

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
February 22, 2010

**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 the Texas Flags.*
- 4. Citizen's Forum: Jimmy Meeks, Todd and Drew Paige Meeks appeared before the court to complain about the safety hazzard created by a local Gun Range. Todd Paige told the court that the public gun range has been built just outside his property and is located about 3000 feet from his home. He stated that he was concerned with safety and ask that the county consider regulations to assure citizens living near the site will be safe. Drew Meeks Paige added that they had built a large berm on their property trying to provide more safety for the range but that spent shell were still being found on the property.*

*County Judge John Firth explained that County Attorney Brandon Belt was looking into what authority the county has to impose regulations under current state law.*

**Action Items:**

- 5. Court minutes of February 8, 2010 were approved after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second Commissioner Don Jones.*
- 6. The 2010 Semi-Annual Wildlife Service Report was presented by trappers Lawrence Pruitt and John Mitchell.*
- 7. The county approved the Proclamation No. 2010-04 "Severe Weather Awareness Week, February 22-27, 2010" after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and second by Commissioner Daren Moore. (Attachment)*
- 8. The Proclamation No 2010-3 declaring "Crime Victims Rights Week as April 18-24, 2010" was approved after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor. (Attachment)*
- 9. The submission of Crime Victims' Grant Application for the period of September 1, 2010 through August 30, 2011 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall. (Attachment)*
- 10. The court discussed the actions to be taken to support 2010 Census in Coryell County with Judge Firth challenging the commissioners to drop off flyers at churches and schools and explain the importance of the census count for long term federal funds and state supported programs.*
- 11. The court voted to appoint the County Road Engineer and the County Road Superintendent as the County Safety Officers after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall.*

12. The court approved a Finance Agreement with Extraco Banks for the purpose of purchasing a Komatsu wheel loader for use by the Road and Bridge Department after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Jack Wall.

13. The court voted to approve the survey of the blocks where the Justices of the Peace's offices are located in Gatesville and Copperas Cove to support future Justice of the Peace precinct boundary actions after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Don Jones.

14. The addition of a panic alarm to the Gatesville Annex Courtroom and upgrade of existing system was approved after a motion by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore. (Attachment)

15. Judge Firth explained that many letters had been sent to the army Corps of Engineers in regard to a Leon River mitigation bank with his commitment to follow this process at all levels possible. Commissioner Don Jones stated that he felt there would be a public hearing in Coryell County. No Action was taken

16. The Federal Emergency Management Agency action to make Coryell County Flood Plain data officially recognized was discussed. No action was taken

17. The court voted to approve the submission of a Tier One (intent to submit application requirements for the FY 2011 Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor. (Attached)

18. The funding options to support the construction of the Copperas Cove U.S. 190 bypass project were discussed.

19. Bills submitted were approved for payment after a motion by Commissioner Jack Wall and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore.

**REPORTS:**

County Judge's Report: County Judge John Firth spoke on the importance of the Census, the importance of the 190 bypass, and the Leon River mitigation bank and then allowed Emergency Management Coordinator Phil Yarbrough to report that over 60% of the high risk citizens had received the H1N1 immunization.

Commissioners' Report: Road, Fence and Flooding issues were discussed.

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's Report was approved after a motion by Commissioner Daren Moore and a second by Commissioner Elizabeth Taylor.

Engineer/Road Report: Attached

The court adjourned this meeting after a motion by Commissioner Don Jones and a second by Commissioner Daren Moore.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN E. FIRTH, COUNTY JUDGE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JACK WALL, PRECINCT 1

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DON JONES, PRECINCT 3

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAREN MOORE, PRECINCT 2

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ELIZABETH TAYLOR, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
BARBARA SIMPSON, COUNTY CLERK

FEB 17 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Barbara 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 Monday, the 22nd day of February, 2010, 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 February 8, 2010 Commissioners' Court Meeting. (Firth/Simpson)
6. Discussion and presentation of the 2010 Semi-Annual Wildlife Services Report. (Firth/Pruitt and Mitchell)
7. Discussion and action to recognize the week of February 22 – 27th, 2010 as Severe Weather Awareness Week. (Firth)
8. Discussion and action to approve Proclamation declaring Crime Victims Rights Week, April 18-24, 2010. (Firth/Perkins)
9. Discussion and action to approve submission of Crime Victims' Grant Application for period of September 1, 2010 through August 30, 2011. (Firth/Perkins)
10. Discussion of actions to be taken to support 2010 Census in Coryell County. (Firth)
11. Discussion and action to approve the appointment of Coryell County Public Safety Officers. (Firth/Roberts)
12. Discussion and action to approve a Finance Agreement with Extraco Banks for the purpose of purchasing a Komatsu wheel loader for use by the Road and Bridge Department. (Firth/Roberts/Poe)
13. Discussion and action to approve the survey of the blocks where Justices of the Peace are located in both Gatesville and Copperas Cove to support future JP precinct boundary actions. (Firth/Belt)
14. Discussion and action to approve the addition of a panic alarm to the Gatesville Annex Courtroom and upgrade of existing system. (Firth)
15. Discussion of Army Corps of Engineers action to consider a Leon River mitigation bank application. (Firth)
16. Discussion of Federal Emergency Management Agency action to make Coryell County Flood Plain data officially recognized. (Firth)

17. Discussion and action to approve submission of a Tier One (intent to submit application) requirement for the FY 2011 Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program. (Firth)
18. Discussion of funding options to support the construction of the Copperas Cove U.S. 190 bypass project. (Firth)
19. Pay Bills. (Firth/Roberts)

**Reports:**

20. Judges' Report (Firth)
21. Commissioners' Report
22. Treasurer's Report
23. Engineer/Road Report (Poe)

**Adjournment**

Signed this 17th day of February 2010.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**John E. Firth**  
Coryell County Judge