

REGULAR SESSION
September 14,2021

The regular session of Commissioners' Court of Trinity County was held Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 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
Tommy Park, Commissioner Pct. 1
Mike Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2
Neal Smith Commissioner, Pct. 3
Steven Truss, Commissioner, Pct. 4

1. County Judge Doug Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and noted that the agenda was properly filed and posted at 10:47 A.M., September 10, 2021. All Commissioners were present, other officials' present included, County Auditor Bonnie Kennedy, County Attorney Colton Hay, Treasurer Bob Dockens,, Constable Brian McMullen, District Attorney Bennie Schiro, JP1 Danny Martin, JP4 Richard Steptoe, Sheriff Woody Wallace, Tax Assessor Nancy Shanafelt, and County Clerk Shasta Bergman, Judge Page welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Commissioner Loftin led the group in an opening prayer and Judge Page led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.
3. Public Forum. No one present.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 2021, Regular Session, September 7,2021 Special Session, and September 10, 2021 Special Session was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
5. Discuss and Act on Official Bonds. None presented.
6. Discuss and Act on Pauper Funeral Payment. None presented.
7. Approval of Personnel Action Forms was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
8. Approval of Complete Check Register for August 2021 was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Budget Amendments was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
10. Approval of FY2022 VINE Service Agreement was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.

11. Discuss and Act on Letter from Groveton EMS on an Increase to the Monthly Subsidy. A motion was made by Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin to deny the presented request. Motion carried.
12. Approval of Resolution Joining the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in Support of HR 2208 to Clarify that the Tribe Can Enjoy the Opportunity for Tribal Economic Development on Terms that are Equal and Fair and to Protect Jobs was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
13. Discuss and Act on Earnest Money Contract for 10 Acre Track to be Purchase from Wade Ray. No action.
14. Discuss and Act on Retaining Hudson Abstract to do Title Search Work for Forementioned Property. No action.
15. Approval of Precinct 3 Purchasing a 16"ft Flatbed Lowboy Trailer was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
16. Approval of Precinct 3 Purchasing a KX7-13 Compact Excavator was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Truss. Motion carried.
17. Approval of donation to Pct. 1 from Jimmie Morgan in the amount of \$1,000 for maintenance of Reggie Lane was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
18. Approval of Sealed Bid from Darrell Bennett for Precinct 3 Vehicle Sale, Ford Truck (\$2,5005.01) made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
19. Approval of Filling Grant Writer Administrator Position and hiring Lisa Baker was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. In Favor: Park, Loftin and Truss Opposed: Smith. Majority in favor. Motion carried.
20. Approval to Install Security Surveillance Equipment in Sheriff's Office with a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.
21. Approval of Order Approving Holiday Schedule for FY2022 was made by a motion from Commissioner Park and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.
22. Order Setting Regular Terms of Commissioners Court in FY 2022, Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 81 was made by a motion from Commissioner Truss and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

23. Approval of Setting Date for Public Hearing for FY 2022 Budget, September 21, 2021, was made by a motion from Commissioner Loftin and seconded by Commissioner Park. Motion carried.

24. Approval of Setting a Public Hearing on September 28, 2021, to Adopt the Tax Rate for the 2021 Tax Year was made by a motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Loftin. Motion carried.

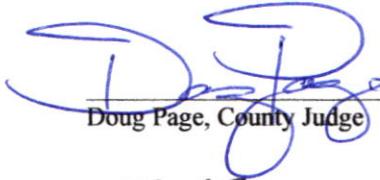
25. Budget Workshop on the Preparation of the FY 2022 Trinity County Budget – Finalize Proposed Budget.

26. Discuss Drought Conditions in Trinity County.

27. Discuss and Act on Finding that Circumstances Present in the Unincorporated Areas of the County Create a Public Safety Hazard That Would be Exacerbated by Outdoor Burning. No action.

28. Discuss and Approve an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Trinity County

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



Doug Page, County Judge



Tommy Park, Commissioner, Pct. 1



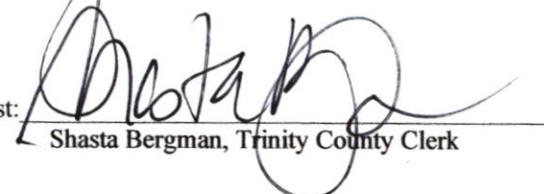
Michael Loftin, Commissioner Pct. 2



Neal Smith, Commissioner Pct. 3



Steven Truss, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: 

Shasta Bergman, Trinity County Clerk