

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

JANUARY 3, 2011

AFTER proper posting of public notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, on this the 3RD day of January, 2011, the County Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas, met in the 146th District Courtroom at the Bell County Justice Center, 1201 Huey Drive, Belton, Texas, in regular session with the following members of said Court present, to-wit:

**JUDGE JON H. BURROWS, County Judge
COMMISSIONER RICHARD CORTESE, Precinct #1
COMMISSIONER TIM BROWN, Precinct #2
COMMISSIONER EDDY LANGE, Precinct #3
COMMISSIONER JOHN FISHER, Precinct #4
SHELLEY COSTON, County Clerk
BRYAN NEAVES, County Engineer**

Agenda #1 – Call to Order

MINUTE ORDER #001/11: It being 9:00 a.m. **County Judge Jon Burrows** called this meeting of Commissioner’s Court to order.

Agenda #2 - Invocation

MINUTE ORDER #002/11: Reverend Jimmy Towers led the prayer.

Agenda #3 – Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

MINUTE ORDER #003/11: Former County Commissioner Jack Oliver, Colonel, United States Army, Retired, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Agenda #4 – Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas Flag

MINUTE ORDER #004/11: Ralph Gauer, Colonel, United States Army, Retired, and District Representative for State Senator Troy Fraser, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas Flag.

Agenda #5 – Swearing in of Elected and Re-Elected Officials of Bell County

MINUTE ORDER #005/11: Swearing in of all elected and re-elected officials of Bell County, with District Judge Rick Morris, County Court at Law Judge Ed Johnson, and County Judge Jon Burrows administering the Oaths of Office as follows:

- a. District Judge Rick Morris Administered the Oaths of Office to:
 1. 169th District Court Judge, Gordon G. Adams
 2. 264th District Court Judge, Martha J. (Janie) Trudo
 3. County Court at Law Number One Judge, Ed Johnson
 4. County Court at Law Number Two Judge, John Mischian

- b. District Judge Rick Morris Administered the Oath of Office to:
 1. County Judge, Jon H. Burrows

- c. County Court at Law Number One Judge Ed Johnson Administered the Oath of Office to:
 1. County Court at Law Number Three Judge, Rebecca DePew

- d. County Judge Jon H. Burrows Administered the Oaths of Office to:
 1. County Clerk
 - (1) Shelley Coston

 2. District Clerk
 - (1) Shelia Norman

 3. County Treasurer
 - (1) Charles E. Jones

 4. County Commissioners
 - (1) Tim Brown, Precinct 2
 - (2) John Fisher, Precinct 4

 5. Justices of the Peace
 - (1) Ted Duffield, Precinct 1
 - (2) Donald (Don) Engleking, Precinct 2
 - (3) G.W. Ivey, Precinct 3, Place 2
 - (4) William “Bill” Cooke, Precinct 4, Place 2

Agenda #6 – Swearing in of Deputy Clerks

MINUTE ORDER #006/11: County Clerk Shelley Coston administered the Oath of Office to the Deputy County Clerk’s; followed by 169th District Court Judge Gordon Adams administering the Oath of Office to the Deputy District Clerks for District Clerk Shelia Norman.

Agenda #7 – Official Bonds of all Elected, Re-elected and Appointed Officials

MINUTE ORDER #007/11: After due discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Richard Cortese, second by Commissioner Eddy Lange, the Court unanimously approved the Official Bonds of all elected, re-elected and appointed

officials for Bell County. These bonds are recorded and held in the Official Records of Bell County in the County Clerk's Office.

Agenda #8 – BREAK

MINUTE ORDER #008/11: A reception and Open House for newly sworn in Bell County Officials. Court in recess.

