

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FANNIN**

**IN COMMISSIONERS COURT  
FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this 2nd day of December, 2013 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Meeting after public notice was posted on the 27th day of November 2013 at 8:44 a.m. with the following members being present:

<b>Creta L. Carter II</b>	<b>County Judge</b>
<b>Gary Whitlock</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 1</b>
<b>Stan Barker</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 2</b>
<b>Jerry Magness</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 3</b>
<b>Dean Lackey</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct 4</b>

The following business was transacted to-wit:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mike Towery, Treasurer

**ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Judge Carter stated a quorum is established all commissioners are present.

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Rick Sheddy stated a group of concerned citizens will request an agenda item be presented next week in the matter of the County not having an agreement with the developers of the Lower Bois D'Arc Lake for water allocations or revenue sharing.

**ITEM 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

Minutes were presented from November 25, 2013. Commissioner Barker moved to approve the Minutes with corrections made.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker  
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

Judge Carter stated the last paragraph states the meeting was a Special (called) meeting and should reflect a Regular meeting.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve the Minutes with additional change.

[Attachment]

**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF FANNIN RURAL RAIL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER(S) NOMINEES – FANNIN RURAL RAIL DISTRICT**

Glenn Taylor, President of the Board stated the Board recommends the current board be re-appointed; the members are: Price Bradshaw, Mayfield McCraw, Richard Davey and Glenn Taylor.

Commissioner Whitlock moved to approve the Board [as recommended].

Motion By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock  
Second By: Commissioner Jerry Magness  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

**ITEM 6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINEE FOR SHERMAN DIVISION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS –COUNTY JUDGE**

Judge Carter stated John Skotnik, Bonham Municipal Judge has presented the resolution for consideration; the position has been vacant for about 7 years; the resolution would be presented to Congressman Ralph Hall and Senator John Cornyn, several attorneys have applied for the position.

Richard Glaser, Criminal District Attorney stated the resolution does not favor a particular attorney but does encourage the use of a local attorney with the intent of keeping the court in Sherman.

Judge Carter stated the appointment will ultimately be made by the president [of the United States].

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker  
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

[Attachment]

**ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS – COUNTY JUDGE**

Judge Carter stated any prohibition would need to be made by December 15th.

Commissioner Barker stated in the Keetch-Byram Drought Index the County is low on the index.

Judge Carter stated the item will be passed.

**ITEM 8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING OPEN COUNTY OFFICE SPACE IN THE COUNTY SOUTH ANNEX BUILDING – COUNTY JUDGE**

Judge Carter asked for recommendations. Commissioner Barker recommended Adult Probation use the 9x10 room in the center on the north side of the hall, with addition of a door to the office; the new bond supervisor use the other adjacent 9x10 room; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 use three of the four offices across the hall leaving the current copy room for the Criminal Investigator office thereby opening up space at the East Annex for the Health Department; the old JP-1 offices be given to the District Clerk, the old District Clerk's office be used for attorney-client consultations and a place to sequester children during court proceedings.

Commissioner Magness stated the proposal is workable for all involved. Commissioner Barker stated time will be needed for the internet drops and phone hook ups along with minor construction; completion by the beginning of January should be attainable.

Scott Dyer, Auditor stated an estimate without construction would be about \$1,500 - \$2,000; the phone bank size at the South Annex is unknown; an internet drop will be needed in the old JP-1 office and the phone will need to be reconnected for an expected cost of about \$250.

Commissioner Barker moved to approve funding for the Courthouse renovation [on the 2nd floor] and the South Annex come from the Repair & Maintenance of both facilities with no limit.

Motion By: Commissioner Stan Barker  
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

**ITEM 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – AUDITOR**

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness  
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

**ITEM 10. ADJOURN**

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness  
Second By: Commissioner Gary Whitlock  
Vote: 4-0 Approved

Adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 2nd Day of December, 2013.

(LGC 81.003)

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy Biggar  
Fannin County Clerk

