

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
 :
COUNTY OF WINKLER)

On this the 6th day of January, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Winkler County, Texas, met in Special Term of Court at the Courthouse in Kermit, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Bonnie Leck	County Judge
Billy Stevens	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Robbie Wolf	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Randy Neal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Billy Ray Thompson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Shethelia Reed	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court

constituting the entire Court, at which time the following among other proceedings were had:

At 9:00 o'clock A.M. Judge Leck called the meeting to order.

The Court discussed status of TxDOT Grant Fund Project with Mary Alice Smith of GrantWorks, Inc.

**TxDOT Transportation Infrastructure Fund
"Roads for Texas Energy" Program
Advisory Board of County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone**

- Winkler County is applying for grant funding that is available through the Texas Department of Transportation to improve roads that have been damaged by heavy oil and gas activity.
- Under SB 1747, the Roads for Texas Energy Program was created to return some of the State's energy production revenue to the Counties that bear the brunt of the wear-and-tear of these roads.
- Last session the State legislature set-aside \$225M for road improvements.
- Winkler County plans to apply for funds that have been allocated for this purpose. The application deadline is set for February 14, 2014.
- To be eligible to apply for these funds, the County must create a "County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ or Zone) and an Advisory Board to advise the County in the establishment, administration, and expenditures within the Zone. (To meet the deadline, the County has established proposed Zone boundaries that will be considered by the Commissioners Court for approval on January 13, 2014.)
- The CETRZ is not a district and no new taxes are to be imposed.
- Funds that are placed into a designated account are generated from the increment tax revenue increase that naturally occurs as a result of an increase in property values within the Zone.
- "Increment" is the difference in ad valorem taxes collected in the base year from the CETRZ and each subsequent (10) year—this amount is placed into this increment account.
- Tax increment funds can only be used for road improvements within the boundaries of the Zone.
- **We anticipate that the Advisory Board will meet once a year to review activities of the CETRZ and provide input to the County Commissioners regarding Zone activities.**
- Your assistance in participating as a member of the Advisory Board would be greatly appreciated and will assist the County to access these funds.
- Appointments to CETRZ will be considered during the January 13th Commissioners Court meeting.

Thank You

At this time the Court held a workshop to develop a Transportation Infrastructure Fund (TIF) road improvement priority plan with costs for each road to be submitted in the Application to TxDOT.

Following the workshop, the Court discussed appointment of Advisory Board members. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to adjourn the meeting; which motion became an order of the Court upon the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Stevens, Wolf, Neal and Thompson
Noes: None

MINUTES approved the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

COUNTY CLERK