

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
*July 25, 2016*

**COUNTY JUDGE**  
**JOHN E. FIRTH**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JACK WALL, PRECINCT 1**  
**DAREN MOORE, PRECINCT 2**  
**DON JONES, PRECINCT 3**  
**W.H. AMENT, PRECINCT 4**

The Coryell County Commissioners Court convened at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present. County Judge John Firth presided over the meeting. County Judge John Firth called the meeting to order, led the invocation and the Pledge to the American and Texas Flags.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

5. The court voted to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the Coryell County Historical Commission meeting of June 21, 2016 and to accept the continuing education transcript from July 31, 2015 to July 30, 2016 of the Tax/Assessor Collector after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall. (Attached)
6. Minutes of Court meeting of July 11, 2016 were approved after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Wyllis Ament.
8. Coryell County Burn Ban Order number 2016-01 was approved with the provision for allowing welding with spotter with sufficient water sources and household trash burned in a container with a screen after a motion by Commissioner Wyllis Ament and a second by Commissioner Don Jones. (Attached)
10. Resolution Number 2016-02 for "Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program" through Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc. was approved after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second Commissioner Don Jones. (Attached)
11. The court approved the "Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2017" pursuant to Texas Transportation Code (502.401) for County Road and Bridge Fee of \$10.00 (Option A) after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore. (Attached)
12. The court voted to approve a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Subgrant awarded by Texas Division of Emergency Management for DR-4223-009 Coryell County Mitigation Action Plan after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Wyllis Ament. (Attached)
13. The court voted to ratify the nominations of Central Counties Service Board of Trustee positions held by Judge James Lively, Dr. Louella Tate, and Retired Judge James Carroll to serve from September 1, 2016 until August 31, 2018 after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore. (Attachment)
14. The court voted to set a public hearing to discuss speed limits on County Roads after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and Commissioner Jack Wall.
15. The court voted to request revised construction specifications for consideration to solicit a second round of bids for the renovation of the 7th Street Annex in Gatesville after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Don Jones.
18. Bills submitted for payment were approved after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Don Jones. (Attached)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 7. Road and Bridge Administrator Justin Latham reported on projects completed.
- 9. Government Trapper, Lawrence Pruett presented the semiannual Wildlife Services Report.
- 16. The court discussed Overtime pay for emergency response staff during emergencies.
- 17. No budget amendments were presented.

The court recessed this meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into an Executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding Human Resources Department positions.

The court returned to open session at 11:02.

The court voted to Post an Advertisement for a Human Resource Director after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Wyllis Ament. Commissioner Don Jones opposed.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

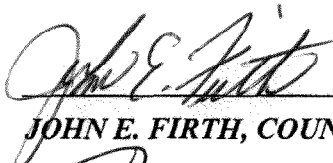
Judge Firth stated that the current budget was 3.2% short of what has been requested and that the highest the Court could go without a roll back rate will not meet that amount. He stated that the Court must look at the following in order to balance the budget.

1. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF EXPENDITURES IN BUDGET
  2. DROP THE RESERVE FUND BELOW IT'S CURRENT 25%,
  3. IF A TAX RATE IS SET THAT EXCEEDS THE ROLLBACK TAX RATE, VOTERS MAY PETITION FOR AN ELECTION ON THE TAX INCREASE. A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION LIMITS THE TAXING UNIT'S CURRENT TAX RATE TO THE ROLLBACK TAX RATE.
- ALL AGREED NOT GOING ABOVE THE ROLL BACK RATE

The consensus of the court was to set the rate at the rollback tax rate to see how that affects the budget. Commissioner Jack Wall expressed concern if the court lowered the reserve.

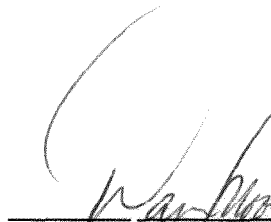
The court agreed to set meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 8.am for a budget workshop.

The court adjourned this meeting after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Wyllis Ament.

  
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JOHN E. FIRTH, COUNTY JUDGE

  
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ATTEST:   
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BARBARA SIMPSON, COUNTY CLERK

