

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

Be it known that on this the 27th day of January, 2015, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Hood County was duly convened in regular session in the Central Jury Room at the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, for the following purposes, to wit:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 9:00AM** in the **CENTRAL JURY ROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER** 1200 W. Pearl St, Granbury, Texas 76048. At which meeting the following subjects will be discussed and the following matters acted upon.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Pledge to Texas
"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible"
- IV. Special presentations
- VI. Citizens' Comments pertaining to AGENDA ITEMS only.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes:
 - 1. Regular Commissioners' Court minutes for December 22, 2014.
 - 2. Regular Commissioners' Court minutes for January 13, 2015.
 - 3. Special Called Commissioners Court minutes for December 5, 2014 (YMCA).
 - 4. Special Called Commissioners Court minutes for December 19, 2014 (YMCA).
 - 5. Special Called Commissioners Court minutes for January 5, 2015 (YMCA).
 - 6. Special Called Commissioners Court minutes for January 7, 2015 (Courtroom Acoustics)
 - B. Treasurer:
 - 1. Ratify payroll for the period 12/29/14 through 1/11/15 - paid 1/16/15
 - 2. Ratify jury paid through 1/20/15
 - 3. Accept Treasurer's monthly report - December 2014
 - 4. Accept Treasurer's interest income report - December 2014
 - 5. Accept Treasurer's collateral report - First Financial Bank - December 2014
 - 6. Accept Treasurer's collateral report - InterBank - December 2014
 - 7. Accept Treasurer's quarterly investment report - 4th quarter of 2014 (Oct-Dec)
 - 8. Authorize County Treasurer to pay 4th quarter 2014 fees due to the State Comptroller, amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.
 - C. Personnel changes, new hires, and terminations
 - D. Monthly activity and financial reports of county officials.
 - 1. Constable 1 Dec. '14, Nov. '14 revised, Oct. '14 revised
 - 2. Constable 2 Dec. '14
 - 3. Constable 3 Dec. '14
 - 4. Constable 4 Dec.'14
 - 5. County Clerk Dec. '14
 - 6. County Attorney Dec. '14

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| 7. Development and Compliance | Dec. '14 |
| 8. District Clerk | Dec. '14 |
| 9. Elections Administrator | Dec. '14 |
| 10. Environmental Health | Dec. '14 |
| 11. Extension Agent | Dec. '14 |
| 12. Fire Marshal | |
| 13. Justice of the Peace 1 | Dec. '14 |
| 14. Justice of the Peace 2 | Dec. '14 |
| 15. Justice of the Peace 3 | Dec. '14 |
| 16. Justice of Peace 4 | Dec. '14 |
| 17. Library | Dec. '14 |
| 18. Sheriff | Dec. '14 |
| Animal Control | Dec. '14 |
| Civil & Warrants | Dec. '14 |
| Escrow | Dec. '14 |
| Pay Phone (T-Netix) | Nov. '14 |
| 19. Tax Assessor | Nov. '14-to be revised |
| VIT revenue | Nov. '14 |

- E. Authorize County Judge to sign the PILOT waiver request letter for the Housing Authority of Granbury.
- F. Authorize County Judge to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. (SO)
- G. Accept donations to Hood County Animal Control:
1. Neva Sundvahl in the amount of \$200 check #1005.
- H. Library Donations:
1. Accept a \$100.00 donation from the Granbury Woman's Club, to be deposited in 558-3700-3751 (Summer Reading) fund. (LIB)
 2. Accept donation of \$100.00 to be deposited in 558-3700-3751 (Summer Reading) fund.
- I. Purchasing:
1. Approve inventory list(s) of abandoned vehicles from the Sheriff's Office and Hood County surplus inventory to be auctioned at the next Rene Bates auction.
 2. Approve request for Purchasing to issue RFP for Independent Professional Audit Services.
 3. Approve request of the Information Technology Dept. to exempt purchasing from the competitive bidding process in the purchase specialized Security Services from Parksadmin LLC per LGC 262.024 (a) (4) discretionary exemptions for personal or professional services.
- J. Development:
1. Approve the following reappointments on the Hood County Development Commission:
 - Place 5 Chairperson Alva Cox
 - Place 1 Shane Flippin
 - Place 3 J.C. Campbell
 2. Approve the appointment of Wallace Herzog to Place 2 of the Hood County Development Commission to finish the term for Lloyd "Butch" Barton.
- K. Approve a lateral transfer of Patrol Deputy to Deputy Fire Marshal. (PER)

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS

1. Road Operations – no items.

2. Development and Compliance

- a. Discuss and consider approval of the Final Plat for Orchards 12A, Pecan Plantation.