Agenda #9 – Court Reconvenes – Minutes

MINUTE ORDER #009/11: County Judge Jon Burrows called to the Courts attention that the minutes of December 20, 2010, 9:00 a.m. regular session had been received. After due discussion, these minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda #10a – County Engineer

MINUTE ORDER #010/11: County Judge Jon Burrows opened a public hearing at 9:55 a.m. regarding installation of the following traffic control devices:

1. Installing a Stop Sign on Upton Drive at Wells Drive; and
2. Installing a Stop Sign on Homestead Drive at Wells Drive in the Wells Ranch Subdivision.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved the installation of both stop signs in the aforementioned locations.

Agenda #10b – County Engineer

MINUTE ORDER #011/11: County Judge Jon Burrows opened a public hearing at 9:58 a.m. regarding installation of the following traffic control devices:

1. Installing a Stop Sign on Solana Ranch Road at Prairie Dell Church Road

Mr. Jackie Crouch and Mr. Bob McCollum spoke in favor of approving these stop signs. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 10:02 a.m. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner John Fisher**, the Court unanimously approved the installation of both stop signs in the aforementioned locations.

Agenda #10c (1) – County Engineer

MINUTE ORDER #012/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, the Court unanimously approved awarding the bid for Hot Mix (Bid #42-10) to APAC Texas for

use in Belton and Youngsport at a cost of \$56 per ton; and to Lindsey Contractors for Copperas Cove in the amount of \$48 per ton.

Agenda #10c (2) – County Engineer

MINUTE ORDER #013/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved awarding the bid for Culverts (Bid #41-10) to Wilson Culverts of Elkhart, in the amount of \$97,833.50.

Agenda #10d – Advertise for Bids

MINUTE ORDER #014/11: **County Engineer Bryan Neaves** presented for approval advertising for bids for the construction of 4,630 feet of Right of Way fencing on Fire Lane in Precinct 4. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda #10e – Abandonment of a Portion of Arrowhead Point Road

MINUTE ORDER #015/11: **County Engineer Bryan Neaves** presented for approval the abandonment of a portion of the Right of Way Road access easement at Box 437, Arrowhead Point Road, Lot 13, Block 1, Arrowhead Subdivision in Precinct 1. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda #11 – Personnel

MINUTE ORDER #016/11: Upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second by **Commissioner John Fisher**, the Court unanimously approved all employee status report forms, the same being attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #12 – Bid for Transporting Bodies

MINUTE ORDER #017/11: **County Judge Jon Burrows** presented for approval awarding the bid for the transporting of bodies for autopsies and First Call services to Temple Mortuary Services. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda # 13 – Veterinarian Services

MINUTE ORDER #018/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second by **Commissioner John Fisher**, the Court

unanimously approved authorizing entering into negotiations with Gina Jensen, V.D.M. for the purpose of establishing a contract for Veterinarian Services between Dr. Jensen dba Lakewood Veterinary Center and Bell County.

Agenda #14 – Hog, Sheep & Cattle Pens and Bucking Chute Safety Covers

MINUTE ORDER #019/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented for approval having WW Livestock Equipment as sole source to purchase Hog and Sheep pens, Cattle pens and Bucking Chute Safety Covers for the Bell County Expo Center at a cost of \$57,200.00. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved this matter.

Agenda #15 – Bell County H.E.L.P. Center Lease of Space

MINUTE ORDER #020/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved the lease of space in Public Services Building with the City of Temple for use by the Bell County H.E.L.P. Center, with the location being approximately 4,917 square feet in the Public Services Building at 102 East Central Avenue in Temple.

Agenda #16 – Order Restricting Outdoor Burning

MINUTE ORDER #021/11: After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously determined conditions exist to renew the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning until 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2011, and beginning 10:00 a.m. January 3, 2011. A copy of said Order is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda # 17 – Claims

MINUTE ORDER #022/11: County Judge Jon Burrows presented the claims for review to the Court. After proper review, upon motion by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved all such claims. All according to a copy of same being of record in the office of the County Auditor.

(The Court then went into workshop session to discuss those items on the workshop agenda with no action being taken on any item.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Jon Burrows, County Judge

Shelley Coston, County Clerk