

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF**

**BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

**DECEMBER 19, 2011**

AFTER proper posting of public notice, a copy of which is attached hereto, on this the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2011, the County Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas, met in the Commissioners' Courtroom in 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 – Minutes

**MINUTE ORDER #560/11:** County Judge Jon Burrows called to the Courts attention that the minutes of December 12, 2011, 9:00 a.m. regular session had been received. After due discussion, these minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda #2 -- County Engineer

**MINUTE ORDER #561/11:** No action taken.

Agenda #3 - Personnel

**MINUTE ORDER #562/11:** Upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, the Court approved all employee status report forms, the same being attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Agenda #4 – Order Restricting Outdoor Burning

**MINUTE ORDER #563/11:** County Judge Jon Burrows presented for discussion the status of the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning (Burn Ban). The Court took no action in this matter.

Agenda #5 –Public Hearing – Tax Exempt Financing for the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

**MINUTE ORDER #564/11:** County Judge Jon Burrows opened a public hearing at 9:04 a.m. regarding approval of tax exempt financing by the Milford Higher Education Facilities Corporation for the benefit of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Agenda # 6 –Order Approving Financing for Benefit of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

**MINUTE ORDER #565/11:** After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved an Order relating to approving a financing by the Milford Higher Education Facilities Corporation for the benefit of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and related matters. (This financing is not a debt of Bell County, Texas, and no public funds are involved in the financing.)

Agenda #7 – Change to Polling Location for Precinct 101

**MINUTE ORDER #566/11:** After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner Tim Brown**, the Court unanimously approved an Order and Resolution for polling location change for Precinct 101 from First Baptist Church in Belton to Belton Nazarene Church in Belton to be included with appropriate submission to the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. A copy of said Order and Resolution is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #8 – Change to Polling Location for Precinct 306

**MINUTE ORDER #567/11:** After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Eddy Lange**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved an Order and Resolution for polling location change for Precinct 306 from Grace Temple Ministry in Temple to Immanuel Baptist Church in Temple to be included with appropriate submission to the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. A copy of said Order and Resolution is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #9– Consolidation of Polling Locations for 2012 Run-Off Election

**MINUTE ORDER #568/11:** **County Clerk Shelley Coston** presented for approval an Order and Resolution for consolidation of polling locations for a 2012 Run-off Election, if necessary, for appropriate submission to the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner John Fisher**, second by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, the Court unanimously approved this matter. A copy of said Order and Resolution is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #10 – Expenditure of 4-H Expo Funds

**MINUTE ORDER #569/11:** After due discussion, upon motion by **Commissioner Richard Cortese**, second by **Commissioner John Fisher**, the Court unanimously approved the expenditure of 4-H Expo Funds (Bingo Receipts) as approved and recommended by the Bell County Youth Fair Executive Committee to purchase certain items, to include Permanent Water

Troughs, Roto Harrow Drag, Stock Pen Fencing, Horse Barn Wash Rack Improvements, Forklift, and Livestock Panels for 50 Hog Pens and four 12 foot Cattle Gates at a total cost of \$104,446.

Agenda #11 – Final Budget Amendments

**MINUTE ORDER #570/11:** County Auditor Donna Eakin presented for approval the Final Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2011. After due discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Richard Cortese, second by Commissioner Eddy Lange, the Court unanimously approved this matter. A copy of said Budget Amendments are attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Agenda #12- Claims

**MINUTE ORDER #571/11:** 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.

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Jon Burrows, County Judge

Attest:

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Shelley Coston, County Clerk