B. BUDGET AND FINANCE (AUD)

1. Consider budget line item amendments for the period January 6, 2015, through January 16, 2015, and take appropriate action.
2. Consider payment of bills for the period January 6, 2015, through January 16, 2015, and take appropriate action.
3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the arbitrage rebate renewal contract between Hood County, Texas and First Southwest Asset Management, Inc. ("FirstSouthwest"). (AUD)
4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve request of the Auditor's Office to exempt purchasing from the competitive bidding process for the financial services of First Southwest per LGC 262.024 (a) (4) discretionary exemptions for a personal or professional service. (PUR, AUD)

C. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Discuss and take appropriate action on library financing and expansion alternatives. (CJ)
2. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize County Judge to sign a letter in support of Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #1. (FM)
3. Fire Marshal:
 - a. Discuss and take appropriate action to clarify the term "bunker gear" so as to define the personal protective equipment to be purchased.
 - b. Discuss and take appropriate action for the purchase of a Firehouse Software computer program, in the amount of \$610.00 from Fund 55.
4. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding administration of Watershed Implementation Grant, sub award agreement 06-150610. (CJ, EH)
5. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding requested purchase a three-shelf bookcase to match the existing furniture in office of Commissioner Barton at the cost of \$314.00 from fund 55. (Comp2)
6. Consider for approval a payroll deduction for "Benevolent Fund" in accordance with Local Government Code 155.001 (2) and 155.002. (SO, TR)
7. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the request to use the Courthouse area for the Texas Independence Day Celebration on February 28 and March 1, 2015. (CJ)
8. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Resolution for Online Voter Registration. (Comp4,EA)
9. Acton Municipal Utility District (AMUD) Port Ridglea Sewer Project, Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):
 - a. Discuss and consider action to approve resolution to apply for 2015-2016 Texas CDBG assistance under the Community Development Fund.
 - b. Discuss and consider action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Hood County and Acton Municipal Utility District for joint participation in an application for 2015-2016 Texas CDBG assistance under the Community Development Fund.
10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding request by the Children's Advocacy Center to put ribbons on the Square again in April 2015. (SO)

11. Discuss and take action necessary for Hood County regarding options for meeting performance bond requirement required for Hood County Recreation Facility, and issues related to the PIA. (ComP3)
12. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize County Judge to sign the Owner Agent Designation form, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Compliance Division – Architectural Barriers (TLDR form), for the Hood County YMCA. (CJ)
13. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Hood County and DPS, Reprographics & Distribution Center. (SO)
14. Convene into Executive Session to consider two agenda items:
 - a. Convene into executive session per Texas Government Code §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), to consider a report from the security committee formed by the Commissioners' Court. (IT)
 - b. Convene into executive session per Texas Government Code §551.087 (Economic Development) to discuss the 312 Tax Abatement for the Exelon (Wolf Hollow) generation plant. (CJ)
 - c. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action on 14a and 14b.

ADJOURN

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge
James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1
Butch Barton, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jeff Tout, Commissioner Precinct 3
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4
Katie Lang, County Clerk

REGARDING ITEM I: Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. on the aforesaid date of January 27, 2015.

REGARDING ITEM II: Invocation given by James Deaver

REGARDING ITEM III: Pledge Of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Butch Barton

REGARDING ITEM IV: Pledge To Texas lead by Steve Berry

REGARDING ITEM V: Special presentations were given by Bob Blessing, 5 yr Anniversaries to Donna Churchwell and Jackie Solomon. JC Campbell introduced Ellen Karamas his replacement to the North Central Texas Council of Governments on the Area Agency of Aging.

REGARDING ITEM VI: Citizens comments.

REGARDING ITEM VII.-Motion made by Commissioner James Deaver to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by, Commissioner Steve Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.A.1. No Items.

