

**CERTIFIED COPIES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HOOD COUNTY CLERK**

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, August 11, 2015**, at **9:00 AM** 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"
- V. Special presentations
- VI. Citizens' Comments pertaining to AGENDA ITEMS only.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Minutes:
    1. Regular Commissioners' Court minutes for July 28, 2015.
  - B. Treasurer:
    1. Ratify payroll for the period 7/13-7/26/15 - paid 7/31/15.
  - C. Personnel changes, new hires, and terminations.
  - D. Accept a donation check from the City of Stockton Bend for \$5,000. (SO)
  - E. Authorize County Judge to sign the Luminant Letter of Agreement. (CJ)
  - F. Authorize for \$2,000 to be wired to FP Mailing Solutions for the postage meter for the library from 058-4120-31000. (LIB)
  - G. Accept donation from The Way Church in the amount of \$450.00. (TR)
  - H. Authorize County Judge to sign FY 2016 VINE Renewal Notice & Service Agreement (R-12 Service Agreement Renewal Notice with Appriss, Inc. for Hood County VINE service). (CJ)
  - I. Allow County Judge to sign Construction on Public Property Statement of Ownership and Funding for YMCA. (PUR, CJ)
- VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:
  - A. **SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS**
    1. **Road Operations - no items.**
    2. **Development and Compliance – no items.**
  - B. **BUDGET AND FINANCE (AUD)**

1. Consider budget line item amendments for the period July 21, 2015 through August 3, 2015 and take appropriate action.
2. Consider payment of bills for the period July 21, 2015 through August 3, 2015 and take appropriate action.
3. Hold public budget hearing for fiscal year 2015 - 2016, pursuant to Tax Code Chapter 26.

C. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. County Attorney's Quarterly report.
2. Discuss and take action if needed regarding a report on the Drought Index. (FM, CJ)
3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding request IT set up a Facebook page for Animal Control. (SO)
4. Discuss and take action to appoint presiding and alternate election judges for vote centers, early voting and central count station for a two (2) year appointment. (EA)
5. Convene into executive session per Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to confer with TAC attorney Grant Blaies regarding the Katie Lang lawsuit. (CA, CJ)
  - a. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action.

ADJOURN

**DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE**

Notice of meeting/agenda posted at Hood County Courthouse Building (Outside Bulletin Board), 100 E. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, on August 6, 2015, at 4:00 PM by M. Sutton.

NOTICE

Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

County of Hood does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. Personnel Director, Personnel and Governmental Affairs Dept. 1414 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, phone 817-408-3450 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. \*Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, is available from the Personnel Director.

Hood County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076(Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Economic Development).

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Be it known that on this the 11th, day of August, 2015, at 9:00 AM 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:

**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  
Dean Armstrong, County Clerk Chief Deputy

**REGARDING ITEM I:** Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. on the aforesaid date of August 11, 2015.

**REGARDING ITEM II:** Invocation given by Commissioner Barton.

**REGARDING ITEM III:** Pledge Of Allegiance lead by Commissioner Barton.

**REGARDING ITEM IV:** Pledge To Texas lead by Commissioner Berry.

**REGARDING ITEM V:** no action taken.

**REGARDING ITEM VI:** Citizen Domonique Inge addressed the court giving her support for the Hood County tax increase as discussed in item VIII.B.3.

**REGARDING ITEM VII.A-D, F, and H-I:** Motion made by Commissioner Barton to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of items E and G. Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried. See Attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VII.E:** Motion made by Commissioner Berry to authorize the County Judge to sign the Luminant Letter of Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Tout. Commissioners Deaver, Barton, Tout and Berry all voted aye. County Judge Cockerham voted nay. Motion carried. See attached.

**REGARDING ITEM VII.G.:** Motion made by Commissioner Berry to accept the donation from The Way Church in the amount of 450.00 to be designated for the employee fund. .Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.A.1-2:** No action taken.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.1:** Motion made by Commissioner Tout to approve the budget line item amendments for the period July 21, 2015 through August 3, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.2:** Motion made by Commissioner Deaver to ratify paying of bills for the period July 21, 2015 through August 3, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Barton. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.3:** Judge Cockerham convened into a public budget hearing for fiscal year 2015-2016 at 9:15am.

See citizen comments, item VI.

Judge Cockerham closed the public hearing at 9:19am.

No action taken.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.1:** Motion made by Commissioner Tout to approve the County Attorney's Quarterly Report. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.2:** Motion made by Commissioner Deaver to table this item while the court tells the citizens a burn ban is being considered and will do an emergency burn ban if necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.3:** Motion made by Commissioner Tout to approve the request by for I.T. to set up a Facebook page for Animal Control. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.4:** Motion made by Commissioner Barton to approve the list appointing presiding and alternate election judges for vote centers, early voting and central count station for a two year appointment. Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.5:** Judge Cockerham convened into executive session at 9:33am.

**REGARDING ITEM VIII.C.5.a.:** Judge Cockerham reconvened into open session at 10:26am. Motion made by Commissioner Tout to have Grant Blaies negotiate a settlement with the attorneys in Austin as it regards to the Katie Lang lawsuit. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

COURT ADJOURNED AT 10:28am.

APPROVED:

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DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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KATIE LANG, COUNTY CLERK