



Remodeling! The Bronte Health and Rehab Center recently remodeled another patient room. The Auxiliary was able to make this possible through donations raised at the annual 4th of July fundraiser. Chairs, tables, artwork, knickknacks were purchased, along with a flat screen TV to complete the room. Bronte Health and Rehab Center wants each patient staying at the rehab center to have a pleasant, cozy room while recuperating. For questions regarding the BHRC Auxiliary, the rehab rooms, or if you would like a tour of the facility, please contact the Bronte Health and Rehab Center at (325) 473-3621.

County Commissioners Court Meeting minutes told

The Coke County Commissioners Court met in regular session Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the county courthouse in Robert Lee.

Those in attendance included County Judge Roy Blair, Commissioner Precinct 1 Donald Robertson, Commissioner Precinct 2 Paul Williams, Commissioner Precinct 3 Marshall Millican, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Sefcik, and Deputy Clerk Monica Reyes.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and the prayer was offered by Judge Blair.

Judge Blair announced the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Sefcik made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hal Spain.

Commissioner Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Millican, carried.

Commissioner Sefcik moved to approve the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the accounts payable for payroll. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Blair presented the Extension Reports.

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen presented his report.

The Tax Collector's Report was presented by Judge Blair.

County/District Clerk Mary Grim presented her report.

Constable Precinct 1 Marty Boyd presented his report.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jackie Walker's report was presented by Judge Blair.

The DR Report for April and May was presented by Judge

Blair.

The Trapper's Report from October 2017 through April 2018 was presented by Judge Blair.

The burn ban was reinstated.

The unitized road system died for lack of motion.

Discussion on salary funding from MHMR for Coke County Mental Health Officers was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Millican made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Robert Lee, Coke County and the Coke County Sheriff's Office. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the donation of caliche from Ronnie McGinn to Coke County. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Commissioner Williams reported that the walking trail at the Bronte Park was completed.

Commissioner Millican moved to pay the bills. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Sefcik, carried.

Judge Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.

Senate passes farm bill

by Jessica Domel

The nation is one step closer to new farm and nutrition legislation. Shortly before 5 pm

on Thursday, June 28, the U.S. Senate passed its farm bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

"With 171 amendments and a vote of 86-11, obviously getting this farm bill done has been a tremendous team effort," Sen. Pat Roberts, chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, said after the bill's passage.

Senator Debbie Stabenow, the committee's Ranking Member, said the Senate's farm bill passage proves that bipartisanship is the way to get things done.

"It's not always the easiest path to take. However, when we put our differences aside and focus on the needs of the communities, the people that we serve, that's how we deliver a good bill," Stabenow said. "In this case, it's a bill that serves our farmers, our families and rural America."

More than 500 food, agriculture and conservation leaders agree the bill will provide certainty to communities and farmers, according to Stabenow.

"The Senate pushed the farm bill one big step closer to the finish line, and it could not have come at a better time," Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president and Georgia farmer, said. "America's farmers and ranchers continue to face a challenging agricultural economy, a shaky outlook for our export markets and a dire

ag labor shortage. It was time for some good news and the Senate delivered it in bipartisan fashion."

Both Texas Senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, voted in favor of the five-year legislation.

"Approval by the U.S. Senate of its farm bill adds more momentum to this process. We're encouraged," Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said. "We very much appreciate both Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz for their support of the Senate bill."

The farm bill impacts many areas beyond food production, Cornyn said.

"It promotes conservation of farm land and watersheds. Foreign food aid programs are reauthorized as part of this bill

and will lay down the policy that affects the management of our nation's forests," Cornyn said. "I'm especially pleased with this year's farm bill and its impact on my home state and the presiding officer's (at the time, Ted Cruz) home state of Texas."

This year's farm bill includes provisions including seed cotton in farm bill safety net programs. Seed cotton was left out of Title 1 in the 2014 bill, hurting cotton farmers across the country.

Earlier this year, a provision in the bipartisan budget act authorized the inclusion of seed cotton for the remainder of the 2014 Farm Bill to help cotton farmers who were dealing with drought, a global cotton glut and depressed commodity prices.

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Please come and celebrate

Jackie Walker

and wish her a wonderful retirement!

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3 pm • Commissioners Courtroom
Coke County Courthouse

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