

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 162 West 1st street, Trinity County Courthouse, Groveton, Texas, with the following members present:

Doug Page, County Judge
Grover Worsham, Commissioner Pct. 1
Mike Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2
Neal Smith Commissioner, Pct. 3
Steven Truss, Commissioner, Pct. 4

1. Judge Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 11:00 A.M., July 12, 2019. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, Treasurer Bob Dockens, Tax Assessor Collector Lindy Warren, JP#4 Richard Steptoe, and County Clerk Shasta Bergman; Judge Page welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Jerry Giddens led the group in an opening prayer, Judge Page led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Present for the Public Forum Paul Elliot asked the Court for financial help for the Groveton Senior Citizens Center.
4. Approval of the minutes for August 13, 2019 Regular Session and August 19, 2019 Special Session; was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Official Bond for Lenzy Hargrave, County Assistant Auditor, was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
6. Discuss and Act on Pauper Funeral Payment. None presented.
7. Hear presentation from TAC Healthy County Wellness Consultant Ashley Cureton and Employee Benefits Consultant Orlando Espinoza.
8. Approval of Refunds for Erroneous/Excessive Payment of Taxes was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
9. Receive Information, Announcements and Reports from County Departments.
10. Discuss and Act on Approval of the Reports for the Month of July 2019 of the Justices of the Peace, County Extension Agent, Constables, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Community Center, and 9-1-1 Addressing. was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

11. Receive Monthly Activity Report from Trinity County Sheriff's office.
12. Approval of Personnel Action Forms for Robert Buzek, Pct.4 equipment op. and Kevin Cromeens Pct. 4 equipment op.; was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Worsham. Motion carried.
13. Approval of the Receipt File Listing, Specified Activity Report, and Trinity County Debt Schedule for July 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
14. Approval of the Monthly Report for July 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
15. Approval of Quote for Replacement Port Switches and Install 10 Network Drops at Sheriff's Office for New Server Installation was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin. and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
16. Approval to begin Application for Government Purchasing/Travel Cards with Citibank for Each County Official or Department Head Beginning in October 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
17. Approval to Add Department Heads to Amazon Business Prime Account to Streamline Purchasing of Office Supplies Beginning October 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
18. Approval of Surplus/Salvage Declaration of County Office Equipment 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
19. Approval of Budget Amendments was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.
20. Discuss Drought Conditions in Trinity County.
21. Approval of finding that circumstances are present in the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Smith. For: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Worsham and Commissioner Loftin; Against: Commissioner Truss. Motion carried by majority.
22. Approval of an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Trinity County was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Smith. For: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Worsham and Commissioner Loftin; Against: Commissioner Truss. Motion carried by majority.
23. Approval of Proposed Tax Rate to Fund FY 2020 Budget was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

24. Approval of Setting two (2) Public Hearings on Proposed Tax Rate on September 10, 2019 and September 16, 2019 was made by a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

25. Budget Workshop on the Preparation of the FY 2020 Trinity County Budget.
A. Discuss and Act on Amendments to Budget

26. With no further business to come before the Commissioner's Court, court adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Worsham and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

Doug Page, County Judge

Grover (Tiger) Worsham, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Michael Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2

Neal Smith, Commissioner Pct. 3

Steven Truss, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: _____
Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk