

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
*April 13, 2009*

**COUNTY JUDGE**  
**JOHN E. FIRTH**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JACK WALL, PRECINCT 1**  
**DAREN MOORE, PRECINCT 2**  
**DON JONES, PRECINCT 3**  
**ELIZABETH TAYLOR, PRECINCT 4**

*The Coryell County Commissioners Court convened at 9:00 a.m. with all members in attendance. County Judge John Firth presided over the meeting.*

- 1. County Judge John Firth called the meeting to order.*
- 2. County Judge John Firth led the invocation.*
- 3. County Judge John Firth led the pledge to the American and Texas Flags.*
- 4. Citizens' Forum: Norman Whiteland addressed the court regarding the problem of dangerous dogs in the county.*
- 5. Court minutes of March 23, 2009 were approved after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Don Jones.*
- 6. The court voted to approved the project design for the Gatesville County Annex after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore .(Attached)*
- 7. The court voted to approve a construction contract for the Coryell County Gatesville annex via the County Master Service Interlocal Contract with the Harris County Department of Education after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore with a cost of \$144,453.82 and a bond fee of \$2,425.98. (Attached)*
- 8. Energy conservation projects for Coryell County buildings via the County Master Service Interlocal Contract with the Harris County Department of Education was discussed by Davis Ford . Mr. Ford stated that the county could expect savings from changes in light fixtures sufficient to pay the set up cost within three and on half years (3 ½). Mr. Ford expressed that he felt the new chiller would not save much in energy cost however his concern was the failure of the current system and the time lapse in service that would create. Judge Firth explained that there were grants available for energy conservation projects and that he plans to submit a grant request. The court discussed automatic controls on the chiller. Mr. Ford projected that savings on controls could be up to fifteen per cent (15%). No action was taken. (Attachments)*
- 9. The Court voted to a temporary lifting of the Burn Ban after County Fire Marshall Billy Vaden sated that fire department were in support of the action and after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Don Jones.*
- 10. The application for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Grant Program to increase the number of Coryell County law enforcement officers was approved after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall. (Attached)*

11. *The use of and payment for Deputy Constable Huckabee in support of transporting juveniles to and from court and detention or placement locations with payment from the juvenile probation budget was approved after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall.*

12. *The implementation of the Coryell County Free Prescription Discount Card program for all Coryell County citizens sponsored by the National Association of Counties was discussed and cards are available to citizens.*

13. *The Facilities Rental Agreement at the Senior Center was approved after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Judge John Firth. (Attached Draft)*

14. *The Court voted to join the Public Power Pool as a means to purchase electrical power at a savings to Coryell County in accordance with the Bylaws of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Aggregation Project, Inc. pursuant to Chapter 304 of the Texas Local Government Code and to appoint Ben Roberts as the Technical Committee Representative after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second Commissioner Daren Moore. ( Order and Information Attached)*

15. *The court discussed the County Road Map public meeting on April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Gatesville and on April 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Copperas Cove.*

16. *The court approved Commissioner Daren Moore as alternate to represent Coryell County at the Central Texas Council of Government Executive Board meetings after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall.*

17. *No Action was taken on the Coryell County audit for FY 08.*

18. *The proclamation declaring April 26 through May 3, 2009 as Safe Kids Week Mid Texas was approved after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor. (Attached)*

19. *The court voted to terminate the lease agreement with Coryell Activities Complex, Inc. relating to the Complex property, described as the property conveyed to the County by deed recorded in the Real Property Records of Coryell County on August 26, 1985, in Vol 420, Page 752 and to accept return of the premises and all associated property after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore. Commissioner Jack Wall and Commissioner Don Jones abstained. (Resolution from Coryell Activities Complex, Inc Attached and Resolution of Coryell County Attached)*

20. *First Advisors, Inc. CEO Gary Davis presented plans for commercial development in Copperas Cove. Mr. Davis explained that a land swap exchange between the City of Copperas and Fort Hood was expected to take place in the next few months which would involve a little over 100 acres. Plans were being made for an outdoor retail center at that location after the completion of the Highway 190 South Reliever Route. (Attachment)*

21. *Bills submitted were paid after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Don Jones.*

#### **REPORTS:**

22. *Judge's Report consist of the drought index, Senate Bill 663 and House Bill 833 to dissolve Tablerock Water District, Senate Bill 2228 to transfer State property from TDCJ to Coryell County the first Coryell County CENSUS Total Count Committee, the upcoming Senior Focus Seminar in Copperas Cove and Crime Victims Rights Week. (Attached)*

23. *Commissioners' Report included Windows at Senior Center, May 1, County Appreciation Day,, and the success of the Senior Center Dance*

24. *Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2009 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore.*

25. *Engineer/ Road Report (Attached)*

*Executive Sessions:*


26. *The court meet in executive session to discuss pending legal matter, Ben W. Rogers, Vs Frank Upton VS Coryell County: Cause # 31,677*

27 *No action was taken in open session on the pending legal matter on CR 40 a/k/a Upton Rogers Rd.*

*The court adjourned this meeting after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor.*

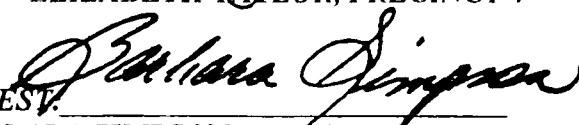
  
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ATTEST.  
BARBARA SIMPSON, COUNTY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING***Debra Simpson*  
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Coryell County, Texas, will meet in open session to conduct regular business. The meeting will take place in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Coryell County Courthouse on the 13th day of April, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and act as appropriate on the items listed.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge to the Flags**
4. **Citizen's Forum:** At this time, citizens will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda. for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

**Action Items:**

5. Approval of minutes for March 23, 2009 Commissioners' Court Meeting. (Firth/Simpson)
6. Discussion and action to approve a project design for the Gatesville County Annex. (Firth)
7. Discussion and action to approve a construction contract for the Coryell County Gatesville annex via the County Master Service Interlocal Contract with the Harris County Department of Education. (Firth)
8. Discussion and action to approve energy conservation projects for Coryell County buildings via the County Master Service Interlocal Contract with the Harris County Department of Education. (Firth)
9. Discussion and action on the burn ban status in unincorporated Coryell County. (Firth)
10. Discussion and action to approve an application for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Grant Program to increase the number of Coryell County law enforcement officers. (Firth/Burks)
11. Discussion and action to approve the use of and payment for Deputy Constable Huckabee in support of transporting juveniles to and from court and detention. (Firth)
12. Discussion and action to implement the Coryell County Free Prescription Discount Card program for all Coryell County citizens sponsored by the National Association of Counties. (Firth)
13. Discussion and action to approve the Facility Rental Agreement at the Senior Center. (Firth/Taylor)
14. Discussion and action to join the Public Power Pool as a means to purchase electrical power at a savings to Coryell County in accordance with the Bylaws of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Aggregation Project, Inc pursuant to Chapter 304 of the Texas Local Government Code. (Firth/Roberts)

15. Discussion on County Road Map public meetings 20 Apr in Gatesville and 27 Apr in Copperas Cove. (Firth)
16. Discussion and action to approve an alternate to represent Coryell County at the Central Texas Council of Government Executive Board meetings. (Firth)
17. Presentation of the Coryell County audit for FY 08 and acceptance by Commissioners' Court. (Firth/Roberts)
18. Discussion and action to approve the proclamation declaring April 26 – May 3, 2009, as Safe Kids Week Mid-Texas. (Firth)
19. Discussion and action to accept termination of lease agreement with Coryell Activities Complex, Inc. on the Complex property, and to accept return of the premises and all associated property. (Firth/Wall/Jones)
20. Presentation by Gary Davis of First Advisors Incorporated on plans for commercial development in Copperas Cove. (Firth)
21. Pay Bills. (Firth/Roberts)

**Reports:**

22. Judges' Report (Firth)
23. Commissioners' Report
24. Treasurer's Report (Medford)
25. Engineer/Road Report (Poe)

**Executive Session:**

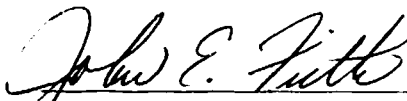
26. Pursuant to Sec. 551.071-551.076 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioners' Court will meet in executive session to discuss pending legal matter, Ben W. Rogers, et. ux. vs Frank Upton vs Coryell County; Cause #31,677.

**Return to Open Session:**

27. Discussion and action to resolve pending legal matter on CR 40 a/k/a Upton/Rogers Rd.

**Adjournment**

Signed this 9th day of April, 2009.

  
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John E. Firth  
Coryell County Judge

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