



POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

(Emergency Session)

November 17, 2011

Polk County Courthouse, 3rd floor

3:30 p.m.

2011-157

Livingston, Texas

NOTICE is hereby given that an Emergency meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court will be held on the date stated above, at which time the following subjects will be discussed;

Agenda topics

CALL TO ORDER

1. CONSIDER WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD THAT WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY OUTDOOR BURNING PROHIBITED UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS COURT (BURN BAN) ORDER ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2011.
2. CONSIDER RESCINDING THE OCTOBER 12, 2011 (BURN BAN) ORDER, SHOULD IT BE FOUND THAT SUCH PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD NO LONGER EXISTS.

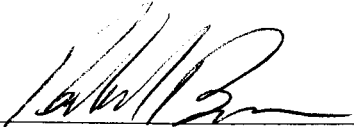
ADJOURN

By: John P. Thompson, County Judge

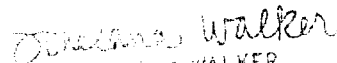
Posted: November 16, 2011

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice at the door of the Polk County Courthouse at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on November 16, 2011 and that said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 2 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting. This notice has also been posted on the official website of Polk County, Texas (www.co.polk.tx.us).

SCHELANA WALKER, COUNTY CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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SCHELANA WALKER
COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF TEXAS §

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2011
EMERGENCY MEETING
RONNIE VINCENT - ABSENT

COUNTY OF POLK §

COMMISSIONERS COURT
AGENDA POSTING #2011 - 157

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN "EMERGENCY" CALLED MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS PRESENT, TO WIT;

HONORABLE JOHN P. THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING. BOB WILLIS - COMMISSIONER PCT #1, MILTON PURVIS - COMMISSIONER PCT #3, C.T. "TOMMY" OVERSTREET- COMMISSIONER PCT #4 AND SCHELANA WALKER - COUNTY CLERK . THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS, ORDERS AND DECREES WERE DULY MADE, CONSIDERED & PASSED.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M. BY JUDGE THOMPSON.

1. CONSIDER WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE TO EXIST IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD THAT WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY OUTDOOR BURNING PROHIBITED UNER THE COMMISSIONERS COURT (BURN BAN) ORDER ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2011.

COURTNEY COMSTOCK, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE MANAGER, DISCUSSED THE CURRENT CONDITIONS NOTING THE TEXAS FORESTRY SERVICE ADVISED POLK COUNTY IS AT A LOW TO MODERATE FIRE RISK AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDS THE COURT LIFT THE BURN BAN.

2. MOTIONED BY TOMMY OVERSTREET, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, TO APPROVE ORDER RESCINDING THE OCTOBER 12, 2011 ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING TO BE EFFECTIVE AT 3:45 P.M. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.
ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

COMMISSIONER WILLIS REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 22, 2011 AGENDA FOR REVIEW.

ADJOURN:
MOTIONED BY MILTON PURVIS, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIS, TO ADJOURN COURT THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011 AT 3:33 P.M.
ALL VOTING YES.


JOHN P. THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:


SCHELANA WALKER, COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF POLK §

ORDER RESCINDING PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of the County on October 12, 2011; and

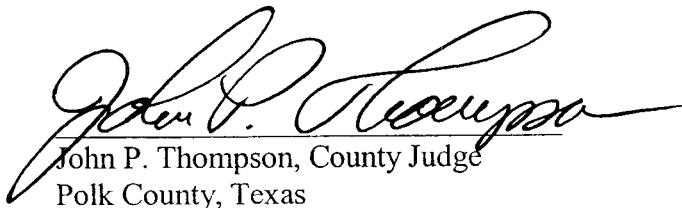
WHEREAS, in an Emergency Session properly posted and held this date, November 17, 2011, the Commissioners Court finds that the public safety hazard cited in that Order has been relieved due to rainfall received in the past week; and

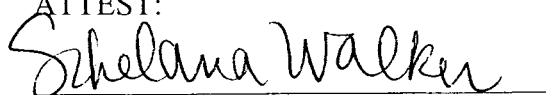
WHEREAS, the Polk County Office of Emergency Management has reviewed current conditions with the Texas Forest Service and are in agreement that ending the "Burn Ban" is appropriate at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning dated October 12, 2011 is hereby RESCINDED and the prohibition on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County is no longer in effect as of this date at 3:45 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court and the Office of Emergency Management urge all persons to use caution in proceeding with any outdoor burning, being mindful that the severe drought conditions present in Polk County have not been fully resolved and that individuals burning outdoors are responsible and liable for any fire damage resulting from such burning. In addition the Office of Emergency Management suggests that any persons contemplating the outdoor burning of a sizeable amount of debris first contact the Volunteer Fire Department in their area to receive the Department's recommendations and/or assistance.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2011 by a vote of ALL ayes and NO nays.


 John P. Thompson, County Judge
 Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:

 Schelana Walker, County Clerk

