and defendant complaints. It was stated that we pay about \$362,500.00 in appointment fees and the estimated cost of a Public Defenders Office would be over 1 million dollars. The Commissioners Court stated that they will go look at other counties, site visits, like Burnet County to see how they justify it.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HOOD COUNTY CLERK REGARDING ITEM III: Motion made by Commissioner Berry made to authorizing the County Judge to sign the agreement to obtain modular homes as temporary housing for tornado victims in the Rancho Brazos subdivision contingent on the approval of the County Attorney and Federal Government. Seconded by, Commissioner Tout. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT. 11:35AM.

APPROVED:

DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARY BURNETT, COUNTY CLERK

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