

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF FANNIN**

**IN COMMISSIONERS COURT  
FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this 9th day of January, 2014 the Fannin County Commissioners Court met in a Special Meeting after public notice was posted on the 6th day of January 2014 at 9:43 a.m. with the following members being present:

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| <b>[Departed]</b> | <b>Creta L. Carter II</b> | <b>County Judge</b>             |
|                   | <b>Gary Whitlock</b>      | <b>Commissioner, Precinct 1</b> |
| <b>[Absent]</b>   | <b>Stan Barker</b>        | <b>Commissioner, Precinct 2</b> |
|                   | <b>Jerry Magness</b>      | <b>Commissioner, Precinct 3</b> |
|                   | <b>Dean Lackey</b>        | <b>Commissioner, Precinct 4</b> |

The following business was transacted to-wit:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mike Towery, Treasurer

**ITEM 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Judge Carter stated a quorum is established all commissioners are present with the exception of Commissioner Barker.

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**ITEM 4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING PRELIMINARY  
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Darrell Brewer, Fannin County EMC stated FEMA requires a preliminary damage assessment from damage sustained by the County from the recent ice storm.

Brad Britton, Texas Division of Emergency Management stated he is the District 22 Coordinator for Fannin, Cooke and Grayson Counties and works as liaison between the local and State government as well as for the State to the Federal government.

Royce Meyers, Recovery Officer for the Texas Department of Emergency Management stated they are present to conduct preliminary damage assessment and collect data.

David Cockrum, FEMA-Emergency Management Specialist stated his role is collecting data and explaining how the program works; reviewing what was insured and what was not, [an entities'] frozen wells, road damage, buildings, whether or not an item was a private, non-profit and the like.

Commissioner Magness stated Precincts 3 and 4 sustained road damage more from large trucks disintegrating road rock; tree damage was pushed to the side and has been chipped.

Commissioner Whitlock stated he has collected dead trees and piled for burning; Mr. Cockrum stated a permit will be required to burn to receive compensation.

[Judge Carter stepped out of meeting approximately 10:45 a.m.]

Joey Rickman with the City of Honey Grove reported on permits acquired and burning procedures as well as waiting on a potential declaration of disaster.

Mayor Jan Cooper of the City of Ladonia stated no heavy equipment was available to haul debris; a burn site has been approved. Mr. Cockrum stated if a declaration is received, the heavy equipment costs will be paid for.

Capt. Tim Laverne with the Bonham City Police Department stated costs incurred by the City of Bonham as well as cost estimates.

Mr. Shinpaugh a representative from Fannin County Electric stated the damage incurred by the utility company consisted of downed limbs on wires; approximately one dozen poles were lost.

Mr. Cockrum stated volunteer hours should be included using a minimum \$10 per hour.

Mr. Cockrum stated each entity should submit data to Darrell Brewer, Fannin County EMS Coordinator; Mr. Brewer will pass the information on to FEMA and TDEM; questions should be directed to Mr. Brewer as well.

Mr. Cockrum stated the first step is to determine if there is enough damage to warrant compensation; the next step is for the State to request a declaration from the federal government, once that comes through FEMA becomes involved and a JFO (Joint Field Office) is set up; a State Counterpart will be appointed, there will be a Project Specialist who comes to each entity for duplication of all documentation provided; be sure to provide originals only to FEMA.

Mr. Cockrum stated the cost share is typically 75% - 25%, 75% being paid for by FEMA; the money is sent to the State and then to the local entity.

Mr. Britton stated the threshold of damages to determine whether or not Fannin County may receive compensation is only \$118,000, the next question is whether or not the State meets their threshold; Mr. Brewer stated Fannin County's numbers will help build the State's numbers.

**ITEM 5. ADJOURN**

Motion By: Commissioner Jerry Magness  
Second By: Commissioner Dean Lackey  
Vote: 3-0 Approved


Commissioner Whitlock declared the meeting adjourned.

**Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.**

**The above and foregoing represents true and correct minutes of the Fannin County Commissioner's Court meeting in Regular Session the 9th Day of January, 2014.**

(LGC 81.003)

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tammy Biggar  
Fannin County Clerk