2.a. Motion made by Commissioner Butch Barton to approve the Final Plat of Orchards 12A, Pecan Plantation. Seconded by, Commissioner Jeff Tout . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.1. No monthly budget line item amendments for the period January 6th, 2015 through January 16th, 2015 .

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REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.2. Motion made by, Commissioner Steve Berry to ratify paying the bills for the period January 6th through January 16th. Seconded by Commissioner Butch Barton . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.3. Motion made by Commissioner Butch Barton to allow the County Judge to sign the agreement between the County and First Southwest Asset Management INC. Seconded by, Commissioner Jeff Tout. All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.4. Motion made by, Commissioner James Deaver to exempt purchasing from the competitive bidding process for the financial services of First Southwest per LGC 262.024 (a) (4) discretionary exemptions for a personal or professional service. (PUR, AUD). Seconded by Commissioner Butch Barton . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.1. Motion made by, Commissioner Steve Berry to allow Steering Committee along with Dominic and Kevin Downing and Courtney Kinkaid to work with purchasing agent and our auditor to identify funds in-house with libraries current budget, and come back with a proposal through purchasing that we can discuss. Seconded by Commissioner Butch Barton . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.2. Motion made by, Commissioner James Deaver to authorize County Judge to sign a letter in support of Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #1. (FM) Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Tout . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.3.a. Motion made by, Commissioner Steve Berry that we allow the purchasing agent and the Fire Marshal to have some leeway to work with the word “bundergear” to be any of the personal protection equipment needed for the volunteer fire department. Seconded by Commissioner James Deaver . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.3.b. Motion made by, Commissioner Jeff Tout for the purchase of a Firehouse Software computer program, in the amount of \$610.00 from Fund 55. Seconded by Commissioner Butch Barton . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.4. Motion made by, Judge Cockerham to deny the Watershed Implementation Grant 06-150610. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Berry . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.5 Motion made by, Commissioner Steve Berry for the purchase of a three-shelf bookcase to match the existing furniture in the office of Commissioner Butch Barton at the cost of \$314.00 from fund 55. (Comp2) Seconded by Commissioner James Deaver . Judge Cockerham, Commissioner Steve Berry, Commissioner James Deaver, Commissioner Jeff Tout voted aye, Commissioner Butch Barton abstained. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.6. Motion made by, Commissioner Butch Barton for approval of a payroll deduction for “Benevolent Fund” in accordance with Local Government Code 155.001 (2) and 155.002. (SO,TR) Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Tout . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.7. Motion made by, Commissioner Steve Berry to allow the Texas Independence Day Celebration to close the Courthouse Square from February 27th at 5pm until March 1, 2015. (to allow flags to be put up around the square on the 17th), Seconded by Commissioner James Deaver . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.8. Motion made by, Commissioner Butch Barton adopting the Resolution for Online Voter Registration. (Comp4,EA) Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Tout . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.9.a.b. Motion made by, Commissioner Jeff Tout for County Judge to sign the Acton Municipal Utility District (AMUD) Port Ridglea Sewer Project, Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resolution and sign the Interlocal Agreement with AMUD and Hood County. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Berry . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.10. Motion made by, Commissioner James Deaver allowing the Children’s Advocacy Center to put ribbons on the Square again in April 2015. (SO). Seconded by Commissioner Butch Barton . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.11. Motion made by, Commissioner Jeff Tout to purchase the Bond as required by the PIA with the City of Granbury in the amount of \$8,360.00 or less. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Berry . All voted aye. Motion carried.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.12. Motion made by Commissioner Steve Berry to authorize the County Judge to sign the Owner Agent Designation form, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Compliance Division – Architectural Barriers (TLDR form), for the Hood County YMCA. (CJ). Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Tout . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.13. Motion made by, Commissioner Butch Barton to allow the County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Hood County and DPS, Reprographics & Distribution Center. (SO). Seconded by Commissioner James Deaver . All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.14. Convene into Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.076 and 551.087 to consider two agenda items: 10:10am

Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action on **14a.** 11:18am

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.14.a. Motion made by Commissioner Jeff Tout do initial phase of just the Justice Center on the Security Device upgrades Cameras and Doors. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Reconvene into Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.087 to consider agenda item: **14.b.** 11:20am

Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action on **14b.** 11:40am

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.14.b. Motion made by, Steve Berry to adopt option two which is at 60% over 7 years. Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Tout. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

KATIE LANG , COUNTY CLERK